

Maureen McGovern-Abernethy

Maureen McGovern-Abernethy has been a Rockaway resident since 1983. Her mother, Anne Forde McGovern, hails from county Mayo while her father Johnnie McGovern comes from county Cavan. Maureen is proud of her sister, Clare O'Sullivan, a nurse, and her brother, John Francis McGovern, a doctor of physical therapy. Maureen is married to Kevin Abernethy, an NYPD Captain, and she is the proud mother of three beautiful children: Dylan, Mollie Anne and Nicholas.

Maureen was educated at Blessed Sacrament in Brooklyn, St. Francis de Sales, and Stella Maris High School. Maureen is a proud St. John's University alumna. She is currently an Assistant Principal in PS 43 in Far Rockaway, where she has worked since it opened in 1996. Maureen is a proud aunt to 16 nieces and nephews. She is also the proud Godmother of Alison.

As a child she was brought to Rockaway yearly to see the St Patrick's Day parade. Her parents bought a flag and the parade was short and quick. It was a family tradition that ended with listening to Irish music at Sullivan's Bar.

Maureen has always been very proud of her Irish heritage. That was further developed by the many summers that were spent in Ireland with her cousins.

The McGovern and Abernethy families are thrilled to have Maureen selected as an honoree this year.