



## Arthur K. McCormack

February 29, 1924 - May 26, 2016

Arthur K. McCormack, 92, of Pocantico Hills, passed away peacefully at his home on May 26, 2016. Art was born to Alfred and Gertrude McCormack on Friday, February 29th, in the leap year of 1924. Raised in Yonkers, New York, he attended St. Denis Elementary School before enrolling in a preparatory program at Cathedral College. After high school, he spent two years at Dunwoodie Seminary and then completed his undergraduate work at Manhattan College, obtaining a degree in political science. Art worked at Eastern Airlines, where he quickly rose through the ranks of ticket agent, supervisor and trainer to the position of manager at the East Side Terminal. After completing a masters program at Fordham University in 1966, Art became a member of the Social Studies Department at Fordham Preparatory School. In addition to his teaching duties, Art was the Director of Admissions, Financial Aid coordinator, and performed various other roles throughout his tenure. He was the first faculty representative elected to the Board of Trustees, on which he served from 1970 to 1996 including 20 years as the Board secretary. Art's career at the Prep spanned 44 years, and he was inducted into the school's Hall of Honor in 2009. In addition to impacting the lives of those he taught, he served his community as an active parishioner of The Church of the Magdalene, as a member of the Rescue Hose Fire Department where he was a chief, at the Pocantico Hills Fire Department where he served as president, and as a long time member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's. Art is predeceased by his wife Regina (2013), and is

survived by his five children: Sean (Marina), Kevin (Mary Anne), Kerry (Paul), Maureen, and Artie (Gina) as well as seven grandchildren: Colleen, Kevin Barry, Emily, Matthew, Madeline, Thomas, and William. His family is grateful for the wonderful care and friendship provided to him by Emmanuel Gariba. Visiting hours will be at the Dwyer and Vanderbilt Funeral Home in Tarrytown on Monday, May 30th from 4:00-8:00. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 31st at 11:00 at the Church of the Magdalene, Pocantico Hills, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fordham Preparatory School at 441 East Fordham Rd., Bronx, NY 10458 to establish a scholarship fund in the memory of Arthur K. McCormack.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I don't know if any of the family will still be checked nag this guestbook , but I thought I'd try to reach out to you. I didn't know Art had passed in May. I am in NY on my yearly family visit from Florida and took a ride past the Willard house where I saw a dumpster in the driveway. My heart sunk as I surmised the reality of the scene. You know I loved your mother dearly, and I always had wonderful visits with your dad. I have also lost both my parents, and I send prayers of comfort to you as I know this stage of our lives is so difficult. I will always remember the McCormick family and the loving stories told to me by your mom and dad.

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**Charlene Cook Bisordi** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

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“ To the McCormack Family:  
Art was a truly compassionate and understanding father and mentor to me, oftentimes helping me through my personal challenges with my own father in those days. I still see his eyes narrowing at me as I recounted my experiences, asking me the tough and pertinent questions regarding my own situation: how do I break through? What can I do differently? Where is the common ground? He was a Light to me, and so many others of course, and I thank him. Perhaps he was the way he was to me because Kerry and I were classmates and he could relate on that level so much more easily. Kerry, wherever you are, I still remember. My memory is so faded now that I honestly can't remember if I ever had him for homeroom or a class but all the other things remain etched in my mind. Thank you, Art.

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**Alan Pfister** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

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“ *Mr. McCormack was a true role model and unsung hero. He positively affected the lives of so many young men at the Prep, I was honored and fortunate to know him. I send my condolences to his entire family and May he Rest in Peace.*

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**Jim Salerno ('83)** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

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“ *One of the finest I knew at Fordham Prep. Art was the person to go to if you needed any historical information and he always took the time to explain. May he rest in peace.*

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**Pat Walsh** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM