



## Timothy "Tim" Patrick McGillen

August 29, 1946 - February 6, 2016

Timothy "Tim" Patrick McGillen 69, passed away February 6, 2016 at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, Ca. with his loving family by his side. He was born on August 29, 1946 in Philadelphia, Pa. He was a resident of Burgettstown and Canonsburg, Pa prior to moving to Santa Barbara, Ca. He was the son of the late Edmund McGillen and the late Leona Conrad. He was a graduate of Seton LaSalle High School and Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh Pa. Tim served in the US Marine Corp during the Vietnam War. He loved to play tennis and loved the Pittsburgh Steelers. Tim had a successful insurance agency in Washington, Pa. He was also a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Burgettstown, Pa. Tim was very excited for his new granddaughter Siena and enjoyed the small amount of time he got to spend with her. He leaves behind his devoted daughter, Christina (Tony) McGillen, granddaughter Siena Rae, and brother Terrence (Karen Ketchum) McGillen. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and sister , Patricia McGillen.

# Cemetery

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## Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave  
Santa Barbara, CA, 93110

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 08:00AM - 09:30AM

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Welch-Ryce-Haider Goleta  
450 Ward Dr., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93111

**FEB** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Raphael Catholic Church  
5444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93111

# Comments

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“ I remember Tim with fondness and appreciated his card offering kind words when I was hospitalized with cancer. He was a very kind man and will be missed. My condolences.

**Mary Ann Bucci** - February 11, 2016 at 05:26 PM

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“ I have been friends with Timothy P. McGillen for quite sometime. I never knew if the P stood for "party animal", "PittsburghStillerFan", or "Philadelphia I was born there". We went on a bus trip to see the Steelers play in Philadelphia. The bus pulled out at 7am and we all started partying. Every time he heard someone on the bus say "Philadelphia", he would yell out "that's my birthplace!" Still to this day whenever one of us say's Philadelphia we always say "Tim McGillen's birthplace!" He may have been born there and finished his life in Santa Barbara, but I think he would like to be remembered as a Pittsburgher. He loved this area and all the sports teams. I have to believe he is in heaven with his terrible towel and drinking a Baccardi and Coke after a tennis match. Anticipating the Penguins, Prates and the Steelers games to come and of course his beloved Saint Patrick's day.God Bless You Tim. We will all miss you.

**Jim Stetar** - February 11, 2016 at 04:16 PM

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“ I fondly remember visiting your house when Christina and I were children. Your dad always made us laugh so hard and I can see him dressed in green from head to toe yelling, Top o' the morning to ya when we went out for breakfast. He was a kind man that I will always remember fondly. I am so very sorry for your enormous loss. Sending all my love and prayers! Barbie Bittinger

**Barbie Bittinger Cumpston** - February 10, 2016 at 10:36 PM

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“ Tim gave me my very first real job out of high school which I will be forever grateful. He also entrusted me with his daughter, Christina, as I babysat her while he would played tennis. Although I haven't seen Tim in such a long time, I know he will be missed by many. May he rest in peace and may God bless his family and friends.

**Lorna Murphy Balmer** - February 10, 2016 at 06:21 PM

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“ C. J. D'Alesio, JR (skip) sent a virtual gift in memory of Timothy "Tim" Patrick McGillen



C. J. D'Alesio, JR (skip) - February 10, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ I am terribly sorry to hear of your loss. Although words can do so little, I want you to know that you have my deepest sympathy.

C. J. D'Alesio, JR (skip) - February 10, 2016 at 01:52 PM

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“ Laurie A Trettel lit a candle in memory of Timothy "Tim" Patrick McGillen



Laurie A Trettel - February 10, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ You have my sympathy. So sorry for your loss.

Laurie A Trettel - February 10, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ Tim was my Uncle by marriage to my Aunt Betty. Tim was a great companion to me, as a teenager. We played tennis and ping pong fairly often. He never let me win, which I liked. In the Summer of 1985 he loaned me his entire album collection, for me to record onto tape for him to listen to in the car. He had all the classic rock albums, which represented an advanced tutorial of the best music from the late sixties and seventies. One of those albums was Led Zeppelin IV. I remember the moment I put the needle down and heard the drum intro to "Rock & Roll. I knew immediately I had to make that sound. This caused me to develop a passion for the guitar, which I have carried with me ever since. I will always remember Uncle Tim for that. God bless.

Rich Bucci - February 10, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ I have known Tim for 33 years since my daughter Crystal and Cristina went to pre-school together. Tim would play with them and chase them around the house when Crystal visited. Tim was an excellent father and loved Christina with all his heart. He loved tennis and was very good at it. He was a hard worker and well respected man by many. He was very active and a nice friend to many. Crystal and Christina remain very close and the best of friends to this day. Sending many prayers and much love to Christina and the family. Susan Ramsey

**Susan Ramsey** - February 10, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ I am sorry Christina. Your Dad sure was a wonderful man. I will always cherish the memories I have of him. Prayers for you and family.

**Dina Diamond Williams** - February 10, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ I first met Tim at Monday night/Friday night tennis back in the late 90's on the SBCC courts. We hit it off immediately with Tim from Pittsburg and me from Philly. Around Christmas time he asked what I was doing for Christmas and I jokingly said "you should have a Christmas Party, Tim". Next thing I knew he was inviting me to his Christmas Party that he arranged for at Mulligans at the Santa Barbara Municipal Golf Course. Tim paid for everyone. About 50 guests. All the nicest folks you would ever want to meet.

Over the years we played a lot of tennis, drank a lot of beer and hung out at The Boathouse after tennis on Friday's and Sunday's at Adi's home in Hope Ranch. Tim always started the conversations with anyone new to Santa Barbara at the Boathouse. You would think he was running for Mayor. He was always asking where they were from and, of course, they had to hear his tales about the Steelers and Pirates and everything Pittsburg. Oh yeah, and Irish. Don't forget the Irish.

During all those years there was never a bad word between us. We just got along easily. Probably because we were both outstanding tennis players? Nah, that wasn't it. We both just enjoyed the Santa Barbara climate and the fabulous people we met along the way in this corner of the earth we've called "home".

So farewell, Tim, we'll meet again all too soon. You've been a great friend.

George Umholtz

**George Umholtz** - February 11, 2016 at 02:12 PM