



John William Maguire

December 4, 1933 - November 3, 2011

John William Maguire was born in Walpole, Massachusetts on December 4, 1933 and came to Florida from Connecticut in 1951. Dr. Maguire held an AB from Boston University, the master's degree from the University of Miami and a Ph.D from Florida State University. He spent four decades in Florida education serving as a professor at the University of Miami, Dean of the School of Education at Barry University in Miami Shores and Vice President at North Florida Community College in Madison. He authored numerous academic publications.

Maguire served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 72nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division and was a lifelong fisherman.

John Maguire a devoted and loving husband is survived by his wife Jane Maguire, a son John Maguire, a daughter Janie Sterling and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 in loving memory of John W. Maguire.

Tribute Wall



“ *John William Maguire*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Hello Jane, I am so sorry for your and your children's loss, and I am sorry for the loss of one of the great conversationalists I've known. Dr. Maguire was a wonderful mentor to me when I began at North Florida (then) Junior College. He supported me through my master's degree and urged me to go for the doctorate immediately after -- a step I did not take at the time and now never will. He was a bit of a taskmaster, but I respected him and his opinions. He always referred to you as Lady Jane, a moniker I thought particularly apropos. You may remember you and I shared an aerobics class - you always made exercising look classy! I have many books on my office shelves that were hand-me-downs from his collection. He brought to my experience at North Florida an air of the professorial - sort of Hemingwayesque in his interests in so many areas. I know you will miss him greatly, but you have so many years of memories to draw on. May you find solace in your children's (and no doubt grandchildren's) resemblances to him in their antics and conversations, as well as in those nuances that are such strong reminders.*

Frances S. Adleburg (Cissy) - Tallahassee, FL - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know there is nothing that either I or any other person can say to "make it better." However, please know how much I respected Dr. Maguire. The most important aspect of an educator is a sense of mission, and Dr. Maguire had a mission to make a difference in the lives of his students. This mission was at the core of all of his dealings with me after he hired me in 1993 and, I believe, with all of the other faculty that he hired and supervised at NFCC.

Dr. Maguire, you made a difference in my life and, partly because of that, in the lives of my students. Since I am still teaching and I have students who have now become teachers, you will be making a difference for a long time to come. Thank you and God bless you. God bless and comfort your loved ones.

Barbara

Barbara McCauley - Madison, FL - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To Jane and children,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. Dr. Maguire hired me to teach at NFCC back in 1987. He was a true scholar who held us all to the same high standards he set for himself--always putting the students and the college as his top professional priorities. I will always appreciate the time he took to advise me as I prepared for my dissertation defense, and especially the kindness he showed me during the time of my father's illness and death.

May God bless you all....

Rosie Leparulo

Rosie Leparulo - Tallahassee, FL - former colleague - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you. I have very fond memories of Dr. Maguire, and we spent many hours talking about education and our future. I still remember many of the things he taught me and I credit him with helping me become a success in the field of Education. He was always challenging his students to think outside the box- and that is what I so admired about him.*

I hope that all of your wonderful memories will sustain you. My condolences to the entire Maguire family.

Harris Himot, Ph.D.

Barry College- Class of 1976 (B.S. Special Education)

Dr. Harris R. Himot - Hollywood, FL - former Barry student - November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *Dr. Maguire was such an inspiration. I am very sadden by your loss.
My prayers are with you.*

Sheila - Tallahassee, FL - former student at NFJC - November 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM