



Joseph D. McGowan

October 26, 1931 - October 28, 2015

On the morning of October 28th, America lost one of its proudest patriots, Joseph D. McGowan, Sr. He passed away peacefully at home supported by his loving family.

Joe was born in Wellsburg, West VA on October 26th, 1931. He spent his formative years in Pittsburg, PA. After school he answered the call and served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. His business career dealt predominantly in aerospace, including manning the moon; defense contacts; and lobbying in Washington D.C. He also travelled the world as a liaison for Boeing and N.A.S.A. Joe's greatest accomplishment in life was his family. He is survived by Sandy, his wife of 52 years; five sons and their families; including nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Private family services will be held.

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Dear Sandy and the entire McGowan family; We were so sorry to hear that Joe has passed away. He was a great man, who led his family with grace, dignity, and humor. His words of wisdom and quick wit, will live on through all of you!! I feel fortunate to have known Joe by working at the Monroe House, when Sandy's parents lived there. Joe's zest for life was truly contagious. He made everyone with whom he came in contact with, feel special. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Cathy & Paul Kersey

Cathy Kersey - October 31, 2015 at 09:33 PM

JT

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with Sandy, Jason, Deana and all of the McGowans - we are so sorry for your loss - such a great man & such a great family- may beautiful memories fill the space in your hearts- wishing you peace- Janet , Rocky, Emma& Griffin Terry



Janet & Rocky Terry - October 31, 2015 at 01:42 PM

VM

“ Aunt Sandy and family,

Uncle Buck was the uncle who always lived far away but it felt like he was right down the road. He will always be remembered for his wit, charm, love of his family, and the best hug giver ever. My heart is completely broken, but I do get a sense of happiness when I think about him and my mom in heaven arguing politics. Can't you just hear them?

Love to all of you and please know we are praying God continues to bless and keep you all wrapped tightly in His arms.

*Please take good care,
Vonna May-Miller, Joella and Annika*

Vonna May-Miller - October 31, 2015 at 01:10 PM

LE

“ *Dear Aunt Sandy and Family,
When we love with all we have, we grieve
with all we are.*

*The tide recedes but leaves behind bright
seashells on the sand,
The sun goes down but gentle warmth still lingers on the land.
The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains...
For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains
M.D. Hughes*

*Thinking of you at this difficult time, and wishing you the healing
power of many
beautiful memories
With deepest sympathy and love,
June's family*



Lora Lee Edahl - October 31, 2015 at 09:31 AM

KS

“ *I dated, and eventually married Joe's eldest son for many years.
While that relationship dissolved some 25 years ago, I never
stopped loving Joe. He was like a second father to me through my
early adult years, and I regret wasting so much time in telling him
so. He is now, and will forever be in my thoughts and prayers,
despite the fact he always made fun of my hair (personal family
joke).*

Love to the entire family and God bless,

Kym Sulman

Kym Sulman - October 29, 2015 at 05:55 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Botello lit a candle in memory of Joseph D. McGowan*



cassandra botello - October 29, 2015 at 05:39 PM

CB

“ *Sandy- We are so so very sorry for your loss. When my dad called and told me my heart just broke for you all. Joe will be missed greatly, he was a wonderful man and a great friend to my dad which we are very grateful. Lots of love your way*

Cassandra & Israel Botello

cassandra botello - October 29, 2015 at 05:35 PM



Sandy-I was so saddened to hear that Joe passed away. I will always think of you and Joe as being completely devoted to one another through the ups and downs. My heart goes out to you, your boys and their families. I pray that you all are feeling God's peace and love as you walk this difficult path.

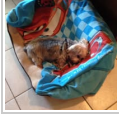
With love, concern and prayers, Judy Goodwin

Judy Zoffel Goodwin - November 02, 2015 at 01:15 PM

SA

Sandy and family, My heart goes out to you hearing about Joe. I will be keeping you guys in my thoughts. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know. Love, Sandy Garcia

Sandy - November 03, 2015 at 11:57 PM



Sandy and Family, Lonnie and I were so sorry to hear about Joe. He was such a kind, caring & funny man. We always enjoyed the times we spent with you & Joe. God Bless you and bring you strength and peace. Love, Lonnie & Mary Ann

Mary Ann McGee Hill - November 04, 2015 at 05:25 PM