

Scotia-Glenville Central School District



RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE RICHARD J. MCGUIRE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WHEREAS, the family of Richard J. McGuire would like to establish the Richard J. McGuire Memorial Scholarship.

WHEREAS, criteria has been set up governing the administration of the Funds, a copy of which is attached; now, there be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the establishment of the Richard J. McGuire Memorial Scholarship, in accordance with the criteria established, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby expresses its appreciation to the family of Richard J. McGuire for their interest in Scotia-Glenville students as evidenced by the establishment of this Memorial Scholarship.

Susan Swartz
Superintendent of Schools

Hal Talbot
President, Board of Education

01/08/2024

Scotia-Glenville High School
1 Tartan Way
Scotia, NY 12302

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1. Award Donor: Margone McGuire and Family

2. Date Award was established: 11/2/2023

3. Value of Award: initial funding \$ 10,000

4. Will funds be held by the district in an Awards Account or sent in annually by Donor:
yes, held by district.

5. How will the Scholarship Recipient be chosen, by the Donor or the High School Scholarship Committee? (Please note that the High School Scholarship Committee will consist of the High School Principal, a Guidance Counselor, teacher(s) and a community member).
HS Scholarship Committee

6. Student Eligibility Requirements and criteria?

Intend to major in Science/STEM and is an athlete - ideally pursuing a career in education

- \$500 1 Female student
- \$500 1 Male student

7. If this is a memorial scholarship in honor of an individual, please write a brief statement about that individual.
Richard J. McGuire
see attached

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact Jennifer Duane @ 518-347-3600 Ext. 61101
Thank you for your interest in the students of the Scotia-Glenville High School.

Richard McGuire Obituary

Richard J. McGuire Sarasota, FL- Richard J. McGuire, onetime head football coach and then for twenty years the principal of Scotia-Glenville High School, died Oct. 27 in Lakewood Ranch, Fla. He was 96 and until very recently was reading a book a week, mostly history.

Dick, as he was known even though he preferred Richard, has a long biography. He was born May 23, 1927 to Helen and James McGuire and grew up in Johnstown where he became a star halfback at Johnstown High School. He and his wife of 72 years, Marjorie, graduated in 1945 after which Dick went on to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he was later elected to their hall of fame and Marge went to Albany State. They both became teachers.

After both finished their undergraduate degrees, they married and lived in New York City while Dick obtained a master's in education from Columbia. Dick had engineering credentials from Kings Point but chose teaching physics and coaching football. After two years in the Merchant Marine, he also opted for the Navy Reserve and was ultimately promoted to captain. Adding to his resume 'lo, he found time to obtain his certification in administration from SUNY Albany and a second master's degree, this time in physics and chemistry from Union College.

His first teaching post was in Canajoharie. Three years later he was teaching and coaching at the former Draper High School, then the big Rotterdam school later swallowed between Schalmont and Mohonasen. Several years later he was recruited by Scotia entities to cross the river. Dick's football teams were very successful, rarely losing and going undefeated in 1964. Every Sunday evening the varsity reported to Dick's house to review the game film from the day before. There were lots of baked goods and countless replays of both screw-ups and triumphs. He exhibited the same tenacity with his physics students, tutoring as necessary to ensure everyone did well on the regents exam. He was usually elated when the test results were filed. When the school district couldn't find a ski coach he stepped in for at least one season.

In the late 60s he gave up teaching and coaching to take the post of vice principal and soon became principal, serving in that capacity until retiring in 1991. He and Marge then moved back to Johnstown where in retirement he served as interim Johnstown superintendent, interim Gloversville High School principal and interim athletic director at Mohonasen.

Back in Johnstown he served in a variety of community roles including president of both the Johnstown school board and the board of the former Foothills Group Home. He was on the board of Wells House Nursing Home and served a term as president of the NY State Athletic Association. He served as treasurer for Section II for nearly 20 years as well as treasurer of the NYS Federation Basketball Tournament. There were also numerous awards from assorted organizations.

In his personal life, he and Marge and their four kids spent summers at their camp on Galway Lake where Dick sailed his Lightning in the weekly races. He found time when his kids were young to coach them in Little League and Babe Ruth. One side note, when he was a young father and could hit the ball a mile, he got a hole in one on the short par four 16th at Nick Stoner. While part of a traveling baseball team in his 20s, he hit two homeruns at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown. And he was a bagpiper. He would object to publishing the trivia of his life, but so what, it's part of the record.

For decades he could brag (but didn't) that his record kick return in the Yale Bowl, back when Kings Point played Yale, held up for nearly 50 years. He might also have the record for books read in a lifetime. It might surprise some of his former students who remember him in the 60s decrying long hair or standing sternly, arms folded, each lunch hour by the cafeteria door, that he became a very forward thinker who gave everyone the benefit of the doubt. In his family's eyes, he was the best of us, setting the bar at a challenging height.

He was also a devout Catholic, but the sort who never imposed his views on others. He never missed a Sunday mass. As he told one of his doubting children: "if you're right it won't matter, but if I'm right you're in a lot of trouble." And then he laughed.

Dick's childhood nickname was red, a tag that followed him into high school when the local newspaper kept track of Red McGuire's touchdown runs. Well, Red has found the endzone a final time. Goodbye Dad.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, his daughter, Anne McGuire of Lakewood Ranch, who took care of him in his final years, his sons, Tom (Kathy) McGuire of Duanesburg and Jim (Jenny) McGuire of Bleecker, eight grandchildren; Ben (Heather)McGuire, Emily (Eli) Schwartzberg, Conor (Stephanie) Carroll, Tom (Ellen) Carroll, Eric (Michele) McGuire, Hannah (Eddie) Nolan, Sean and Lydia McGuire and, so far, five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his youngest son, Daniel. He is also survived by his sister Barbara Fairley of Kingston, his brother, David McGuire of Albany and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 16th at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church 231 Second Street, Scotia, N.Y. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Richard J. McGuire Scholarship c/o Scotia-Glenville Central Schools 900 Preddice Pkwy Scotia, NY 12302.