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Rev. Malcolm H. McDowell,
Jr.

(July 9, 1940 - October 9, 2013)

The Very Rev. Malcolm Hume McDowell, Jr., 73, of Harwich, MA died unexpectedly on October 9, 2013. Malcolm was the loving husband for forty eight years to Kathleen Otto McDowell.



Born in New York City, he grew up on Staten Island and in Kent, Ct the son of the late Malcolm and Helen McDowell. Malcolm graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1962 and received his master's in divinity from General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1965.

For the next 28 years, Malcolm worked as an Episcopal priest for the Diocese of Connecticut, serving Broadbrook, Glastonbury, Willimantic, and New Britain. While in CT, he obtained his master's in counseling from St. Joseph's College. His compassionate and dedicated ministry continued in Harrisburg, PA, serving as Dean of the Cathedral. Malcolm retired to Cape Cod in 2004, where he became an active member of Christ Church Episcopal in Harwich Port, MA.

He practiced what he preached. Malcolm was known for his social activism, beginning with the 1960s Civil Rights Movement. Addressing issues of the early 1970s, he founded "The Net", the first host-home program of it's kind, housing runaway youth in volunteer parish homes. His volunteerism and commitment to social justice was a part of who he was from a casual conversation with a friend to a message he wanted to impart to his children. His ministry and dedication responded to the emerging needs of an era and his words and deeds motivated both young and old to take action. In retirement, he was a member of the Barnstable County Human Rights Commission, a board member of Youth Advocate Program (YAP), Harrisburg, PA, a member of the Harwich Youth Services Committee, a nursing home ombudsman for Elder Services of Cape Cod, and a volunteer with the Council on Aging.

Malcolm was also a passionate baseball fan. In his youth, he followed his dreams to Ebbets Field for a try-out with the Dodgers and later spent thirty-five years on the diamond as a certified umpire. In his retirement to the Red Sox nation he maintained his firm commitment to the Yankees. He dared to keep his Yankees wheel cover and despite the need for occasional replacement, he came to be respected.

Malcolm is survived by his wife Kathleen; brothers Robert and Douglas of Connecticut; his children Malcolm and Ali McDowell, of New York, Andrew and Lauren McDowell of Vermont, and Martin Vyse and Meghan McDowell-Vyse of Connecticut; his six grandchildren; and good friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Family Pantry, 133 Queen Anne Road, Harwich, MA, 02645, <http://www.thefamilypantry.com/Donations/Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor-Fund>.

The memorial service will be held at Christ Church Episcopal, Route 28, Harwich Port, MA, October 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

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