



VETERANS

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ROBERT JOSEPH MCGUIRL, JR.

Robert "Big Bob" Joseph McGuirl, Jr. grew up in Pelham Manor and graduated from Pelham Memorial High School in 1968. The third of five children, he enjoyed a large circle of friends and played several sports.

Mr. McGuirl enlisted in the United States Army after graduation, where he served two tours in Vietnam. He obtained the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged in June of 1971. The impact of those years in service fostered a lifelong devotion to veterans' causes as a volunteer and leader, for which he received numerous honors.

He was awarded the Bronze Star, Army Commendation with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 3 Battle Stars. In 2018, he received the Westchester County Lifetime Achievement Award in celebration of his recognition as Chief Veteran's Advocate.

Upon his return from the Army, he attended Westchester Community and Mercy Colleges under the GI Bill. He cherished his Irish heritage and became a dual citizen of Ireland in 2004.

He was a past Commander of The American Legion Post #50 and volunteered his time and energy to better the lives of local veterans, especially at the Montrose VA Hospital. For many years, he led the annual Pelham Memorial Day Parade.

On October 5th, 2019, Mr. McGuirl passed away at James J. Peters VA Medical Center. He was an American hero who spent years of his life fighting for our country and decades giving back to the Veteran community that have served our country. His legacy of generosity and public service remains an inspiration for generations of veterans.



ROBERT JOSEPH MCGUIRL, JR. IS BEING HONORED
POSTHUMOUSLY AS A 2020 VETERANS HALL OF FAME
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