



# Henry "John" McGrath

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**H**enry "John" McGrath, a fifteen-year resident of Park City, passed away at the Abbington Senior Living Center, in Heber UT on April 6. John was born June 9, 1936 in NYC, where he spent most of his adult life. John was proud that he served in the Navy during the Korean War, from 1954-1957, and continued to serve the citizens of his hometown, in the NYCPD from 1961- 1981. He rose to the rank of Detective, 1st Grade most notably in Brooklyn's Homicide unit. John married Elizabeth Lang, in 1958, she preceded him in death in 1982. John obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He retired from the Police Department and started a private investigating firm, Jonathon-Gordon Investigators. When it was time to truly retire, John moved to Utah to be closer to family.

John's desire to serve was evident thorough out his life. Early in his retirement he volunteered at the University of Utah Hospital, in the Emergency Department and Huntsman Cancer Institute. To bring a smile, warm blanket or hot coffee to those in need were John's trademark. He also spent many hours as a hospice volunteer and in the classrooms of his granddaughters. John touched the lives of many, lending an ear, providing guidance, sharing his story or a meal. He greeted everyone with a smile, a handshake and a loud "hello"; sometimes in an Irish brogue or his strong NY accent. Regardless, John was glad to meet you!

John is survived by his daughter Dawn Young (Brad Casper) of Park City, son John McGrath of NYC, granddaughters Virginia and Lauren Young and son-in-law Peter Young. Also, many, many friends who although not blood related were family.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Abbington Senior Assisted Living, who provided compassionate and attentive care during a very difficult time. And for those at Canyon Home and Hospice, who helped John find comfort and eased his pain.



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Please join in the celebration of John's life Saturday April 14, at 2:00 pm at the Heber Cemetery. As per his request a gathering of friends, family food and drink will follow at the Midway Mercantile, in Midway Utah to share stories and a meal. All are welcome!



## Tribute Wall

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JJ

**Janice Jones** posted:

I never met John but heard all about him from Dawn. She was very proud of him. I think it was great he volunteered at the University Hospital .

April 12 at 5:05 AM

LK

**Lillian Khor** posted:

All patients are special, but some inadvertently become "no special". John McGrath will always be that special patient to me and I am grateful for the opportunity to have learned and been entertained so much by him. From his Brooklyn accent, his earnest dedication to volunteerism within the HELP program at the University of Utah, to the poetry he recommended and his youthful sense of humor and fun; all these attributes will always be with me. He deserves to be pain-free and in peace. We will all just miss him til we meet again. Best wishes, Lillian

April 11 at 5:36 PM

SE

**Seamus** posted:

Very sorry to hear of Johns passing. We had some great times in the Emergency Dept after he heard my Irish accent and would hang out with me for every shift he was volunteering! He had some incredible stories and was always great fun to be around. He absolutely loved his family and always talked about his kids and grandkids and how proud he was of them. I remember him trying to hypnotize me in order to help me quit smoking, I told him half way through to stop so I could go have a smoke, which we cracked up at. I have since quit! So long Sean (I always refused to call him John). I hope I get to meet up with you again someday mo chara

April 11 at 10:10 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Henry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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