



## Robert "Bob" McGrath

August 16, 1928 - June 10, 2015

McGrath, Robert, age 86, passed away June 10, 2015.

Beloved husband of Lora for 63 years. Loving father of Brenda (Ken) Gaunt, Sue (Michael Guerriero) McGrath, Kimberly (Randy) Williams and Patrick (Ami Ferrer) McGrath. Proud grandfather of Eric Wilson and Lauren Gaunt. Dear brother of Tom McGrath, Sr. Pat McGrath, O.P., Katherine (James) Brennan and the late Adrian McGrath, Rita McCann, Jack McGrath, Bill McGrath and Jerome McGrath. Brother-in-law of Rose McGrath. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. with a Lodge of Sorrows at 7 p.m. and Scripture Service at 7:30 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Tuesday 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, Berkley. Burial at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials to Stagecrafters or the Multiple Sclerosis Society are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 15. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
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## Lodge of Sorrows

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## Funeral Mass

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church  
2600 Harvard Road  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Rose Allaire lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" McGrath



rose allaire - June 17, 2015 at 06:55 PM

RA

“ Bob was the best next door neighbor our family could have! He was a dear, sweet & funny soul and will be missed!

rose allaire - June 17, 2015 at 06:51 PM



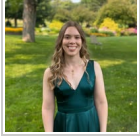
Thanks Rose to you and your whole family for all the kindness and cute stories! It was great to see all of you.

Sue Mcgrath - June 18, 2015 at 11:56 AM

WA

“ To the family of Robert McGrath: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. While we don't know one another, experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one is something we all face in our lives. The Bible promises a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3.4) and assures us that God hears our prayers (Ps 55:22). I hope this brings you some peace during this difficult time.

Wanda - June 16, 2015 at 07:22 AM



“ I have very fond memories of getting together with Aunt Lora, Uncle Bob, and our cousins. We always had a great time at the McGrath's house. I remember sleepovers - we would always hide our shoes so we didn't have to go home!!!! I will always remember many fun times and family parties shared, camp outs in the backyard, a visit to Grandpa Champ's trailer on the lake (when I fell in with my clothes on and got the worst sunburn of my life!), and our Beatles' performance in the McGrath basement with Uncle Bob and Aunt Lora as our audience. Rest in peace, Uncle Bob, and know that you made a difference in my life. Love and prayers, Julie

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**Sarah Koch** - June 15, 2015 at 03:44 PM



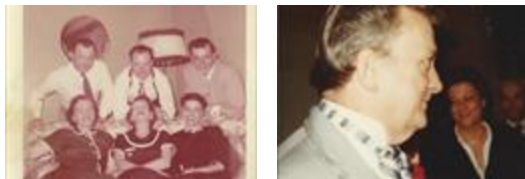
Oh, those Beatles performances! I kind of pity our poor parents having to listen to that over and over :-). And did we really think that our parents bought the missing shoes stories? Thanks for the pictures too!

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**Sue McGrath** - June 18, 2015 at 11:58 AM



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**Sarah Koch** - June 15, 2015 at 03:21 PM

CP

“Uncle Bob , Uncle Bob-o" Uncle Dad" It was at his house that we got to be kids when we were kids. Playing baseball in the street, riding bikes to the Detroit Zoo and all over the neighborhood, singing James Taylor tunes at the top of our lungs while doing dishes. He, singing silly camp songs, stopping for ice cream walking home from mass. And he and I had a standing date on the porch swing whenever our Detroit Tigers were on the radio - commentators for each other, tossing the ball to each other when the Tigers in the field, mitts on our heads when they were at bat. He and my aunt did all they could to get my dad to sign off on custody of me, knowing there was abuse in our house. I'm sad my illness won't allow me to go and be with Aunt Lora, Brenda, Due, Kim, and Patrick. His was truly a life well lived , I can't begin to know how many lives he brought joy to. He made a difference to everyone lucky enough to have shared even a sliver of his life. It's stupid to even say Rest in Peace - this gentle , loving giant of a man Lived in Peace !

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Chrissy (Pfeffer ) Pardee - June 15, 2015 at 02:00 PM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" McGrath.



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June 15, 2015 at 01:32 PM

SS

“I will always remember Bob-o, as a most welcoming person, I spent most weekends at the McGrath house in and out like one of his own kids. No one had the green thumb as he did with his roses. My love to his family during this difficult time. Sara Shanks

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Sara Shanks - June 15, 2015 at 06:53 AM



*Thank you so much Sara from all of us.*

**Sue McGrath** - June 15, 2015 at 08:58 AM



*My happiest childhood times all took place at the McGrath's. Every weekend and summer for at least a few years, we got to laugh, play, and just be loved. I can't help but smile whenever I hear the Tigers on the radio. It always brings me back to the two of us on the porch swing, calling the game to one another. And of course our mitts were on our heads whenever the Tigers were up to bat. Sending much love to you all, with gratitude for happy childhood memories !*

**Chrissy Pardee (Pfeffer)** - June 15, 2015 at 10:27 AM



*Are you still one crazy baseball fan? Those were the good old days. Thank you from all of us!*

**Sue McGrath** - June 15, 2015 at 11:26 AM



*I haven't grown out of my love for the Tigers, yet, Sue! They have tested my limits from time to time, though! I can't tell you how often you guys pop into my mind...we had an awesome childhood! Love to you all!!*

**christine pardee** - June 16, 2015 at 01:36 PM



*“ My name is Edward Yuhas. I'm sorry for your loss. I used to work with Bob in the 50's and 60's at Kresky heating. We put in a lot of heating units together, in fact he helped me put in my unit in the house I still live in here in Clawson. I lost track of him when he went in the plumbing business. We had some good times together. Again I'm sorry fo your loss.*

**Edward Yuhas** - June 14, 2015 at 07:41 PM



*It is really nice to hear from you. Lora remembered you right away.  
Thanks for the kind words.*

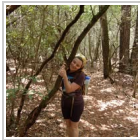
**Sue McGrath** - June 15, 2015 at 08:58 AM



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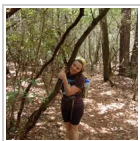
**Sue McGrath** - June 13, 2015 at 09:43 AM



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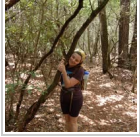
**Lauren Yummy** - June 12, 2015 at 07:37 PM



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**Lauren Yummy** - June 12, 2015 at 07:29 PM



“ *Share photos please if you have them!*

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**Patrick McGrath** - June 12, 2015 at 06:06 PM



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**Maria Cecilia Barata** - June 12, 2015 at 09:30 AM



*Thank you Cecilia, love all of these pictures. We all wish that you could be here with us now, I will be sure that mom and everyone else sees them xoxoxoxo*

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**Sue McGrath** - June 12, 2015 at 11:08 AM

MK

“ Bob and Lora are the best neighbors any family can have. They have been like a second set of parents for both Nancy and me for the past 31 years. Both have taught us and our three sons so much about life. We will miss our Bob-o so much. He was a pure Irish gem. Heaven's angels have gained a new recruit. All our love, The Keegans

Mark Keegan - June 11, 2015 at 08:10 PM



And you have been the best possible neighbors to them. We all love you guys!

Sue Mcgrath - June 15, 2015 at 08:57 AM

PM

“ Patrick I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family. Please give your mom a big hug for me. I remember them both coming Steve and my wedding in New Mexico. We had so much fun walking to Zozobra etc. He was a very sweet man as well as your mom. Love to you and your mom and of course your immediate family. Pat Morrow

Patricia J. Morrow - June 11, 2015 at 04:38 PM

LR

“ So many wonderful memories of uncle Bob and the whole family up at Arrowhead cabins. My deepest sympathies to the whole family. Linda Reibel

Linda Reibel - June 11, 2015 at 04:30 PM



Thank you so much Linda, we all have great memories of those days.

Sue Mcgrath - June 15, 2015 at 08:56 AM

KW

“ *My dear father and best friend. I will miss you like crazy! I am so glad that you're not suffering anymore. You have touched so many people! Rest in peace!*  
*I love you Dad! Kim and Randy Williams*

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**Kimberly Williams** - June 11, 2015 at 02:39 PM

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“ *"Bob-o" will always have a place in my heart. so many memories of calling the house asking if we could come over and swim. Super tube battles with Patrick and my siblings, the list goes on and on.. lets not forget my first taste of Scotch! All of my love and prayers to Lora, Patrick, Brenda, Kim and Suzy..and families.*

*Nicole (Nowicki) Ulrich*

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**Nicole Nowicki Ulrich** - June 11, 2015 at 02:07 PM



*Thank you Nicki, from all of us!*

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**Sue Mcgrath** - June 15, 2015 at 08:55 AM