



Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.

June 20, 1942 - December 24, 2024

Patrick McGovern, Sr. departed this world on December 24, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and cherished memories.

The second of six children, Patrick was born from the union of Calvin and Elzadia (Evans) McGovern in Picayune, Mississippi, on June 20, 1942.

Patrick married Evelyn (Wooten) in 1992, sharing 32 years of a loving and devoted partnership. Together they raised twin sons, Jawain and Cawain Swint. Earlier in his life, Patrick married Mary Lee (Farley), and their union was blessed with four children: Teresa, Diahann, Patricia, and Patrick.

As a teenager, Patrick attended Northeastern High School, where he excelled both academically and athletically, showcasing his skills on the school's football team. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served his country with distinction, playing a pivotal role during the Cuban Missile Crisis as a sailor aboard the U.S.S. Charles Cecil.

He started his professional career in the City of Detroit as a pipefitter at Mistersky Power Station and rose to the rank of General Manager until his retirement. After his employment with the City of Detroit, he began a second career with the City of Saginaw in 1986. He initially served as the Plant Maintenance Supervisor with the Water Treatment Department, where he also

supervised 9 remote pumping stations. In 1988, he advanced his career by joining the Streets and Rubbish Department, where he was later promoted to Superintendent of the Streets and Bridges Division, managing 70 employees. In this role, he planned, directed, administered, and supervised general service activities related to solid waste management, street cleaning, snow and ice control, pavement maintenance, bridge repair, parks and ground maintenance, and the operation and maintenance of motor equipment. His contributions supported the overall goals and objectives of the City of Saginaw until his retirement in 2001. Additionally, he played a pivotal role in designing, developing, and overseeing the operations of the City's 4.2-acre compost site in the early 1990s.

In 2007, Patrick co-founded and co-chaired One Saginaw, a group of Saginaw residents dedicated to advocating for change and supporting the election of a new city council majority.

Patrick McGovern had many hobbies, including storytelling, golfing, riding his motorcycle, and traveling. However, his favorite pastime was sailing on his beloved sailboat, Rapture. He frequently traveled from Bay City to Tawas, Michigan, where his boat was docked.

His religious beliefs were Methodist, shaped during his spiritual conversion.

Patrick leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife, Evelyn McGovern (Wooten), and children, Jawain (Celestia) and Cawain Swint; his former wife, Mary Lee (Farley), and their children, Teresa, Diahann, Patricia, and Patrick (Au Lisa) McGovern, Jr.; his sister, Maxine; his grandchildren, Ashley, Alexis, Maeko, Patrick Andrew, Jonathan, Izaiah, Marcelino, Elon, and Jamison; his great-grandchildren, Alleyah, Matthew, Nathan, and Amirah; and a host of beloved nieces and nephews.

Patrick McGovern, Sr. was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin

McGovern and Elzadia McGovern (Evans), and his siblings, Daniel, Lucindia, Elnora, and Jonathon.

The family will greet guests at a 10:00 a.m. family hour. A memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Minister Patrick McGovern, Jr. will officiate.

Previous Events

Family Hour

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.*



Browne's Mortuary - January 11, 2025 at 10:37 AM

MC

Condolences from Marvin & Tracey Carr, sorry we were not able to attend. Stay Encouraged

Marvin L Carr - January 20, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ *Prayers for you Evelyn and your family* ❤️



Phyllis Thorne - February 24 at 09:06 PM

LB

“ *Evelyn
So sorry for your loss. I am praying for your family. I will try seeing you when I return to Saginaw. Take one day at a time
Lesa McClain Betts*

Lesa Betts - January 10, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..



January 10, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..

January 10, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ Patrick and Sandra (Michele) Evangelista purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..



Patrick and Sandra (Michele) Evangelista - January 09, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ Patrick and Sandra (Michele) Evangelista planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..

Patrick and Sandra (Michele) Evangelista - January 09, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..*



January 09, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..

January 09, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..*



January 09, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..*



January 09, 2025 at 12:04 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your loss as I will always remember him as Uncle Pat.



Lisa McGovern - January 09, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..



January 08, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..

January 08, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..



January 08, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..



January 08, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr..

January 08, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Marilyn Dixon* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Marilyn Dixon - January 08, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *Oscar And Alice (Rainey) Wilson Jr.* sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Oscar and Alice (Rainey) Wilson Jr. - January 08, 2025 at 09:11 AM

KW

“ *Kemeshia Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.*



Kemeshia Walker - January 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM

ML

“ *Mary J Givan Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.*



Mary J Givan Lewis - January 07, 2025 at 05:20 PM

AJ

“ *Amelia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.*



Amelia Johnson - January 06, 2025 at 07:47 AM

DR

“ *Debbie Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.*



Debbie Rogers - January 06, 2025 at 12:01 AM

SH

“ Sam&Kim Harrold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Sam&Kim Harrold - January 05, 2025 at 11:22 PM



“ Rosie L Diggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Rosie L Diggs - January 05, 2025 at 05:45 PM

SH

“ Sam&Kim Harrold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Sam&Kim Harrold - January 05, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ Ramona Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Ramona Palmer - January 04, 2025 at 12:01 PM

FD

“ Fred And Marilyn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Fred and Marilyn Dixon - January 04, 2025 at 09:50 AM

FD

“ Fred & Marilyn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Fred & Marilyn Dixon - January 04, 2025 at 09:41 AM

LS

“ Evelyn and family. I was sorry to hear about Patrick. He was a wonderful man and will be missed. My prayers and condolences to you and your family.

Lisa Stephen

Lisa Stephen - January 03, 2025 at 06:59 PM

PF

“ Patricia Franklin-Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Patricia Franklin-Lindsey - January 02, 2025 at 08:00 PM

MS

“ *My prayers and condolence goes out to the family*



Margie Shakespeare - January 02, 2025 at 03:31 PM

TP

“ *Toni Pringle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.*



Toni Pringle - January 02, 2025 at 07:27 AM

TP

“ *Toni Pringle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.*



Toni Pringle - January 02, 2025 at 07:26 AM

CB

“ *Clint Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.*



Clint Bryant - January 01, 2025 at 10:20 PM

ML

“ Sending our Deepest Condolences to you and your family God Bless you All Love you 🙏❤️
Love
John & Mary J Givan Lewis ❤️



Mary J Givan Lewis - January 01, 2025 at 07:42 PM

WH

“ Walter/Dorothy Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Walter/Dorothy Harris - January 01, 2025 at 06:57 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Evelyn Culberson - December 31, 2024 at 03:48 PM

VH

“ Vanessa HumesJohnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Vanessa HumesJohnson - December 31, 2024 at 10:08 AM

TD

“ Tina Dady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Tina Dady - December 30, 2024 at 11:17 AM

SJ

“ Sheila D. Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Sheila D. Jenkins - December 30, 2024 at 11:15 AM

VF

“ Valerie Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Valerie Foster - December 30, 2024 at 11:13 AM

JW

“ Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook - December 29, 2024 at 06:04 PM

RC

“ Rose Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Rose Coleman - December 29, 2024 at 11:34 AM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Judge Terry L. Clark - December 29, 2024 at 07:18 AM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Sam and Deborah Mack - December 29, 2024 at 01:08 AM

EC

“ Eric Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Eric Collins - December 28, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ Evelyn and family please accept sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. Praying for you.



Phyllis Thorne - December 28, 2024 at 10:24 PM

SW

“ My brother in law was a good guy, he loved his family, and he was a man of wisdom. He will be missed.



Sandra Wooten - December 28, 2024 at 03:04 PM

RC

“ Rose Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Rose Coleman - December 27, 2024 at 11:39 AM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Judge Terry L. Clark - December 27, 2024 at 10:56 AM

SW

“ My brother in law, don't have to deal with his pain no more, rest on Pat,rest on. 🙏🙏🙏

Sandra Wooten - December 27, 2024 at 10:09 AM

BC

“ Bobby And Debta Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Bobby and Debta Cork - December 27, 2024 at 08:41 AM

BB

“ Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Belinda Barlow-Poole - December 26, 2024 at 10:25 PM

RC

“ Rose Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Patrick McGovern Sr.



Rose Coleman - December 26, 2024 at 08:05 PM