



## Joseph Downing McGrath Sr.

April 4, 1935 - October 9, 2019

Joseph Downing McGrath, Sr. age 84, loving husband of Joanne (McFarland) McGrath of Pottstown, PA passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

Born on April 4, 1935 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Leslie L. & Alice (Richardson) McGrath.

Joseph is survived by his son, Kevin D. McGrath of Limerick, PA and daughters, Stephanie (McGrath) Spellman of Morgantown, PA, Pamela (McGrath) Shaw of Snowdenville, PA and Kathleen McGrath of Pottstown, PA. Also, 12 Grandchildren and 15 Great grandchildren. Joseph was preceded in death by Doris (Karr) McGrath (wife of 5 years) and Connie Lou (Taneyhill) McGrath, wife of 47 years. Also, two sons, Joseph Downing McGrath, Jr., Rodney Mark Taneyhill and sister, Eve (McGrath) Bonaduce.

Joseph was an Electrical Engineer with General Electric, Aerospace Division for 25 years and PENCO Products for 25 years. He was extremely proud of the work he did with the GE Aerospace Program. Joseph was a hardworking man and devoted member of both Cornerstone Church, Royersford, PA and Grace Assembly of God, Spring City, PA. He devoted many volunteer hours to community outreach to

help those in need. Joe was a member of the Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 75. He was an amateur radio enthusiast and member of the ARES Amateur Radio Club and Rooster Club. His handle was K3UYK. Joe was an avid outdoorsman. His hobbies included firearm and knife collecting, hunting,

horseback riding, fishing, boating, woodcarving, birdwatching, trivia, reading, country music, auctions, flea markets and sunbathing. Joseph was loved by many and will be missed.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service at Grace Assembly of God Church, 1271 Bridge Street, Spring City, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be Rev. Jack A. Mason. Burial will be held in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Pennsylvania on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1626 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to Shriners Hospital for Children, Development Office, 3551 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140. Condolences may be made by visiting [www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com](http://www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Royersford, Pennsylvania.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery

610 S. Main Street  
Parker Ford, PA 19457  
helicoptergolfing@yahoo.com

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Assembly of God  
1271 W. Bridge Street  
Spring City, PA 19475

## Graveside Service

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Many memories shared back to when I was 12. My parents were best friends with Uncle Joe and Aunt Connie. Lots of laughter back then. Time goes by way to fast. Love you uncle Joe, hope the 4 of you are laughing in heaven.*

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**michele bossert colaci** - October 29, 2019 at 10:01 PM

LS

“ *Rest in peace Mr McGrath...and my condolences to the family, as a teen,you and wife Connie Lou took me in and welcomed me into your family. I am forever grateful for your kindness.*

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**Lori Sheppard** - October 22, 2019 at 11:16 PM



Maryann Hamilton

“ *Maryann Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Joseph Downing McGrath Sr.*



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**Maryann Hamilton** - October 19, 2019 at 08:59 AM



Maryann Hamilton

“ *I.Met Joe over 50 yrs. ago. Many memories come to mind escessally today in the CELEBRATION of his LIFE. Joe's family is my family. My life changed through the years having known Joe. My prayers and thoughts are with the McGrath Family. I hope to meet a few of the Children, Grandchildren and GreatGrandchildren one day. I know many stories. will be shared. As Will Tears and Laughter. GOD BE WITH YOU TODAY. LOVE, MaryAnn*

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**Maryann Hamilton** - October 19, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *It was an honour and a privilege knowing you, Joe. I never believed your grumpiness for a single second and really came to love you and your sweet stubborn ways. Save me a seat at the cool kids table. OK?*  
*Siempre,*  
*Juliet*

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**Juliet Cooke** - October 14, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ *Rest in peace brother rooster our thoughts and prayers are with you all from don w3don*

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**Don Pickel jr** - October 13, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ *It was an honor to get to know joe for a brief time in our lives, so many great laughs and words of wisdom. Joe was a great man , friend father and grandfather to his family , he will always hold a special place in my heart . Joe thank you for the memories and rest easy my friend. Love always ,*  
*Mike*

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**Mike Tornello** - October 13, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY HAVE A LOT A GOOD MEMORIES AND LAUGHS LOVE YOU HOLLY MICKIEWICZ*

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**HOLLY MICKIEWICZ** - October 12, 2019 at 04:15 PM

 Elaine  
Banks  
Dixon

“ *My memories are endless Joe, you will be missed my friend. Love you buddy. Elaine Otter Dixon*

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**Elaine Banks Dixon** - October 12, 2019 at 04:09 PM

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“ *I will miss you and our talks Uncle Joe! Have fun with the family in heaven! Til we meet again! Your niece Suzette*

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**Suzette Pohl** - October 12, 2019 at 01:31 PM

MC

“ *Joe was a great radio buddy, I loved hearing his stories about the early days of the aerospace program, 73 my friend Mike, KB3OZD*

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**mike candelori** - October 12, 2019 at 12:18 PM