



## Lowell J 'Sparky' McCarthy

April 13, 2015

McCarthy, Lowell J. "Sparky" age 85, of Edina, MN, peacefully passed away in his home on April 13, 2015. Preceded in death by parents Olga and Frank; and brothers Robert and Gerald. Survived by his loving wife of 61 years Joan; three sons Kevin, Brian and John (Gail); and grandson Samuel. Also survived by sister and brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Lowell was raised in St Paul, MN and was a graduate of Hamline University, Macalester College and the University of the Americas in Mexico. Lowell was a husband, father, teacher, artist, coach, U.S. Marine and the City of Edina Parks & Rec. Director. Lowell was a teacher of Art and Art History for 30 years at Edina and Edina East High School. He was an employee of the City of Edina for over 40 years. Lowell had the gift of making everyone he met feel special. He was a very empathetic teacher who saw the potential in every student he taught. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral service 11:00 am Saturday April 18, 2015 at Edina Morningside Community Church, UCC, 4201 Morningside Road, Edina. Visitation one hour prior to service. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to ARC. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Agan Drywall Supply purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lowell J 'Sparky' McCarthy.*



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**Agan Drywall Supply** - April 16, 2015 at 10:34 AM

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“ *I first met Lowell in the fall of 1972 at Edina-east High School. I had just started teaching English, and my room was right next to Lowell's brother, Bob. Lowell would come up to visit Bob during breaks. Well, it didn't take long for the two McCarthy brothers to start "helping the rookie" get acclimated to his new environment. What a great sense of humor those guys had, and I know both Bob and Lowell helped make my "transition" go very smoothly. Lowell had that great combination of kindness and humor that made him a favorite teacher for students and a favorite colleague for his peers. I shall miss him.*

*Marc Reigel*

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**Marc Reigel** - April 15, 2015 at 10:36 AM