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Mr. Francis X. "Red" McGovern, 99, of Methuen, Massachusetts, passed away on Monday, June 25th, 2012 at the Nevins Nursing and Rehabilitation Center peacefully with his family by his side. "Uncle Red", as most people knew him, was the most Loyal Friend that the City of Lawrence ever had. He was born on March 8th, 1913 in Lawrence to the late C. Frank and Agnes (Quimby) McGovern. Red was educated in Saint Mary's Grammar School and was a graduate of Lawrence High School in 1931. He was a parishioner of both Saint Mary's Church and Saint Augustine's Church in Lawrence. He retired as a Sub Station Operator for the Massachusetts Electric Company in Lawrence after 30 years. Several years later at age 70 Red then opened a real estate company called McGovern Real Estate, it also served as head quarters for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade committee. He was Grand Marshall of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in 1986. He was also honored as Democrat of the Year. Red later joined the Sullivan Agency Real Estate Company, until his retirement at the age of 93, he always held a special place in his heart for the Sullivan Family. He was a member of the Hibernians, the Lawrence Elks, the Dewey Club and at the age of 55 he joined Cedardale and took up playing tennis. Red's family would like to extend their appreciation to the The Nevins Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for taking such good care of him. Husband of the late Rita E. (Donahue) McGovern and mother of his children. His family members include: His children: Mary A. Wilson of Pelham, NH Ann R. Neel and her husband Richard of Salem, NH Sheila R. Meservey and her husband Norman of Lawrence, MA Terrence F. McGovern of Newburyport, MA John J. McGovern and his wife Janet of Hampton, NH Jane M. Perocchi and her husband Charles of Methuen, MA Debra J. Hamel of Lawrence, MA Nancy E. Hajjar and her husband Tony of Methuen, MA His brother: Albert J. McGovern of Florida 30 Grand children, 59 Great Grandchildren, 7 Great great grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews and his cousins: Dr. Richard



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McGovern and Mary Lou Haugh. Red was predeceased by his daughter: Frances R. O'Neil, his infant son: Charles McGovern, his grandson: Luke Hamel, his infant great granddaughter: Mikayla Pare, his brother: Warren 'Bud' McGovern and his sister: Elaine Perron, his son-in-law: Jack Wilson he was also predeceased by his second wife: Ella Godsey Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to call on Thursday, June 28th, 2012 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. For online condolences and other information please visit us at www.breenfuneralhome.com. His funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 29th, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in Saint Mary's Church in Lawrence. At the request of the family, friends should meet directly at the Church for the Funeral Mass. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery also in Lawrence. In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the: Special Olympics of Massachusetts, Attn: Donations, Yawkey Sports Training Center 512 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752



Tribute Wall

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DP

Dottie Peters posted:

MARY AND JANE, I AM SO SORRY TO LEARN OF YOUR DAD'S PASSING . You and you family are in my prayers and thoughts.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MM

Marcia Burns-Mittler posted:

To the McGovern family: My most sincere sympathy to all of you. Unfortunately, I'm away and won't be able to attend any of the services, but please know you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Marcia Burns-Mittler P.S. Tomorrow is the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, and there is going to be a 'history-making' mass at the Vatican.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

AR

Al & Marcy Richards posted:

Dear Mary and your whole "Wilson" and "McGovern" Families, Please know that our thoughts, our prayers and our sympathy are with you and your whole family in the loss of your Dad. Marcy & I are very sorry that we could not be with you today. What wonderful memories you all must have in reminiscing your special experiences with your Dad during his long and blessed life together on this earth. Rest in Peace in your Heavenly Reward, "Red". He's together with "Jack" once again in Heaven. The Love & Peace of our "Good Lord Jesus" be with you all. Love, Al & Marcy Richards

March 7 at 8:00 PM

RL

Robert Lockhart posted:

MY HEAFELL CONDOLENCES TO McGOVERN FAMILY

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CP

Chris Perocchi posted:

To all of Red's family we offer our heartfelt sympathy and condolences at this sad time. We will miss seeing Red when we visit "home". He was a one of a kind gentleman. He lived a good life - we should all be so lucky. Love, Chris and Larry Perocchi

March 7 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis X. "Red" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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