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John J. McGrory 52



Father of 10, Business Owner & Coach

John J. McGrory of Garnet Valley, beloved Father of 10, Grandfather of 23, CEO of McGrory Glass Inc. & long time CYO coach died peacefully at home on April 1, 2011 with his family by his side.

John was born in Southwest Philadelphia & was an extremely proud West Catholic, Class of 1952 graduate. John & his wife Mary (Harley) met during their days at West Catholic. John was predeceased by Mary in August 2009. Together they raised 10 children & have 23 grandchildren.

They were members of St. Kevin's Church up until they moved their family to St. Francis of Assisi, Springfield, PA in 1972. In 2001, they moved to St. Thomas the Apostle in Chester Heights. John participated in all parishes as a lector and as a Eucharistic Minister.

John and his wife Mary established McGrory Glass in 1984. McGrory is one of the Nation's largest glass suppliers, specializing in decorative glass, fire rated glass and radiation shielding materials. The company originated in Chester, PA, and relocated to Aston in 1996. In 2008, McGrory Glass opened up their current 108,000-square-foot facility in Paulsboro, NJ, under the leadership of both John & Mary. Currently, McGrory Glass employs 40 dedicated people as well as 8 of their 10 children.

John also was a passionate & knowledgeable baseball and football coach. He coached multiple baseball teams for many years in the Springfield AA, however he is best remembered for the 21 years he dedicated to the St. Francis of Assisi, 7th & 8th grade football program - 17 as the head coach. During John's 17 years as head coach - his teams were invited to the Parade of Champions 14 years. Under his direction, John's teams were always well coached and exhibited a high level of sportsmanship. More importantly, John helped shape the lives of several hundred young men.

John's lifetime achievements, as well his strong dedication to West Catholic were recognized by West Catholic High School in 2001 when he was the recipient of their Golden Burr Award. In addition to West Catholic, John & his wife were generous supporters of Pro-Life, Cardinal O'Hara High School, St. Thomas parish, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Charles Seminary as well as numerous other fine charities.

Survivors: John leaves behind a loving family and many wonderful friends. Survived by his children - John McGrory Jr., Marianne (Tim) Rafter, Nancy (Matt) Houtmann, Christopher (Betty) McGrory, Jane (Jim) Kraiza, Chuck (Alissa) McGrory, Barbara (Mike) McGlinchey, Gary (Megan) McGrory, Michael (Heather) McGrory and Clare McGrory. Also survived by his brothers Gerry & Charles.



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Service: Wednesday, April 6th at noon at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 430 Valleybrook Road, Chester Heights, PA

Visitation: Tuesday, April 5th at 5:00 PM at O'Leary Funeral Home, 640 E. Springfield Road, Springfield, PA, 19064 and after 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 6th at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Burial: SS Peter & Paul Cemetery, Marple.

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations on behalf of retired priests. Please make checks payable to: Villa St. Joseph Fund, 1436 Lansdowne Avenue, Darby, PA 19023.
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