



## Lawrence "Larry" McManus Jr.

March 20, 1949 - January 17, 2018

Portsmouth – Lawrence P. “Larry” McManus, Jr., of Portsmouth, passed away early in the morning on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, from the decline brought on by stroke and dementia.

Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts in March of 1949, he was the eldest son of the late Lawrence "Mac" and Dorothy McManus. As part of a military family, Larry lived many places in the United States, as well as overseas in Okinawa, Japan. As a boy Larry found Okinawa fascinating and full of adventures. His family settled in Nashua during Larry's high school years.

After graduating from Bryant College, Larry was recruited by the Drug Enforcement Agency, where his work as an undercover agent provided fodder for some amazing stories. After leaving the DEA, Larry settled in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and started L.P. McManus Auctions. He expanded into real estate, painting restoration, and bail bond businesses. Larry had a passionate interest in and extensive knowledge of early American history. He enjoyed surrounding himself with history, collecting antiques, and living in an 18th century house that he spent many years restoring.

Larry is survived by his wife, Mary Beth and their daughter Rachael; as well as by his son, Phillip and his wife Megan and their two children; brothers, John, Tom, and Robert and their wives and children.

Larry will be remembered as the man he was before the stroke - a strong-willed, accomplished, interesting man, who lived life his way. He had a good heart. He will be remembered by many, and greatly missed by family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In recognition of the amazing care, affection, and comfort Larry received while residing at The Inn of Deerfield, please make any Memorial donation in lieu of flowers to the Inn of Deerfield, 34 Ridge Road, PO Box 87, Deerfield N.H. 03037.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence "Larry" McManus Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *We of the Auld Job (DEA) knew Larry as Lennie; here's the rest of the story...*

*This was 40+ years ago so forgive me if I err. Larry was undercover in a group of dealers in Brookline Village led by an old mob guy "Bullets". When we had enough evidence we grabbed the lot, and Bullets, who had consistently called Larry by his new name, Lennie, throughout their dealings, continued to call him Lennie despite Larry's constant corrections and despite the fact that Larry had arrested him. Bullets could not believe that Larry was the law.*

*'Lennie' came on as an easy going guy and no one expected what happened one evening. We were arresting a group of dealers and one arrestee started protesting vigorously which agitated his cohorts. Lennie quickly delivered three body shots to the loud one; this defused the situation and calm was restored.*

*Later on I caught his show when he was working for the Framingham bank. He auctioned a residence in Framingham and did the complete auctioneer patois - very impressive.*

*But Lennie was always very impressive. I remember the Gates Street house in 1978.*

*It was always good to hear about his successes and to know that there was life after DEA.*

*Condolences to Mary Beth and the family. RIP Lennie*

Thomas A Battell - January 25, 2018 at 08:07 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Larry's passing. We worked together in the DEA where he was remembered as an outstanding agent. I was happy to hear how successful he had become. My thoughts are with the family.

*Pat Hunt*

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**Pat Hunt** - January 25, 2018 at 08:18 AM

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“ Many years of enjoying Phil, Scott and their teams skating from Jackson's to the Whit. Larry kept asking where the pocket book was. I'm betting that he has one now. Rest in Peace, Larry. Our condolences to Phil and family. Larry was a good guy!!

*Woody & Doris*

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**Woody & Doris** - January 25, 2018 at 07:37 AM