



Joseph Francis McPartland Jr

March 23, 2020

Joseph Francis McPartland Jr (aka "Pop"), aged 93, went peacefully to his heavenly reward at 9:35 AM on Monday March 23 in Englewood Hospital. He was pre-deceased by his first wife who bore him nine sons, Alyce Elizabeth McPartland nee Reddington. He is survived by his second wife, Margaret Veronica McPartland nee Scanlon. He was born in the Bronx on May 15, 1926 to Cecilia McPartland nee Lawton and Joseph Francis McPartland Sr. who have pre-deceased him. He lived most of his life in Bergenfield, Norwood and Tenafly. He was pre-deceased by two brothers, Francis Xavier and Ignatius Maurice, the latter was ordained into the Carmelite Priesthood as Fr Guy. He was pre-deceased by his daughter-in-law, Nancy, who was married to James. Joe is survived by his nine sons, Joseph III (Gigi), John (Mary), Guy (Rose), Brian (Carin), Steven (Joyce), James, Liam (Lisa), Brendan (Kathleen) and Denis (Corinna), step-son, Andrew Barnett, 21 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He graduated from St. John the Evangelist Grammar School in Bergenfield. He starred as a football player for Vince Lombardi at St. Cecilia High School, when they went undefeated for 3 straight years and won a mythical national championship. He was class valedictorian and a varsity baseball player. He enlisted in the Navy upon graduation in 1944. He was accepted into the V-12 Navy Officer Training program. As part of that training, he was sent to Dartmouth School of Engineering and graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in electrical engineering. It took him just 2 years to complete the 4 year curriculum, whereupon he accepted a commission as a 2nd

Lieutenant in the USMC. In the fall of 1946, he was recruited by Vince Lombardi (his old HS coach was now a coach at West Point) to play football. So he joined the Army! Giving him the rare distinction of having served in all 3 branches - Army, Navy and Marines. An injury ended his football career at West Point. After his honorable discharge, he served as an Undercover Agent for the Treasury Department. He left that dangerous work when he became a father. He was extremely successful in his career as a technical writer for EC&M magazine, where he rose to the rank of Editorial Director. He later founded, owned and operated his own magazine, Electrical Design and Installation He authored 26 books on various electrical systems and codes. He was considered to be the country's leading expert on the National Electric Code. He was an outstanding public speaker who would lead seminars on the Electrical Code all across the country, educating thousands of engineers, contractors, inspectors, and electricians. Gifted with a beautiful voice, he embarked upon his singing career after he retired. He ultimately released 6 albums of Irish, Scottish and Spiritual Songs and donated all of the albums' revenues to the retired Franciscan Sisters in Tenafly. Some of his recordings can be found on You Tube. He was known to be a man of strong moral character, scrupulously following the letter and the spirit of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. His sense of humor and ready smile endeared him to one and all. In light of the current health crisis, wakes and funerals are not allowed, so a Funeral Mass will be scheduled sometime in the future when the restriction is lifted. In lieu of flowers, Joe would like to see any donations be sent, in honor of his brother, Fr. Guy, to The Carmelites Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia Church, 55 West Demarest Ave. Englewood, NJ 07631. Donate on-line <http://officeofconcern.com/>

Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Cori, Dennis and Family. So sorry for your loss. Cori. I just heard about him from your mom . Such terrible times we are living through. What an amazing man he was. Such a loss not only to you but for everyone who had the pleasure to know him. I wish I had known him such wonderful stories he must of had. Again, my condolences.*

Barbara Tessicini

Barbara Tessicini - April 08, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JK

“ *My deepest condolences to Joes family I met him in the mid nineties. I was working at the Jeep dealer in Tenafly and he cane in and bought a car from me . One of the nicest and finest gentleman I ever met. He would visit often and always had wonderful stories to tell.*

Jim Kissinger - April 05, 2020 at 09:16 AM

KB

“ *I want to send our sincere condolences to the entire McPartland family in your time of loss. I first met Joe in the early 90's at Electric East in the Javits Center, he drew me in with his wit and knowledge. I came to know only three of his nine sons through work and I could always see their father shining through them; I have to imagine that the entire clan carries on in his spirit. I am sure that he was very proud of his family and legacy. Joe is in our hearts and prayers and we send our love and sympathy to the family.*

Kevin Burke - April 02, 2020 at 01:11 PM

KM

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Kathleen McPartland - April 01, 2020 at 06:11 PM

KM

East Durham Irish Fest Colleen and Golden Gramps 1990 Rest In Eternal Peace 🙏🍀❤️

Kathleen McPartland - April 01, 2020 at 06:17 PM

TS

I am friends with Brian and we are co workers as well. I'm just really heartbroken for my friend and his family. I'm hoping that the McPartland family can find peace and joy in the life of their dear departed. Brian, much love to you and your family in this difficult time.

Tom Solanto - April 01, 2020 at 06:29 PM

RB

“ Dearest Pop, Though we haven't been in touch for decades, in my heart, you have lived for decades as a second father to me.

Your's, and Mom's, influence and effect on my life has been profound, as was knowing and growing up with your entire clan.

I will NEVER forget the workouts, dinners, Christmases, the St. Bernard's, your singing, and the many talks we shared that shaped me into the man I've become. You massively changed my life for the better.

I will love you to my last breath. Be at peace with God. Please give my heartfelt love to Mom, Uncle Iggs, and Lisa.

Roger

Roger Bibeau - March 31, 2020 at 06:54 PM

PB

“ Dear Peggy And Family
I'm so sorry for the loss of Joe. I'll remember all the good times we had at Cori's and Denis's house and their wedding. I loved you father and I feel so sorry for Denis, Cori , Cailie and Finbarr. I know how much Cailie loved her Gramps. Love and God bless. Peggy Buoniconti

Peggy Buoniconti - March 31, 2020 at 03:41 PM

ES

“ Elizabeth Scolpino lit a candle in memory of Joseph Francis McPartland Jr



Elizabeth Scolpino - March 30, 2020 at 10:11 PM

MQ

“ *Maureen Quinn lit a candle in memory of Joseph Francis McPartland Jr*



Maureen Quinn - March 30, 2020 at 08:31 AM