



# Steven R. McCarthy

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**M**r. Steven Raymond McCarthy, age 74, of Byron Center, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on October 5, 2016. He was born August 24, 1942 in Grand Rapids to Doris (Truax) and William McCarthy.

Steven proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, serving a tour in Vietnam. After an honorable discharge, he continued to serve his community as a police officer for more than two decades with the City of East Grand Rapids. Some of his accomplishments during his law enforcement career are, becoming a Road Patrol Sergeant, Firearms Rangemaster and Director of the Police Cadet Program. In 1988 he continued to serve his community in the private sector and opened his own business, Irish Eyes Protection Agency. He was also a very committed 32nd Degree Mason and Past Master of the Grand Haven Masonic Lodge #139.

In 1989, Steven met Correna Englund and the couple married in 2004 in Southfield, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Correna; children Terri (Mike) Emley, Steve (Renee) McCarthy, Tom (Jane) McCarthy, Corey (Elizabeth) Guigelaar, Shawn (Megan) Cash, and Tammy Cash; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Steven was preceded in death by his mother and father; son, Steven Johnathon; 2 brothers and 1 sister; and granddaughter, Bridgette Emley. Steven had many friends that lovingly referred to him as "Pa" or "Mac."

Services for Steven will be held at 2:00PM Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in Steven's name may be directed to the Easter Seals Adult Services in Southfield, Michigan or Heartland Hospice. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.vbkfuneralhome.com](http://www.vbkfuneralhome.com)



# Events

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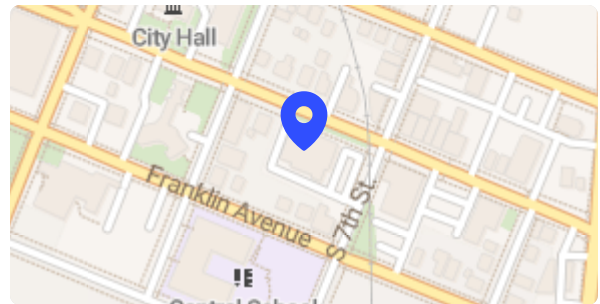
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, October 15, 2016

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **VBK Grand Haven Chapel**  
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven MI

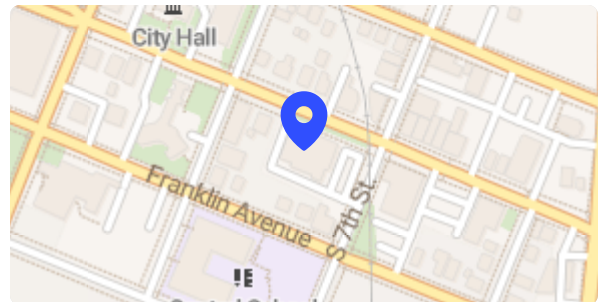


## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, October 15, 2016

 2:00 PM ET

 **VBK Grand Haven Chapel**  
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven MI





## Tribute Wall

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CG

**Corey Guigelaar** posted:

Dad, Sorry I wasn't there. I have several regrets, but missing a chance with you was the biggest.  
Corey

September 2 at 7:15 PM

CH

**Carol Heintzelman** posted:

My most constant memory of Steve was his unrelenting devotion to the uniform and badge he wore. I first met him when I worked for the District Court and he would appear for some court matter. In every conversation with him, his ever-serious demeanor let you know what he felt for the for the law and for his job to enforce it. When I went to work at EGR Police, I became more aware of his family and what they meant to him. I saw more of the personal side of Steve, but he was ALWAYS a cop, through and through. The fact his sons followed in his footsteps speaks volumes for the man he was. REST IN PEACE

October 14 at 5:23 AM

KS

**Kelly Sweezer** lit a candle in honor of Steven.

Steve was a warm, caring, and encouraging friend. I picture him baking and telling jokes in heaven :). I will think of him every time I make pizza, and try to replicate his famous pecan sandies! We will miss you Steve.



October 13 at 6:59 PM



**Amy Lynn** posted:

I worked with Correana and Steve at Dairy Queen. Steve was so much like my grandpa it was crazy. He always stood up for us when we had a particularly nasty customer and would rate how good my chocolate shakes i made him were. He'd speak his mind so frankly you never had to wonder if he liked you or not. I'll miss him more than anyone I've ever known for such a short time.

October 13 at 5:28 AM



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CR

**Courtney Russell** lit a candle in honor of Steven.

I can not think of a day that didn't involve you and Mac from my childhood. I absolutely loved being at the house with you guys and Tammy. Its so hard to believe that after all these years he is gone. He was such a wonderful man. And even though we have lost touch not a day goes by that one of those memories doesnt come to my thoughts. Im not sure I will make the service as Im having some spinal injections tomorrow but will try. Thinking of you today and always. Courtney Russell



October 13 at 5:25 AM

MT

**Melody Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Steven.

I used to work for Steve at Dairy Queen. He was like a grandpa to me. Both of my grandpa's had already passed away and being around Steve and how sweet and funny he was made me feel like he was my family. I remember one time he brought his famous banana bread to work, I have never had such amazing banana bread before! It was so good that he let me take it all home. 😊 My situation at the time felt hopeless, like it would never get any better, and Steve was able to make me feel like everything was going to be alright. Such a great man with so many stories! I missed him the day I moved away and miss him even more now.



October 13 at 3:20 AM



**Correna Mccarthy** lit a candle in honor of Steven.

October 12 at 9:05 PM



DR

**Diane Rismann** posted:

Steve and Correna lived next door to me for a while. GREAT neighbors! Steve was always ready to help me around my place! He and Correna helped me with puppies when I had a litter! We had a standing joke about butter.....and I cannot think of butter without thinking of Steve and his laughter and smiling eyes!!!! They often came and played with Lefty who became theirs. When he went to live with them, I knew what a wonderful home he had! Steve will be missed by many!!!!

October 11 at 5:30 PM



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**Tommy Brann** posted:

I hired Stevens Irish Eyes Protection Agency to come to my dads restaurant in Burton Heights and walk him out at closing. It was comforting to myself and my dad and he really liked Steve and his company. RIP Steven and thanks for comforting my dad. You kept serving even after being a police officer. Tommy Brann

October 11 at 2:37 PM



**Correna Mccarthy** October 12 at 9:03 PM

I remember Steve talking about the time he spent with your dad - he was honored to do so. Thank you for remembering.



**Mark Wessely** posted:

Mac, thanks for being there for us when we were kids you made a difference in our lives. May the Peace of the Lord be with you, Corenna and the entire family. We enjoyed our reunion, and praying with you. There is something very soothing in saying the Lords Prayer with true meaning. We should all take it to heart.

October 11 at 2:14 PM



**Your Dairy Queen Family, Amanda And Your Staff** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McCarthy family.



October 9 at 5:45 PM



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