



Bernard J. "Barney" McGrann

October 2, 2019

Bernard J. "Barney" McGrann, a prominent business owner and community member, passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. He was 76 years old. Barney lived in Lancaster with Anne, his wife of 50 years. He was the son of John E. McGrann and Mary L. McGrann.

From a young age, Barney was an entrepreneur and businessman. He loved classic cars, dogs and college football. Barney had many great friends and earned a reputation as a fun, gregarious man. He loved traveling with Anne and friends, and some of his favorite destinations included Maine, Alaska and Scotland.

Barney earned a degree in Economics from Millersville University, began his career in 1968 at Girard Bank in Philadelphia, then returned to Lancaster in 1970 to work at Commonwealth National Bank. In 1986 he left banking to acquire Penn Stone, a business in downtown Lancaster. As owner of Penn Stone, he transformed the company from a small, somewhat obscure business into a well-known supplier of brick, stone and hardscaping materials.

Barney was active in the Lancaster community. He served on many boards, most notably the United Way of Lancaster County and the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry. At the Chamber, he was instrumental in launching the Small Business Group, and was a finalist for Small Business Person of the

Year. He was a longtime Rotarian, first with the Lancaster Northeast Rotary and later with the Rotary Club of Lancaster, and was proud of his long record of perfect attendance. He was also a member of the Lancaster Pirates.

He took great joy in being a member of the Tucquan Club. He was a dedicated Can't Waiter and served as president of the club from 2001 to 2005.

In addition to his wife, Barney is survived by his sisters Mary Frances Myers of Dripping Springs, TX, and Kathleen McGrann of Philadelphia. He is also survived by his son John McGrann who lives in Lancaster with his spouse Mara Creswell McGrann and their children Maddie, Ethan and Sophie; his daughter Molly McGrann who lives in Oxford, England with her children Jesse, Asa and Henry; and his son Michael McGrann who lives in West Orange, NJ with his spouse David Allen and their son Theo.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to a Memorial Service celebrating Barney at Groff Family Funeral Services, 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.), Lancaster, PA on Friday, October 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends on Thursday evening October 10, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and again on Friday at The Groffs from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. A private family interment will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a donation to Music For Everyone, 42 North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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admin@thegroffs.com
<https://thegroffs.com/>

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OCT **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard J. "Barney" McGrann*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear McGrann Family,
We came to know Barney through Rotary, enjoying many a
Wednesday lunch hour in his company. The Lancaster community
has lost one of its best citizens.
Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Here is a hug for each of
you:)(*
Stefanie Valar and Ed Hauck

Stefanie Valar - October 12, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *Dear Anne and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Carol (Heltshe) Mayer and Tom Mayer

Carol Heltshe Mayer - October 10, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *Maryann Weis Drolet lit a candle in memory of
Bernard J. "Barney" McGrann*



Maryann Weis Drolet - October 08, 2019 at 07:24 PM

MD

My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Maryann Weis Drolet - October 08, 2019 at 07:23 PM

MM

Maryann, I thank you so much for this. X Molly

MOLLY MCGRANN - November 04, 2019 at 03:53 AM

GB

“ *Garman Builders purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard J. "Barney" McGrann.*



Garman Builders - October 07, 2019 at 10:39 AM

KH

“ *Barney understood the challenges of being in business so he worked very closely with his contractor customers to help them build there business. It has been and still is our pleasure to have had the experience of working with Barney and all of the current PennStone team. Thank you John McGrann for continuing your fathers legacy of providing Lancaster county with a friendly and helpful staff for patio and masonry Products.*

*Kevin Herr
Zimmerman & Herr*

KEVIN HERR - October 07, 2019 at 07:38 AM

CK

“ *Cindy Kauffman-Advanced Landscapes LLC*

I remember the first time I met Barney, I just got out of college 40 years ago and I worked for Commonwealth National Bank. They sent me to help out at the Lititz Branch and Barney was the branch manager at the time. He was the most liked banker in all of Lititz and everyone loved to work for him. He made everyone laugh. I really enjoyed working there for the short time I did, but I never forgot him and in the 13 years I was in the banking industry before we bought our businesses in Landscape Contracting, he was always talked about with respect.

Cynthia Kauffman - October 04, 2019 at 11:46 PM

MW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. McGrann's passing. I have many fond memories of Mr. McGrann from growing up with, Molly. My favorite was when Molly and I would try to see if he could guess which one of our bald Cabbage Patch dolls was Gilly (Molly's) and which one was Carleen (mine), when he was trying to get yardwork done. He always took time to entertain us and play this game with us. He would scratch his chin and pretend to contemplate over these dolls, and then he would laugh and claim he didn't know for sure but he would take a stab at it. And he always guessed correctly! He was a great person and a kind and gentle man, and I am so glad he was part of my childhood. I will never forget him. I am glad he is finally at peace, even though I know it is hard for his loved ones to let him go. I hope you can all find peace knowing he is still with you in all of your hearts, but now he is truly free! Rest in peace, Mr. McGrann.*

Michelle Wittmer - October 04, 2019 at 11:05 PM

MM

Michelle, I was so happy to see you and your mom. I love, too, what you wrote. We were such good friends; I've lived away from Lanky for a long time--almost 30 years--and while my dad's passing was hard, all the familiar faces who turned up: just great.

I remember our friendship so well--I do know that I made us clean my playhouse an awful lot ! I loved my time with your family, around your house, and I remember, too, when your father died, just after we finished at St Anne's. I didn't really know what to say to you--apparently a common symptom--but now I know how hard a loss it must have been for your family.

Thank you so much for coming to see us that evening. I'm back in England, in the middle of family life (I have 3 sons, two of whom are teenagers) and about to move house, oh my lord. But just wanted to say how much it meant to me that you and Carol came by that evening.
X

MOLLY MCGRANN - November 04, 2019 at 04:04 AM

SB

“ *it was my pleasure to do business with Bernard and I would have not bought from anyone else he was the most fair and honest person to work with. he made you fell like a friend and not just a customer. our prays go out to John and the family you had a great dad and he will be miss*

Steve black

steve black - October 04, 2019 at 06:38 PM

LK

“ *Barney was one of the great people of Lancaster, one of those who bring us to love this community. I am very glad I got to know him.*
Larry Keating

Larry keating - October 04, 2019 at 09:19 AM

RC

“ It was so sad for me to see this morning the passing of Barney mcgrann Barney was a great friend to my dad and myself a great friend down at the tucquan club Bonnie you will be missed greatly thank you for being my friend at the tucquan club and an it's been a long time that I've met you my heart goes out for you legacy of that man will be ordered to ever match with love reid could and the coyle family

Reid Coyle - October 04, 2019 at 08:20 AM