



## Gary E. McGraw

September 4, 1937 - March 3, 2017

AUBURN- On Friday, March 3, 2017, Gary E. McGraw died after a brief stay at the Hospice House of Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice following complications of pneumonia.

Born September 4th, 1937 in Island Falls, Maine, Gary experienced what life had to offer for 79 incredible years.

Surviving Gary are his son Bart I. McGraw, his wife Cheryl and grandchildren Aryn and Tristan McGraw; his daughter Kimberly McGraw Sabaka and her husband Alan; a brother Edward McGraw and wife Nancy; and an abundance of other wonderful family and friends.

He is predeceased by his father, Irwin M. McGraw, and mother, Hannah L. McGraw (Gerrish); and wife "Peggy" Elizabeth J. McGraw (Furrow).

At age 18, Gary unfortunately lost his father to brain cancer, then after graduating from Island Falls High School, he served in the Army from 1957 to 1963. Upon discharge from the Army he created a career in finance for himself. One of his greatest achievements was successfully running his own business, GEM Duraclean from 1981 to 1994.

Personal pursuits and interests were many including Scouting, both as a Cub Master and Scout Master, gardening and watching the Boston Celtics. A fantastic brother and father, Gary found pleasure in spending special moments with his grandchildren, watching movies-in particular those with John Wayne, taking trips around the country with his wife, camping with friends and family, and connecting with his best friend Jim Carville, of Lisbon, for weekly discussions of life, community, or what had happened at the local flea market.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at [www.lynchbrothers.com](http://www.lynchbrothers.com).

### NOTICE

McGraw- Died in Auburn on Friday, March 3, 2017. Mr. Gary E. age 79 a resident of

Casco. A Memorial Service honoring Gary's life will be held on Saturday at 7:00 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family is interested in continuing and expanding the scholarships created upon their mother Peggy's death and at this time donations can be sent to the McGraw family, c/o Bart McGraw P.O. Box 187 Orland, Maine 04472, so that others may enjoy learning, teaching and Scouting as much as Gary and Peggy! (McGrumpy and Graw). A Memorial gathering will be held on Saturday from 5-7 PM prior to the service at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, Lewiston 784-4023.

# Events

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**APR**   **Visitation**                      05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

**APR**   **Service**                              07:00PM - 08:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary E. McGraw.



March 31, 2017 at 11:13 AM

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“ So sad to learn that a wonderful cousin has passed away. Gary's dad was the oldest in his family and my dad was the youngest. I was fortunate in that I got to live with Peggy and Gary while I attended college in Bangor. Peggy was pregnant with Kimberly and I stayed with them so I could help out during her pregnancy. For many many years Gary loved telling the story of my unsuccessful attempt to make an oyster stew while Peggy was in the hospital with new baby Kimberly. He loved telling how he had to put his culinary talents to use salvaging what would otherwise have been a disaster of an oyster stew. Gary was an amazing husband and dad and an awesome cousin and I look back on those days in Hampden with a great fondness. He will be greatly missed. Bart and Kimberly you were so blessed to have such a great dad and my prayers are for you to cherish the moments you had with him.

Always, cousin Jennifer McGraw McCourt

**Jennifer McGraw McCourt** - March 31, 2017 at 10:53 AM