



## Mark W. McGinness

November 11, 2003 - May 26, 2025

West Townsend- Mark W. McGinness, 21, of West Townsend passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025.

Mark was born on November 11, 2003 in Boston and grew up in West Townsend. He was a graduate of North Middlesex Regional High School and completed an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts at Middlesex Community College, graduating as a Commonwealth Honors Student. Mark continued his education at UMass Amherst studying Sociology and was one semester shy of his Bachelor's degree in Sociology when he passed.

Mark had a natural curiosity about people, cultures, and societies which led to him to study sociology and developed his desire to work to solve challenging social issues. Mark volunteered all through high school as part of the NOLA service-learning program. In 2019, Mark completed the Model United Nations Diplomat Program held at Harvard University. While at Middlesex, he volunteered at the MCC Law Center, a community mediation center.

Mark was an avid skier all his life and in high school was a member of the varsity Bromfield & North Middlesex Alpine Ski Team. He also excelled at track and was a member of the North Middlesex Regional Track & Field team. In addition, Mark had a deep appreciation for music and played the saxophone. Mark had a gentle heart and a special bond with the family cats,

who were always part of his life.

Mark will be remembered as a kind and thoughtful person who wanted to make the world a better place, and he will be dearly missed.

He leaves his mother, Noreen McGinness Olson and his step-father, Matthew of West Townsend; his father, Mark McGinness and his step-mother, Chrissy of Watertown; two brothers, Matthew McGinness of Leominster and William McGinness of Watertown; his sister, Teehan McGinness and her partner, Zachary Neuwirth of Somerville; his grandparents, Barbara and Richard Harty of North Hampton, New Hampshire, and Patricia Olson of Sterling. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Esther McGinness and William McGinness. He is also survived by many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

A private celebration of Mark's life will be held at a future date. The Anderson Funeral Home 250 Main St., Townsend is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers you can make a contribution in Mark's name to the following organizations:

Alternatives for Community & Environment: <https://ace-ej.org/>

Conservation Law Foundation: <https://www.clf.org/>

Environmental League of Massachusetts: <https://www.environmentalleague.org/>

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ I was friends with Mark through Cross Country in high school. Loved doing sports with him, he'd always light up everyone's day. One of the funniest people I've ever known. I'm so sorry for your loss, he'll be greatly missed.

*Roman*



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**Roman DeLorenzo** - June 15, 2025 at 12:48 PM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathy Noreen to you & your family. We were so saddened to hear this. We remember your family fondly from our days together at St Michael School when our children were in kindergarten together.

*With our sympathy,*

*The McKenna's*

*Jay & Marianne, Walter, Elly & Paddy.*

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**Marianne McKenna** - June 12, 2025 at 11:56 AM

EM

“ Noreen, Matthew, Teehan, Matthew. & William,  
We are very sorry for your loss and deeply saddened. Mark was  
always so kind and incredibly funny and we always considered him  
part of our family. He will be missed so much!  
Eileen, Jack, Brendan & Nicholas



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**Eileen Moran** - June 09, 2025 at 11:33 PM

FA

“ Dear Mark & Will, we are so sorry to hear about this. This is  
heartbreaking and such a tremendous loss to you, Mark, as the dad,  
and to Will, as his little brother. We are comforted by the knowledge  
that you shared a lot of memories with Marky that will always be  
with you. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. Take care  
and let us know if there is anything we can do.

*Faye and Bunny*

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**Faye** - June 06, 2025 at 09:58 PM

JM

“ So sorry, Mark. This is just so heartbreaking. No parent should ever have to endure outliving a child, much less one named after you. I remember when he was very young, Matthew had received a gift and little Mark was so happy for him! His grandmother was quite proud that night, her little grandson being so thoughtful. They're together now.

John McGinness - June 06, 2025 at 08:11 PM

AH

“ Noreen and Matthew- so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Alison Handy - June 06, 2025 at 11:34 AM

LP

“ Growing up alongside Teehan, with Mark and Matthew as bonus siblings, was truly a blessing. Your family has always been full of music, laughter, and joy. One of my favorite memories with Mark was when we got stuck in a blizzard in the Prius (it probably wasn't that big, but it felt huge at the time), and Mark and I played tic-tac-toe in the backseat. Watching the friendship between Mark and Tay grow alongside the one Teehan and I share is something I'm incredibly grateful for. I will always remember Mark as the jokey, silly, fedora-wearing little brother. Love you all and sending hugs. ❤️



Lexi Poindexter - June 04, 2025 at 08:38 PM

AH

*Noreen and Matthew, so sorry to hear about your loss. My thought and prayers to you both and your family.*

Alison Handy - June 06, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JA

“ *My condolences Noreen/Mat. I'm so sorry to hear about this. My love and prayers to you guys and the family*



*Janine Daunais*

JanineDaunais - June 04, 2025 at 01:12 PM

GD

“ *Gabriela & Dionys purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mark W. McGinness.*



Gabriela & Dionys - June 04, 2025 at 12:44 PM

GD

“ *Gabriela & Dionys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. McGinness.*

Gabriela & Dionys - June 04, 2025 at 12:44 PM

SB

“ *Sending love. Mark was such a nice kid. I know my boys enjoyed knowing him through skiing, track and NOLA. I am sorry that you have to endure this loss.*

*Sue Boswell and Family*

Sue Boswell - June 04, 2025 at 12:44 PM

LJ

“ Love Brendan, Nicholas, Eileen & Jack purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark W. McGinness.



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**Love Brendan, Nicholas, Eileen & Jack** - June 03, 2025 at 05:23 PM

LJ

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**Love Brendan, Nicholas, Eileen & Jack** - June 03, 2025 at 05:23 PM

AR

“ Angela and Roneld purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark W. McGinness.



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**Angela and Roneld** - June 03, 2025 at 04:44 PM

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“ Angela and Roneld planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. McGinness.

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**Angela and Roneld** - June 03, 2025 at 04:44 PM

BB

“ I will always remember my first memories of you was quizzing you for your spelling tests in the car back when you were so little 💕 and all the fun dinners and things I've gotten to enjoy with you your family over the last decade 💜 hoping you are at peace love ❤️



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**bailey breen** - June 03, 2025 at 01:58 PM