

Bobby McGuire was born to parents John & Gertrude on Dec. 26, 1955 in Rockaway Beach, NY. In traditional Irish fashion he was not an only child, he has two brothers Mickey & Dickie and five sisters, Gail, Myriah, Margaret, Meegan and Mora.

His Grandparents were from Roscommon and his Grandmothers maiden name was Sullivan. At the time of his birth the entire McGuire family lived above his Grandmothers Pub, McGuire's, which was located on 108 street at the site of the new Rockaway Hotel. It was on the basketball courts on that same street that his Uncles Dick & Al mastered the game. They both later played for St. Johns and the NY Knicks. Both are members of the NBA Hall of Fame. (They are the only two brothers in any HOF) His father John, after a distinguished career in the NYPD, opened Pep McGuire's on Queens Blvd. which was a very successful night club and where all three sons learned the trade.

He soon followed his fathers footsteps and opened his first bar, Dingy Dan's at the tender age of 17. He went on to own and operate five other establishments over the next 30 years including Club Rock-Away, McGuire's in Long Beach, The Landmark, Frankie & Johnny's and Nettles.

He joined the FDNY in 1982 and was assigned to Eng 294. Ten years later he crossed the floor to Lad 143 and eventually retired in 2002 from Lad 173. He responded to the WTC on 9/11 as well as to the crash of flight #587 in Belle Harbor and was decorated by the FDNY for his efforts at both.

Bobby and his wife Carolyn have been married for 44 years They have three sons John, Robert and Michael and two grand children Olivia and John Daniel and a special daughter in law Natalie.

Carolyn was a NYC school teacher for over 20 years and now owns Metro Net Realty. John is a personal trainer and owns and operates the Stormborn Strength Gym in Howard Beach and his wife Natalie is a speech therapist. Robert & Michael are members of the FDNY, Robert is a LT; in Brooklyn's 15 Div. and Michael works in Ladder Co 136. Both are getting married later this year. Olivia & John Daniel are the light of his life.

Bobby was an amateur boxer who boxed in the 70's, 80's and 90's He retired from the ring in 1992 with a record of 42-8-2. He was the NYC Metro Champion in the 147 lb open division, the captain of the FDNY Boxing team from 1984-1992 and the first member of the FDNY to ever win a Gold Medal in boxing at the 1987 World Police Fire Games. He was named Ring 8 "Coach of the Year" in 2012. He fought in MSG three times and his last bout was in Nasseu Collisuem against the Russian National Police Team.

He has been the President of the FDNY Boxing Club since 2002 and is credited with resurrecting the program which has raised close to a million dollars for various charities under his leadership. The team now fights several times a year all over the world including the annual "Thrilla in Camilla" each summer in Rockaway Beach.

*PROMO ALERT: This years event is on June 30th and the FDNY will be taking on Irelands Garda Siochana Boxing Club*

*Bobby is very proud of his Irish heritage and was named the FDNY Emerald Society "Man of the Year" in 2011 and is very honored to be here tonight as the Honorary Male Grand Marshal*