



## Stephen L. McGivney

December 22, 1956 - April 13, 2020

Hampton - Stephen Louis McGivney passed away in Exeter, on April 13, 2020, aged 63 years, after a lengthy illness. Steve was a beloved father, son, brother, uncle, and cherished friend to all who met him. He was born on December 22, 1956, at Mt Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts to James S. and Erma N. (née Domeniconi) McGivney.

Growing up in Arlington and then Plymouth, MA, Steve was happiest on the beaches and waters of Cape Cod and Lake Winnepesaukee, in New Hampshire. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Kingston, MA in 1974 and spent many years as a retail manager, supervisor, and buyer, eventually starting his own company. He was deeply involved in managing and developing his successful businesses, while forging many long-enduring friendships and relationships.

Steve had a passion for cars and boats, reading, and spending time with friends and family at any place where the water met the sand. He eventually settled in his favorite state of New Hampshire and lived on the beach where he found joy and solace.

He is survived by his son Sean, his sisters Lisa (and Jeff) Tibbetts, and Christine (and Steven) Dean, and his five nieces and nephews: Emily Tibbetts, Rebecca Tibbetts Palevitz, Christopher Tibbetts, Brendan Dean, and

Caroline Dean. He was devoted to his family and friends, and will be fondly remembered by so many people, from business associates to passing acquaintances, as a friendly, kind, and generous man.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to one of the charities that Steve supported: the New Hampshire SPCA (<https://www.nhspca.org>) the Jimmy Fund (<https://www.danafarber.jimmyfund.org>) or The MGH Fund (<https://www.giving.massgeneral.org>) A celebration of Steve's life will take place with family and friends this summer by the ocean.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen L. McGivney*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *If there is universality in opinion about Steve as a man, it is this: He was a true special person under the sun, loved and respected by all. Nothing else be said. Gone too soon doesn't cover it.*

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**Gary Levesque** - May 29, 2020 at 05:46 PM

RG

“ I first met Steve in a vendor/buyer relationship some 35 years ago, I was struck by his very special qualities, ones that I had rarely enjoyed in my years of traveling the country as a major account vendor. He had a keen knowledge of his industry coupled with his quiet sense of himself, his honesty, integrity, trustworthiness and downright humility.

I knew he could be a super star sales person and invited him to join our organization.

Steve accepted and proceeded to set records from that moment till the time he was called by his higher power.

Through all the years of incredible successes, "Steve was always Steve".

Ken and I shared a very close and mutually respectful friendship with Steve. There were many personal conversations on our deck, boat and over dinners. We always loved having Steve with us at family gatherings and celebrations.

Our hearts have always been with Steve on his journey and successes over the past many years. We do miss his gentleness, quiet demeanor, caring and dry wit. His passing leaves an emptiness in our lives and a hole in our hearts. Most importantly, he is now at peace.

To Sean, Christine, Lisa and families, please accept our sincere condolences. Know that Steve appreciated your love, attention, and caring for him. May his memory be a blessing.

Much love,

Ken and Rhoda Goodman

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Rhoda, Ken Goodman - May 24, 2020 at 04:07 PM

MA

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**Mark Anderson** - May 09, 2020 at 12:17 PM

RL

“ Our words cannot express our loss knowing Steve is no longer with us.

*We're glad his days of suffering are over, he fought a long and hard battle.*

*Yet we never heard him complain, seem to always take life in stride. When we would see him in our monthly get togethers he always had a positive, assuring additude , carrying more what was up with your or your family then himself.*

*I'm sure he's looking down on us, driving a new fancy car wind blowing in his face.*

*Love & miss you Steve  
Condolences to his family.*

*Ray & Pat Levesque*

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**Ray and Pat Levesque** - May 01, 2020 at 01:50 PM

AE

“ Steve was a good man! He was joy to spend time with during many of the holiday meals over the past years. My heart and prayers are with his family and friends. You are missed.

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**Amy Elmore** - May 01, 2020 at 08:04 AM

DG

“ I began working at Rich’s Department Stores in the mid 1980s and shortly thereafter Steve was promoted into the Buying Office and we began working together on a daily basis. It became immediately clear Steve had the ability , intelligence , and work ethic to become a Retail Superstar - and he certainly became that !

We worked very hard but laughed and played even harder , times my eyes would water listening to his one-liners and jokes. He had such a quick wit and it was non-stop.

Our friendship evolved to the point that Steve would often join us for weekends at our Lake House at Lake Winnepesaukee both during the Summer and Winters. He truly enjoyed the times up at the Lake, taking a Motorcycle or Snowmobile ride, but being on the water boating convinced hi to buy a Lake House right around the corner from our place. Not only was he a great friend to our family, we got the chance to know Steve’s family, Mom Erma, sisters and their spouses Lisa & Jeff, Christine & Steven. We also watched and admired Steve over the years raising Sean and the bond they had together.

Years after Rich’s went out of business and Steve began his new career in Sales, eventually starting his own company we would often speak and share great memories. It was always great getting together for our Rich’s Dinner whenever I got back up to MA.

I’m chuckling to myself now about some of those little one-liners and that grin and smirk that always accompanied it.

Our thoughts are with Sean, Lisa & Jeff and Christine & Steven. Truly a wonderful friend I will never forget and remember forever.

Dave & Ruth Ann Gerow

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Dave Gerow - April 30, 2020 at 06:51 PM

SM

*Hey Guys - thank you so much for your card and the fond memories - It just happened to be a sunny warm day here in New Hampshire - so I took a motorcycle ride up to Balmoral and remembered all the drives up and all of the great times. Sat on the (completely unchanged) beach, and watched the dock and slips get put back in for the spring. Hope all is well.*

-Sean.

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**Sean M McGivney** - May 02, 2020 at 09:55 PM

MA

“ Steve and I were close friends for well over forty years, having first met as co-workers for Rich’s Department Stores. Those early years were a much crazier time for both of us, leaving me with many fond and humorous memories. He wasn’t always the quieter, more dignified soul he became in later years, but he always had his quick wit and special sense of humor.

*What I’ll miss most about my closest friend are the times we shared doing what Steve referred to as “thinkin drinkin” (a phrase he probably heard John Wayne use the in one of the many old westerns Steve loved to watch). We would meet in a quiet bar so that one of us could help the other over one of life’s hurdles. We would drink until we found a solution, and trusted that neither of us would reveal those discussions to anyone else. I’ve not met another with whom I can do that so comfortably.*

*As we shared an enthusiasm for automobiles, we attended many car shows and collector car auctions together. I’ll also remember fondly our other travels. Like the time just the two of us visited Arizona or the many times we visited Aruba with friends. Steve did enjoy the beaches!*

*Unfortunately, we don’t meet many true gentlemen in today’s world. Steve McGivney was one of the best.*

*Deb and I send our heartfelt condolences to Sean, Lisa, Christine and their families.*

*Mark Anderson*



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**Mark Anderson** - April 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

ST

“ *Most of my holiday memories of the last couple of decades include Steve. Either ringing in the New Year celebrations of Christmas birthdays, kicking off the start of summer or closing out the season on the decks in Maine. He was such a good friend to the Andersons to me and countless others. Sweet and thoughtful but also funny and a razor sharp dry wit. Always welcomed and forever missed. My heart goes out to all of his friends and family. Gone way to soon.*

*Sherry Turner*



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**Sherry Turner** - April 28, 2020 at 03:59 PM

SC

“ *We have been honored to know Steve for almost 20 years. Our relationship was initially through our business, but then developed into a true friendship. He was honest, kind, and generous of spirit. He was also a deeply private person, who did not share his personal life easily.*

*Steve was always looking forward to ensure Sean's future as well as planning for our business together. Going forward will be difficult and will truly never be the same. We will miss his valuable input and dry sense of humor when things don't go exactly as planned. The absence of Steve's often quiet ways and experience will be greatly felt every day.*

*We are so saddened by his untimely passing, which leaves a hole in our lives, though nothing compared to those of his family. Everyone who knew him has lost a very special person in their lives.*

*Our hearts are with Sean, Lisa, Christine and their families.*

*Susan & Morton Cordell*

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**Susan Cordell** - April 28, 2020 at 01:53 PM

ME

“ *It was an absolute pleasure to work with Steve & I am so very grateful that I had the opportunity to do so. I am thinking of his family and friends during this time and send prayers of comfort to all. My sincerest condolences, Megan Robert.*

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**Megan** - April 28, 2020 at 12:00 PM

EI

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**eileen** - April 28, 2020 at 09:43 AM

EI

*I posted this pic.. Steve was always up for a celebration and to indulge his friends.. like wearing a tiara!*

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**eileen** - April 28, 2020 at 07:45 PM

MA

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**Mark Anderson** - April 27, 2020 at 09:59 PM

SM

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**Sean M McGivney** - April 27, 2020 at 08:26 PM

RP

*We enjoyed knowing Steve for the last few years. Mindful and considerate of others with a kind and gentle heart. Steve was easy to work with, thoughtful, considerate, unselfish and fair to all concerned. We miss seeing his smiling face.*

*Richard and Anne Pouliot,  
Seaborne Condominiums.*

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**Richard Pouliot** - May 13, 2020 at 07:02 AM