



Mr. Joseph H. McGauley

August 31, 1951 - June 6, 2021

Joseph Harold McGauley, 69 of Lenox, formerly of Swampscott, MA., died Thursday, June 3rd at Tuft's Medical Center in Boston with his loving partner and friends by his side.

Born in Queens, NY., and raised on Long Island, he was a graduate of Uniondale High School, class of 1969.

Joe earned a B.A. degree from SUNY Albany followed by a MM degree from Yale University School of Music where he studied with the renowned Joseph Silverstein

He was an Associate Concert Master of the Boston Ballet and Opera Orchestras prior to joining the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1978, where he spent 32 years playing his beloved Venetian violin, made in 1732 by Sanctus Seraphin, until his retirement in 2010.

He was a faculty member of Boston Conservatory, N.E. Conservatory Prep Division, the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, as well as the Boston University Tanglewood Institute.

Joseph is survived by his life time partner, Robby J. Wallace of Lenox, a sister; Loretta Esposito (Joseph), and a brother; Daniel F. McGauley (Margaret) all of Nesconset, NY.

He was pre-deceased by his brother, Thomas J. McGauley and his mother Alice M. McGauley.

The funeral for Mr. Joseph H. McGauley will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 10:30am at Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Tufts Medical Center in recognition of the exceptional care Joe received there and/or The Petsmart Charities at petsmartcharities.com both in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 9. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Burial

JUN 9. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery
Housatonic Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe was my violin teacher for a few years when I was a teenager, helping me get into college to continue studying music. I lived in Lenox and when the summers were over, my dad drove me to Swamscott each week to have a lesson. These weekly lessons were my favorite days of the week. He was so talented, patient, caring and strict. I learned so much from him and will be forever grateful for the time we spent together. He even played the violin at my dad's funeral when I was 19. My dad (Thor Steinert) loved Joe. In recent years we reconnected, now as an adult. I was able to see and appreciate how funny he was and his stories often brought tears of laughter. He was quite the unique story teller. I really loved Joe and am so happy I was able to see him again recently. I was stunned to learn of his passing and will truly miss him.

Kari Steinert - June 12, 2021 at 05:07 PM

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“ I knew Joe from BU days and was part of the group that hung together including Gerry Elias, Susy Light, and Denise Doolan. Joe was one of the funniest people I had met, and our friendship stuck over the years. I knew his mother, and then later we learned that we each had a unique family history and had to dig to find it. Joe was blessed to know that he had siblings, yet I don't believe he ever found who his father was. But he was always the optimist and understood he had many blessings in his life.

He was a great teacher, and my son, now a violist benefitted beyond measure with Joe's tutelage.

He was a friend who really was a friend, and even when friendships ebb and flow over the years, any time we talked it was as if we had spoken the week before, and we'd laugh harder than ever.

Thank you Joe for being a great friend.

Tony Beadle

Tony Beadle - June 09, 2021 at 12:20 PM

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“ Joe had been our next door neighbor for over 25 years. He was the perfect neighbor. Friendly conversation out in the yard, always a wave hello as he passed by and so respectful of everyone else. Often in the summer we would hear Joe practice his craft treating us with the sounds of the violin as we sat on our porch. Joe had dogs which fit right in for this neighborhood. Sometimes ours would get loose and Joe would Shepard them home. We'll miss you Joe.

Kathy and Chuck Koscher

chuck koscher - June 08, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph H. McGauley.*



June 07, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *Lesley Cefalo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph H. McGauley*



lesley cefalo - June 07, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *I worked at the Boston Symphony where I met Joe and we shared a 30+ year friendship ever since. He was one of the funniest, kindest, caring and most loving men I have ever known. He was always there for me to listen and offer kind words and advice when I needed it and I did the same for him. We always referred to our relationship as "Will and Grace" and words cannot express how much I miss him. I was blessed to have met many of his friends and family over the years and also his loving partner Robby and my deepest sympathies go out to them. I will carry you, my "Will" in my heart forever with all my love and one day we will see each other again.*

Lesley Ann Cefalo ("aka Grace")

lesley cefalo - June 07, 2021 at 01:28 PM