



Dr. Kathy Ann McGovern

May 10, 1958 - December 1, 2013

Dr. Kathy Ann McGovern of Annapolis, MD died on December 1, 2013 at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. She was 55.

Dr. McGovern was born May 10, 1958, in Washington, DC, the daughter of the late John McGovern and Gloria “Saunders” McGovern. She graduated from The Academy of the Holy Names in Silver Spring, MD, class of 1975. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland and a PhD. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Florida. Dr. McGovern performed post-doctoral work in cell research at Johns Hopkins University. She then accepted a faculty position at the University of Arizona where she worked for 13 years. While at the University of Arizona, Dr. McGovern was prominent in research into drug interactions in cells, the design, building and use of bioreactor systems for cancer cells, and the development of targeted drug delivery systems for cancer treatments (for which she holds a patent). She later taught 3rd grade at the Children’s Success Academy in Tucson, bringing her passion for science and education to the classroom. She assisted in developing a technology program for the school and wrote a grant to purchase new student and teacher computers. Her passion for children and science resulted in most of her former 3rd grade students attending college, many of whom are the first in their families to do so. Several are now on full scholarships in science and engineering – all due to her sparking their interest.

Dr. McGovern spent years volunteering as a court appointed Special

Advocate, mentoring children with attachment disorder difficulties. Her compassion extended to the animal world, rescuing many dogs and training most of them in agility performance. She was an international agility judge. Dr. McGovern also had a love for dance, music and reading.

She is survived by three brothers, John H. McGovern III and wife Margaret of Olney, MD, Steven J. McGovern and wife Jennifer of Rock Hall, MD, and Mark R. McGovern and wife Christine of Sykesville, MD. She was an aunt to Kelly McGovern McCormick, Patrick McGovern, Brendan McGovern, Leslie McGovern, Kirsten McGovern and Alexa McGovern.

A Celebration of Kathy's life will be held January 11, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the Inn at Huntingfield Creek 4928 Eastern Neck Road Rock Hall, MD 21661.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to Dr. Nanci Aiken, make checks payable to the Children's Success Academy, P.O. Box 11368, Tucson, AZ 85734.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Kathy Ann McGovern*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dr. Kathy Ann McGovern*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. Kathy Ann McGovern*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I'm sorry for the delay in posting here, but I just learned of Kathy's passing today – and I am stunned and saddened beyond belief. My heartfelt condolences go to all of her family and friends.*

I was Kathy's colleague at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and I valued her friendship tremendously. She was so cool and funny and had a wicked sense of humor. She loved Nicolas Cage, and I still laugh when I remember her telling me that I had to go see "Raising Arizona" – she said that the movie up to the opening credits alone was worth the price of admission. And she was right! I also remember other fun times we spent together, both at work and hanging out at her apartment and a couple of bars in Baltimore. She also enjoyed talking to my husband, who was a civil engineer just like her Dad.

I'm so thankful I was lucky enough to have her in my life. She was a wonderful person and was taken from all of us far too early.

Cindy Martin - June 06, 2014 at 07:58 AM

JZ

“ It is hard for me to think of one specific memory of Kathy: we grew up so much together. I can remember building "leaf houses" in the woods, playing in Funny Face creek that we were on the Nile in Egypt, playing football and basketball with her brothers and Robbie, going trick or Treating at Halloween. If I had to really pick one memory, it would be at my wedding where Kathy, my maid of honor, told me: "just say the word and I will get you out of here". In retrospect, I probably should have taken her up on her offer! I am most fortunate to have been able to visit with her for one day last year and I will miss her terribly.

One last memory is not mine, but my mothers: she said to me she could remember when Kathy was born, Grampy (Kathy's grandfather) said "we have a sweet little girl".

Jackie van Zwoll - January 08, 2014 at 08:45 PM

RA

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Kathy and I'm saddened to hear of her passing. It has been quite a very long time, not since grade school, that I have seen Kathy. My parents, siblings and I had just emigrated to the United States and I was one of her classmates at St. Andrews. It was that long ago, but I still remember her face as clearly today as if it were yesterday. I will pray for her in my daily rosary prayers and I will offer a mass in her honor. May God Bless all of you and may you have peace knowing that she is with our Lord and Savior in heaven. Rommel

Rommel B. Antonio - January 06, 2014 at 12:14 PM

SG

“ one of my first memories of Kathy was listening to her talk about the two little boys she mentored and how much she cared for them...then fast forward to knowing the Kathy who could no longer live the life she wanted...she continued to be interested in the children from her school, tell stories about how her adopted, totally undisciplined dog grant (who we have also come to love) would tangle her up with his lease during agility classes...share books we enjoyed...and maintain her dignity during the most trying of times...Kathy became my friend and I miss her...my deepest sympathy to the McGovern family - sandy gerner

I knew Kathy as a colleague, a friend and as someone dealing with a major personal tragedy. she was unique and private. Kathy was motivated to help people and had a tremendous will to live. she will be in our thoughts ...sincerest condolences to her family. - gene gerner

sandy and gene gerner - December 16, 2013 at 10:18 PM

CJ

“ To the McGovern Family: I wanted to send my deepest and sincere condolences during this unfortunate time in your lives. As humans we want to live, and we want to enjoy life with those we love. It is only natural that we yearn to see our dead loved ones again. The Bible teaches that most people who have died will be resurrected. I would like to share a scripture to bring your family much needed comfort found at John 5:28,29 which in part reads:" Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out,". Your family will be in my prayers, my sincere condolences.

Christine Jackson - December 11, 2013 at 03:48 PM

ED

“ There are few people who can make you laugh until your sides hurt--every time you are with them. Fortunately for me, that was Kathy--a person who was "good to the core". Our friendship began in Hershey, PA----2 catholic irish gals starting out their science career. She brought a lot of fun and craziness into my life. I am extremely grateful to have known her.

Eileen Dolan - December 08, 2013 at 02:07 PM