



## Dennis J. McGrady

December 27, 1948 - October 26, 2023

Dennis J. McGrady, 74, of Noblesville, formerly of Hartford City, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at home.

He was born on December 27, 1948, in New Castle, Indiana, a son of the late John and Aileen (Dennis) McGrady.

Denny was a 1967 graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School and attended Ball State University. On August 9, 1969, he married the love of his life, Sue Thompson. From an early age, Denny loved flying and soloed on his 16th birthday. He served 25 years as Vice President of Pyromet Inc. and Chief Corporate Pilot for Ontario Corporation in Muncie. For the past 25 years, Denny was Executive Vice President, a member of the board of directors, and a pilot at Tube Processing in Indianapolis, retiring in February 2022.

Denny also served as President of the Shamrock Lakes Town near Hartford City and President of the Blackford Country Club. He was a member of the Parish Council of St. John's Parish in Hartford City, The Knights of Columbus, and the Noblesville Moose Lodge #540.

Denny loved to play golf and feed the donkeys on the family farm treats, but his greatest love was spending time with his grandchildren.

Those left to cherish Denny's memory include his loving wife of 54 years, Sue McGrady; son, John P. McGrady of Scottsdale, AZ; daughter, Kim (Ron) Hanson of Noblesville; three grandchildren, Samantha Hanson, Mallory Hanson, and Ellie McGrady; three sisters, Sheila (Dick) Bolduc of Hartford City, Maureen (Marty) Talbott of Noblesville, and Denise Van Brunt of Pendleton; sister-in-law, Becki McGrady of New Castle; mother-in-law, Grace Thompson of Sebring, FL; brothers-in-law, Brad (Lynn) Thompson, Eric (Cheryl) Thompson, and Greg Reid all of Florida, and Scott (Kristia) Purcell of Virginia; a sister-in-law, Joetta Pitts of Greenwood, and several loving nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Denny was preceded in death by a brother, Pat McGrady; two brothers-in-law, Craig Van Brunt and Steve Thompson; his mother-in-law, Mary Purcell, and father-in-law, Sam Thompson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Father Robert Williams officiating. Burial will follow in St. Anne Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 – 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour before the funeral on Tuesday.

Memorial Contributions may be offered to the St. Anne Cemetery Fund, 102 N. 19th St. New Castle, IN 47362. You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Dennis J. McGrady.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anne Catholic Cemetery

271 W. County Road 50 N.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ I was so surprised to hear of Denny's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Sue and the entire family. John and Aileen were best friends with my parents, and they raised our families together in New Castle. I was always envious of Dennis because I always wanted to be a pilot and Dennis actually became one! Our two lives went separate ways after graduating high school, but our parents stayed in New Castle and remained close friends. My mother talked to Aileen on a regular basis even after they could no longer get out to see each other. My mother passed away in May of this year, and it was nice to see Becki at the funeral. It brought back so many memories. May Denny rest in peace among the clouds and lives he touched.

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**Jerry Rhoades** - November 26, 2023 at 06:19 PM

SM

*Thank you for the kind words. Yes they were great friends.*

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**Sue McGrady** - December 03, 2023 at 02:19 PM

DA

“ Denny was a kind and caring individual. As I didn't know him personally but professionally he was always supportive and eager to teach others about what he was passionate about. Thank you Denny for all the support and a professional friendship, you will be missed.  
Dan A

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**Dan A** - October 31, 2023 at 09:49 PM

AB

“ Anna B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

Anna B. - October 31, 2023 at 07:16 PM

TM

“ I spent many fun times with Denny at the Park where his Dad was the Superintendent. My father, Phil "Buster" Morris was a cousin to Denny's Father John McGrady. I am very sorry for your loss and I will always remember Denny as a great cousin. Tom Morris

Tom Morris - October 31, 2023 at 06:16 PM

GR

“ Denny and Sue, his parents and siblings have been a part of my life since the 1960's. I have many fond memories of Memorial Park and my flying lessons with Denny. A good man, gone too soon. May God's Grace comfort you all.  
Love, Gary and Karen Rose

Gary Rose - October 31, 2023 at 08:56 AM

LB

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the McGrady family. I had the honor of being a colleague of Denny's at Ontario Corporation and was on numerous flights as he expertly piloted the aircraft. He then transitioned to a successful career at Pyromet Industries. Denny was a great guy, with a magnetic personality and wonderful sense of humor. That's how I will remember him.

Larry Black - October 31, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ Denny was a great person in every respect. It has saddened Sinuard and me to learn of his passing. May peace and comfort be with the members of his family who survive. Most thankful and blessed were those of us with whom him you shared him. Joe and Sinuard Castlo

Joe & Sinuard Castelo - October 30, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



October 30, 2023 at 08:53 PM

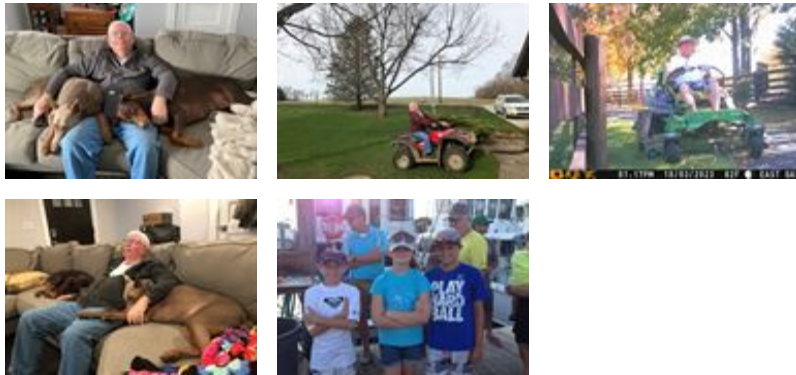


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

October 30, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - October 30, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 30, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 30, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.*

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October 30, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 30, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 30, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sue, John & Kim, I was so sorry to hear of Denny's passing. I know that he was so proud of his family as he always kept me up to date as to what was going on in John's & Kim's lives after they had left home. He was always cheerful, friendly and really a joy to have in our office and our staff enjoyed hearing the latest jokes he had to tell us. We will be praying for God's comfort and blessing as you face the coming days. God bless you! Dr. Ron & Karyl Wolf*

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**Ron Wolf** - October 30, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 30, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Very sad to hear of Dennis' passing. My condolences to the family and colleagues at Tube Processing. Dennis was one of the most genuine and kind people I've ever met. He will be dearly missed. Warmest regards  
Andrew Robinson*

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**Andrew Robinson** - October 30, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 30, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Andrew R. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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**Andrew R.** - October 30, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Andrew R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.*

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**Andrew R.** - October 30, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 30, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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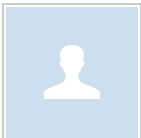
October 30, 2023 at 05:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

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October 29, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 29, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss it's always to soon..  
Warmest regards,  
Martha & Dale Inman*

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**martha Inman** - October 29, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



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October 29, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



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October 29, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Mike M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.*

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**Mike M.** - October 29, 2023 at 05:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



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October 29, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



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October 29, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



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October 29, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



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October 29, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Monique C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

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**Monique C.** - October 29, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

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October 28, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



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October 28, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



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October 28, 2023 at 05:12 PM

JH

“ One of the best decisions I have made was in 1986 when I agreed to work for Denny and Pyrometer Industries. Denny was the best boss anyone could imagine. He was such a good man. Darkness would disappear when Denny entered. He lit up the world, with his humor, reason and dedication. A truly remarkable man who left his mark on the world of aviation component repair.  
I will forever miss his beaming smile, his dialog, his mentorship, his professionalism, and most especially his friendship.  
To Sue and her family, I'm truly sorry for this tremendous loss. I pray God will pour out an enormous amount of His love, mercy and grace as you grieve the loss of this very remarkable man.  
In His Name and with His Love,  
Jerry Hearne

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**jerry hearne** - October 28, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ Fred A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

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**Fred A.** - October 28, 2023 at 04:06 PM

DV

“ Denise V. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

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**Denise V.** - October 28, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Solar Angel Statue to Send as Unique Sympathy Gift Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 28, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

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October 28, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Debbie Mike Stables lit a candle in memory of Dennis McGrady*



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**Debbie and Mike Stables** - October 28, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Gary and Karen Rose purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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**Gary and Karen Rose** - October 28, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis J. McGrady.

October 28, 2023 at 01:16 AM



“ Sue, Sissy, and John, please know Denny will be truly missed! You all have been loved and cherished friends for 45 years. Denny was Dad's best friend and partner in crime. A good man gone way too soon!

**Beth Wall** - October 27, 2023 at 08:47 PM



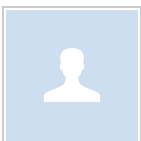
“ Denny will surely be missed! Know that you are all in our thoughts & prayers!

**Peggy & John Duffy** - October 27, 2023 at 08:33 PM



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October 27, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.



October 27, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis J. McGrady.*



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October 27, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ *R.I.P. Old Buddy, remember flying with you in our Senior year, what a Gentlemen and enjoyable person!*

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**Steve Manor** - October 27, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Denny, Sue, John, and Sissy have been a cherished part of our family for over 45 years. Denny was my dad's best friend and they had many great times together. Denny is the person who got me started in my Aviation Career, and he always believed in me, which I will be forever grateful. Our prayers go out to his family and friends. We've lost a good person.*

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**Chris Eppard** - October 27, 2023 at 01:50 PM