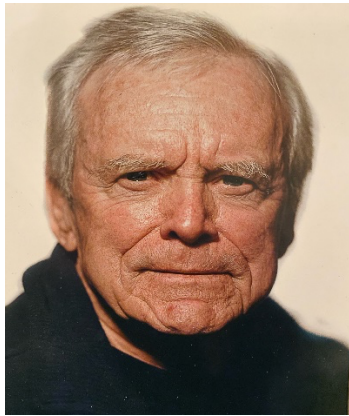




## **Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**

### **2022 Grand Marshal – Ed “Eddie” McDowell**



Ed is one of three children born to Ellen Mahoney McDowell, originally of Charlesville, County Cork, Ireland, and Thomas Patrick McDowell, originally of Ballinalee, County Longford, Ireland. Ed was reared and educated in Yonkers, NY. He was employed in NYC where he attended various technical schools at night. Ed served in the US Army from 1962 until 1964. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist 4. Ed entered employment with NY Telephone Company in 1964 where he remained until his retirement in 1994. Upon retirement from NY Tel., he began a second career at Green Chimney's School, participating in the building and development of new facilities. He remained in this position until 2010.

In 1970, Ed married Christine Freeman of Yonkers and in 1972 they moved to Brewster NY, where they presently reside. Ed and Christine are the proud parents of Meridith Ellen McDowell-Choate of Pawling NY, Kimberley Anne McDowell of Phoenix, AZ, and Kristin Elizabeth Sloan of Manahawkin, NJ. Ed and Chris are blessed with four wonderful grandchildren; Mia Grace, Harrison, Scarlett and Clara.

Over the years, Ed has given generously of his time and talents, and has served in numerous civic and fraternal groups, including various veteran organizations. Some of the groups Ed has participated in are; The Putnam Humane Society, The Starr Ridge Manor Civic Assoc., Guiding Eyes for the Blind, The Emerald Association of Putnam County, The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Green Chimneys Children's Services, Friends of Animals, The Peach Lake Environmental Committee, The Putnam County Land Trust, The Town of Southeast Environmental Committee and Landmarks Preservation Society of Southeast. He has also been a mentor to many Boy Scouts in earning their Eagle Scout rank.

Ed has been a recipient of numerous civic awards and recognitions including Emerald of the Year 2005, and Putnam County Senior Citizen of the year 2015.

Ed is extremely grateful and honored to be chosen by the Emerald Association of Putnam County to be Grand Marshall of the 2021 Mahopac Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

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