



Rachel McGonagill

May 28, 1969 - October 10, 2020

Rachel McGonagill, 51, of Corvallis, OR passed away at her home in Corvallis on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Below is the obituary she wrote for herself.

As many of you know, I have been fighting a protracted battle vs congestive heart failure....and losing almost every step along the way. Recently, when my Dobutamine catheter came out accidentally, and stayed out for several days, well, that series of events just sped up the process a bit to get to where we are now.

And where are we?

Tomorrow, Saturday the 10th of October, I will avail myself of Medical Aid In Dying, as is my right in Oregon. I will have family and friends by my side, and before I die, there will be music and food and stories and laughter, a right old hootenanny! Some folks will be "bussed in" via Zoom or Google Meetup-- sorry, No Food For You!

I hope you will join my celebration of life in the nature in which it is intended. And maybe bring a casserole.

My love, to you my friends across the world, across the ages, across the pages of the book of my life is eternal. You each have a chapter. Pull up a

chair and set a spell.

[Family sidebar: On one side of my family, through my father's mother, they hail from a tiny Island at the tip of the Beara Peninsula: Dursey Island. My father always said his grandfather was an illegal border jumper...twice. As a member of His Majesty's Royal Service, he jumped ship in Canada, and then a year or so later, he crossed the border into the US. Illegally. Again. On the other side, my mother's father was from Baden Baden, in the Black Forest of Germany.]

Tribute Wall



“ Rachel and I made a lot of good trouble together on Twitter. I think about her every day and I thank her for caring so much about people and children trying to improve their lives. I miss her much, and I will work to spread the love she has instilled in me.



Adam Rifkin - December 28, 2020 at 04:33 PM

LW

“ I am just aware of Rachel’s passing. She was an amazing Twitter friend. Rachel was very knowledgeable and a fantastic researcher. She provided valuable resources to help migrants coming over the border, and will always be a hero in my heart. Love to all her family and friends, from a friend in Georgia.

Linda White - November 15, 2020 at 06:58 PM

KK

“ I miss you every day Rachel, wish we could chat just one more time. 💔

Kimberly Kizzia - October 27, 2020 at 07:21 PM

SH

“ Shar lit a candle in memory of Rachel McGonagill



Shar - October 26, 2020 at 03:26 AM

GS

“ I knew about Rachel when she was already very sick. She was asking for post cards. So everything that fell in my twitter feed that had a beautiful picture or video (especially from Venezuela) I sent it to her. We had many laughs and had many cat conversations. She will be truly missed and although I never personally met her, I feel that I have lost a close friend. Please accept my sincere condolences to the family, may happy memories bring you comfort. You all are in my prayers. Rest in Peace, my friend.

Grace Sanchez - October 24, 2020 at 10:09 PM

AL

“ I only knew Rachel through her thoughtful Twitter posts. I already miss her so much. I hope she is watching from afar, taking pride in all that she contributed and that we are still working in her memory to make this world a better place. Thank you Rachel for your voice and your love.



Alex - October 23, 2020 at 05:43 PM

TP

“ Thomas Paine lit a candle in memory of Rachel McGonagill



Thomas Paine - October 20, 2020 at 01:30 AM

TP

“ *When Rachel joined SOS as a national organizer, my first thought of her was resoundingly positive. She was strong in every sense of the word, hard working, and brutally honest as we lived, still living in a time where honesty is scarce. We may have had our rough patches as co-organizers, but she will always be my friend. Rest In Peace my friend, we'll take it from here.*

*With Love,
Thomas*

Thomas Paine - October 20, 2020 at 01:05 AM

SH

“ *Susan Hall lit a candle in memory of Rachel McGonagill*



Susan Hall - October 17, 2020 at 05:57 PM

DD

“ *I knew Rachel on Twitter and learned quickly that she was a fearless and passionate warrior for immigrant rights, animal rights and righting the wrongs of injustice that she could. I will miss our conversations very much, but am relieved that she is no longer in pain. Go in peace, Rachel. Namaste.*

DE Dwyer - October 15, 2020 at 06:52 PM