



## Richard "Dick" Francis McGrath

November 19, 1932 - May 7, 2015

Age 82 of Fort Myers, Fl. Beloved and Devoted Husband, Father, and Grandfather. Born Buffalo, New York November 19, 1932. Died Ft Myers, Florida May 7, 2015. Preceded in death by Margaret, his wife of 55 years. Survived by sons Michael(Therese) , Patrick(Kari) and Timothy(Lee); grandchildren Ryan, Grady, Hadley, Morgan, Mason, Joe , Kierney and Delaney; brother Bill(Pat); niece Mary(Brock) and nephew Michael. Dick graduated Canisius High School and St. Bonaventure University. After serving 2 years as an officer in the US Army Reserves stationed in Alaska, he married his sweetheart in 1957 and started his career at IBM. In July 1959, Dick left IBM to join 3M. He had great passion and loyalty to this company for which he served in various executive roles for over 38 years. Dick took great pride in building successful businesses for 3M, and more than anything, treasured the friendships he made along the way. Following retirement in 1997, Dick and Margaret enjoyed 14 years together in Minnesota and Florida with their children, grandchildren and many friends. Life was never the same without Margaret, but Dick carried on for 3 years, enjoying family events and communicating words of encouragement and guidance to his children and grandchildren via texts and phone calls. The motto of Dick's university, "becoming extraordinary", is something he lived during his 82 years, distinguishing himself as a husband, father, grandfather, friend, and business leader. His quick wit, wisdom, and fierce loyalty will be greatly missed. A gathering will be held 5:00 -8:00 PM, Thursday, May 14th at HOLCOMB-

HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 HWY 96 W at Mackubin,  
Shoreview. Mass of Christian Burial, 12:00 PM, Friday May 15 (gathering  
11:00 AM) at ST. ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria in  
Shoreview. Interment at St. Odilia Prayer Garden.

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ We send our deepest sympathies to Dick's wonderful family, and MANY friends! We were blessed to know and work with Dick (and Margaret) for nearly 30 years - true friends! We last talked with Dick by phone on the evening of May 5th, when he called, "just to check in", which we regularly did with one another. We talked for maybe 20 minutes. Dick was a friend, indeed, but also a mentor, confidant and an incredible human being. Dick's clear-eyed insight, and tremendous sense of humor, made him a real treasure. Truly, we shall miss him greatly!

*In Ecclesiastes, it states: "A faithful friend is the medicine of life".*

*We wish Dr. McGrath, Godspeed! Our prayers are with him, and we are confident that he is "up there", right now, getting caught up with Margaret!*

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**Pat & Chuck Stockinger** - May 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ We were saddened to learn of the of Dick McGrath's passing. Our deepest sympathy goes out the the McGath Family. He was a very special person, mentor, and a friend. His contribution to the industrial marketplace was phenomenal and he was an incredible asset to every organization who was lucky enough know him and treasure his wit and intelligence, and experience his loyalty. Rest in Peace Richard - I know you are with your beloved Margaret - we miss you!

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**Skip DeVilling** - May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I'll always remember Dick as an extraordinary industry leader with strong family values and a valued friend. He was strong in opinion, understood the industry better than anybody, and set an example at the highest level for everybody to follow. He will be missed!

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**Dan Perry** - May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My very best to the McGrath family and for all of the contributions that Dick has made to the manufacturing and distribution industry.

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**Mort Harris** - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I am saddened to hear of Dick's passing. It was my pleasure to serve as the IDA President along side Dick as he was finishing his unprecedented second consecutive term as ASMMA President in 1992. He made the year a breeze and I will fondly remember his brilliant sense of humor. Rest in peace Dick

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**Bob Skidmore** - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

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**John and Mary Lachat** - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dick was a pioneer and a great executive in the world of industrial distribution. His legacy in the association remains a cornerstone.

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**Bill Derville** - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Your father mattered. He made a difference. He was extraordinary!  
His memory will live on in the hearts and minds of those he touched.*

*I pray Dick's family and friends who come together this week to  
remember him are comforted by God's unfailing love and grace.*

*Bill Pearson, San Diego*

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**Bill Pearson** - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM