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# Martin F. McGrath

## OBITUARY

Martin F. McGrath, Jr. of West Hartford, beloved husband of LaRaine McGrath passed away March 9, 2016, after a brief battle with lung cancer. Martin was born on January 7, 1938, in East Windsor Hill, Connecticut, the son of Martin F. and Virginia (Crennan) McGrath. A survivor of the Hartford Circus Fire, Martin graduated from The Kingswood School and St. Lawrence University, where he was a member of Sigma Chi. Martin's

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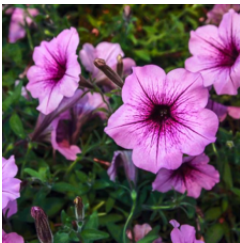
**Birth:** 1938

**Death:** 2016

grandfather was a founding member of the Elks Lodge in Hartford and Martin continued this tradition as a long-standing member of the Elks Lodge #19. An avid member of the Friendship Force of Connecticut, serving as President for several years, Martin and LaRaine traveled the world. When he wasn't traveling, he loved reading and visiting with his grandchildren. Martin is survived by his wife, LaRaine, of West Hartford; son, Martin F. McGrath, IV

and his wife, Jennifer (Tulin), and sons, Martin and Britton, of Trumbull; sister, Jane Packer, of Laguna Woods, CA; brothers-in-law, William (Bil) Thuma of Toronto, Canada and Thomas J. Thuma of Greenville, NC.; dear friends, Rae and Anneke Patria of Hong Kong. He was predeceased by his sister, Ellen McGrath Kovel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Monday (March 14th) at 11:00 a.m. in the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Martin's memory to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, 126 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull CT 06611 or Wounded Warrior Project., 370 7th Ave., Suite 1802, NY, NY 10001. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

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