



James P McGrath

July 30, 2014

McGrath, James P. "Jim" Age, 90, of Hopkins, Minn., passed away on July 30. Born and raised in New York City, he grew up during the Depression, was a US Army Air Corps veteran, laid tracks for the NY Central railroad, drove a bus up and down Broadway and had a long career in the NY courts, first as a court officer and rising to Chief Clerk of the Family Courts in Queens and Brooklyn. A stint in the Civilian Conservation Corps planted a love for the great outdoors, and he became an avid camper, hiker and backpacker. He also was at the forefront of the running revolution in the 1970s, competing in many marathons - including the first 5-borough NYC marathon (in 3h:13min) and the legendary "run for the hoses" 1976 Boston marathon - as well as ultra marathons. Though he initially dropped out of high school, he nevertheless became a life-long learner, and was taking physics, trigonometry, European history and many other classes at the University of Minnesota in his 60's and 70's. He was a devoted and active friend of Bill W. for 48 years. Preceded in death by his brother John "Red" and sister Angela Young. Survived by his loving wife of 61 years (and amazing care-giver) Ann; sons Kevin of Brooklyn, NY; Dennis (and Stephanie) of Minnetonka; James (and Joan) of Lake Ronkonkoma, NY; and Patrick of Forest Hills, NY; and six grandchildren - Kerry, Cailin, Aidan, Maura, Owen and Miles. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Adirondack Mountain Club, Development Department, 814 Goggins Rd., Lake George, NY 12845. Memorial service 11 AM Saturday, August 16 with a gathering one hour prior at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com

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