



William J. McGrail Jr.

March 30, 1942 - June 29, 2019

William ("Bill") J. McGrail Jr., age 77, of Utica, passed away June 29, 2019. Beloved husband of Cathy. Loving father of Linda (Brent) McGrail Belau and James McGrail. Dear grandfather of Colin, Sean, Andrew, Scott, and Zachary. Dear brother of Carole Murray and Walter (Susan) McGrail.

A longtime resident of Utica, Bill served as attorney for the city from 1972 until 2013, and was a practicing attorney for fifty years. Bill enjoyed racquetball, playing cards, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Visitation Tuesday, July 2, 2 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., Utica (3 blocks east of Van Dyke). Funeral service Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be directed to the City of Utica Parks and Recreation Commission.

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall (see tab above).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was a caring, wonderful friend to my son, Glenn Holman.

Phyllis Holman - November 17, 2019 at 09:07 AM

JN

“ *Jacqueline Noonan*

Jacqueline Noonan - July 03, 2019 at 08:31 AM

JN

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire McGrail family! Bill had a great mind, a wonderful sense of humor and a dedication to doing his best as he served as City Attorney during my time as Mayor. When we worked on City issues, I asked that he always give his best legal opinion, not what he thought I wanted to hear! He did just that. He was a really good labor negotiator and I relished our many long discussions. His many trips with my husband and other “guys” to Canada and Hamtramck were great fun Jerry said. He always was professional, while casual and welcoming. Bill will be missed by the family he loved and all who knew him.*

jacqueline & Jerry Noonan - July 03, 2019 at 08:27 AM

RW

“ Dearest Cathy , Linda and James and family .. My deepest and most sincere condolences on Bill’s passing .. Lord’s Peace for him and all family members. Not sure I can get to Funeral but wanted you to know how much I thought of him and respected him.. Will always remember strolling across North Channel Waterfront and chatting .. even if the Wagner ‘boys ‘ drove everyone nuts .. Bill was a real joy and honorable family man and fellow attorney . His passing will leave a void in our Bar Association and minds but will never be out of our memories and hearts.. God Bless Warmest Regards , Richard Wagner

Richard Wagner - July 02, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. McGrail Jr..



July 01, 2019 at 11:45 PM

BM

“ Brian, Paige, Leah, Randy, Kristin & Gavin McGrail purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of William J. McGrail Jr..



Brian, Paige, Leah, Randy, Kristin & Gavin McGrail - July 01, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William J. McGrail Jr..*



July 01, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William J. McGrail Jr..*



July 01, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *Bill was a fine lawyer and a genuinely nice person. When I was a new lawyer just learning the ropes, he always took the time to teach me what he knew, especially about municipal law that we both were practicing. I will never forget what he contributed to my professional upbringing -- both in and out of court. I will miss him. My sincerest condolences to Cathy, Linda, Jim and Carole and all the others whose lives he impacted. May you rest in peace, my friend.*

Clark Andrews - July 01, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William J. McGrail Jr..*



June 30, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. McGrail Jr..*



June 30, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William J. McGrail Jr..*



June 30, 2019 at 07:45 PM