



McGRATH, Louis White

August 18, 1950 - May 16, 2024

McGrath, Louis White, born August 18, 1950, passed away May 16, 2024 in Plant City, FL. He was the youngest son of Leslie “Mac” McGrath and Hester McGrath. Lou’s oldest brother, Les (Mona) survives him. Lou is also survived by his son, Mac, and daughter-in-law Geselle; and his cherished grand twins, Asher and Nahlia. Lou was a loving father and “Papa” to many, and an extraordinary storyteller and Plant City historian who never met a stranger. Lou was a Realtor who loved all things real estate, beginning his career in the early 1970s with Hazel Downs, later joining with Dave McCarthy in the management of a local ERA franchise, before opening Lou McGrath Realty. With many ventures, and adventures along the way, he and his friend and mentor, Tommy Poppell, launched McGrath Poppell and Company, now owned by Lou’s son, Mac. With his sense of humor and infectious laugh, Lou was loved by many and will be missed by the countless lives he touched during his remarkable journey through life, R.I.P. Lou. The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 1 from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Hillsborough County Cattlemen’s Association, 6404 South County Road 39, Plant City. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association
6404 South County Road 39
Plant City, FL 33567

Tribute Wall

PA

“ I am so very sad to read this! Lou was very good friends with my brother, Danny Gardner, and our family. My brother passed away in 1991 due to pancreatic cancer. Lou was one of the first ones at my Mom and Dad's door to offer his condolences and talk about the good ole days. He also was right there at my door for me when my Mom and Dad passed away. Lou was a very caring and good man in all ways. He will truly be missed! Rest in peace, Lou! See you when I get there. With Love, Peggy Gardner Adams

Peggy Adams - July 08, 2024 at 09:22 PM

GK

“ This world is a bit dimmer without your bright light my fine friend...I will see you on that other shore by and by....save me a seat at your storytelling table brother....you laugh will be music to my ears! RIP Brother

Gary Keeler - June 02, 2024 at 10:29 AM

SM

“ Sean M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of McGRATH, Louis White.

Sean M. - May 31, 2024 at 05:03 PM

JL

“ Praying for peace for all. Louis will be missed.

Jenni Lytle - May 31, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DP

“ Enjoyed working with Lou for several years. You were the best boss I ever had in 50 years. You will be missed. RIP! Don Phillips

DON PHILLIPS - May 31, 2024 at 10:26 AM

DT

“ R.I.P. Louis my friend. The mold has been broke. Missing you already. Will miss you the rest of my days. Danny Tillman

Danny Tillman - May 28, 2024 at 02:00 PM

LM

“ Many thanks to all who have used their words of sympathy, condolences and memories of Lou. He and our brother Bill were great life long brothers. We shared many good family times together. He always looked for the best possible things in any situation.

One time I remember when our mom took Lou with her to visit her good friend who lived just a few blocks away. Her name was Clementine.

An entertainer and comedian named Red Skelton who was on TV at that time liked to use fun names for characters in his skits. A couple of those names were Klemkadiddlehopper and Freddie the freeloader.

So Lou said he would always remember that name for Clementine and she said she would remember him as Louie the freeloader.

Those were good times.

Les McGrath

L. H. McGrath - May 23, 2024 at 11:46 AM

PW

“ SUCH A LOSS FROM A FUNNY MAN TOO SOON . WILL CERTAINLY MISS YOU AT OUR GET- TOGETHERS, LOVE YOU , RICHARD & PHYLLIS WILLIAMS ~



PHYLLIS WILLIAMS - May 22, 2024 at 10:18 PM

JW

“ *Very saddened by the news that my dear friend Lou has passed. Lou was always so full of life that it is hard to believe that bright light is no longer among us, no longer telling us stories but never finishing them because he would become convulsed with laughter before he could get to the punch line. I have never known a kinder, more generous, more loving person. Lou and I have been friends since grade school and the memories we shared of good times, adventures and misadventures growing up are priceless to me. I offer my condolences to his family and to the many friends who loved him. He will be terribly missed by all who had the privilege of sharing this life with him. So sorry to see you go Lou.*

Jeff Weeks - May 21, 2024 at 08:13 PM

PH

“ *When we were kids, Louis and I played together when ever he visited his grandmother Bert White. One time his grandmother took us to the Beach house near Bradenton. In the 50's they tore down a school building to build(I think) the new post office on Reynolds. My dad salvaged some blackboards and put them up in the garage. Louis and I had a great time playing school!*

Peggy Hays - May 21, 2024 at 05:08 PM

SP

“ I first met Lou in 1969, shortly after moving to Tampa from Kentucky. I was playing in a band, and our equipment manager, Ted Green, introduced us. Ted and Lou were life-long friends and I think between Lou, Ted and Robert Ambrose I was introduced to the entire who's who of Plant City at the time. Lou was a good friend, always smiling, having good things to say and doing anything for anyone. He helped me out more times than I can remember. Even after I moved away in late '72, every time I came back to town, Lou and I would have a chance to visit. I will never forget Lou; throughout the hard times he had to endure in his last years, he would still laugh and tell his stories. I know they broke the mold; there will never be another Louis McGrath. My heartfelt condolences to his family and his many good friends.

Stoddard Pickrell - May 21, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ We will meet on the other side and "Ride Around and Be Somebody"...Love ya buddy

Philip Watts - May 20, 2024 at 01:15 PM

LM

“ Lou loved life and he loved people. He had many friends and I don't know of anyone who didn't like him. No matter what life threw his way, he was always smiling and cheerful. He was a prolific storyteller and every one I ever heard was hilarious. He touched a lot of lives and made a lot of people happy. Reunions will not be the same without him, but through our fond memories, the impact he made on each of us will never fade. Rest in peace my friend! Thoughts and prayers 🙏 for his family.

Linda Money Mitchell - May 19, 2024 at 11:49 PM

VG

“ *What a funny loveable guy with the BEBEST stories ever. Many hard to belbelieve but mostly true. He will be mmissed in Plant City!*

vonda gainey - May 19, 2024 at 07:35 PM

VG

“ *Vonda Gainey lit a candle in memory of McGRATH, Louis White*



vonda gainey - May 19, 2024 at 07:32 PM

GH

“ *Loved Lou's infectious laugh. He will be greatly missed by many. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.* 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Ginger Hall Houck - May 19, 2024 at 07:14 PM

RA

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Robert Ambrose - May 19, 2024 at 01:46 PM

RA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robert Ambrose - May 19, 2024 at 01:41 PM

GK

Partners in crime!....lol

Gary Keeler - March 11, 2025 at 03:37 PM

RA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robert Ambrose - May 19, 2024 at 01:40 PM

RA

Lou & Robert

robert Ambrose - May 19, 2024 at 05:46 PM

RA

“ To share my memories of Louis would require me to share my life story. Lou has been my best friend my entire life. I know in time the ache in my heart will ease, the void in my life will be impossible to fill.

Rest in peace my dear friend. I love you.

Robert Ambrose

Robert Ambrose - May 19, 2024 at 01:02 PM

GM

*Robert I know your heart is breaking. You & Lou were joined at the hip since little boys. He loved you so very much. What great memories & those pics are the cutest ever. My heart is aching too & he'll always have a place in my heart. There was only one "Lou" & there will never be another like him. You both were blessed to have each other for so many years. Sending my love & hugs,
Glenda*

Glenda McNary - May 26, 2024 at 02:13 PM

DD

“ Lou indeed had an infectious Laugh. The Lou I knew was guy who loved and appreciated his friends. He would call from time to time just to catch and reminisce.

He left many with fond memories; Lou McGrath will be missed. Rest in Peace my Friend

Danny Downs - May 19, 2024 at 11:48 AM

EJ

“ Lou was such a good friend. We first knew each other through our mothers. Then were friends all through Tomlin and PCHS class of 68. We renewed our friendship at each class reunion. I loved hearing his stories and memories of our childhood. He will be missed.

Elaine Chisolm Johnson - May 19, 2024 at 09:13 AM

RJ

“ *The greatest story teller and friend is gone RIP.* ”

Randy Joyce - May 19, 2024 at 08:22 AM