



Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr.

December 14, 1957 - August 9, 2020

Former Mayor of Pittsfield, Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr., 62, passed away at home on Sunday, August 9, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Pittsfield, MA, on December 14, 1957, the son of Beverly Scherben Doyle and the late Gerald S. Doyle, Sr., he was a 1976 graduate of Taconic High School and attended the former North Adams State College.

In 1978, Gerry began working at Berkshire Gas, where he served as a dedicated employee for over twenty years. In 1985, Gerry was elected Ward 3 City Councilor in the city of Pittsfield. In 1987, Gerry was elected Councilor at large where he served for ten years. During his time as a member of the City Council he was elected City Council President on three occasions. In 1997, he was elected to his first term as the Mayor of Pittsfield and re-elected in 1999 for a second term. In 2001, Gerry decided not to seek a third term as Mayor and return to private life. That was not, however, to be the case as over the next 20 years he dedicated himself to serving his community and state in several positions. At the time of his passing, he was the Governor's appointee to the Pittsfield Housing Authority, a board member on the Pittsfield Retirement System and the Berkshire County Retirement System. In 2005, Secretary of State William Galvin appointed him as his Western Massachusetts liaison, a position in which he continued to serve in until the time of his passing. Gerry was also a longtime colleague of the Dwyer Funeral Home and was a beloved part of the Dwyer family. Gerry enjoyed working at the funeral home as it gave him the opportunity to do what he did so well, helping people get through a difficult time.

Gerry was active in the Irish Sister City, a member of the Jimmy Fund, Irish Americans, Elks, Polish Falcons, East Side Men's Club, the Dalton American Legion, and countless other social, youth sport, and charitable organizations throughout Berkshire County. He was the guy to see if you needed something and was always willing help. He truly loved interacting and learning about everyone he crossed paths with. He was a people person and surrounded himself with an amazing group of loyal friends. The memories created will be cherished by many and we'll all miss hearing Gerry retell their adventures. When not running between events, Gerry could often be found on his mower, toiling in the garage, or watching a Sox game by the pool. Nothing made Gerry happier than looking out over a

backyard full of family and friends.

Above all else, Gerry cherished and loved his family. He leaves his beloved wife, the former Beth Harrington, whom he married on October 27, 1977. Gerry is also survived by his son, Michael Doyle and his wife MaryBeth as well as his two grandchildren, Ayden and Emmalee who he absolutely adored. He leaves behind his mother, Beverly, and siblings, Debbie Lussier (Tom), Kellie Klesel (Joe), and Timothy Doyle. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as friends too numerous to count. Besides his father, Gerry was predeceased by his loving daughter, Megan, who passed away on February 21, 2019.

After his family, Gerry loved the people of Pittsfield. During his short walk through life he touched the lives of so many. Gerry was known for his lighthearted spirit, his generosity, his loving kindness, and his heart of gold. He will be sorely missed by those who were blessed to have known him, and by everybody whom he touched through his genuine advocacy for this city. While Gerry Doyle's walk through life was short, it was a most meaningful one.

-“Don't mourn for me, I didn't miss a trick.” – Gerry Doyle

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr., will be Tuesday, August 18, 2020, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus and concelebrated by the Rev. John Tuohey, Administrator. There will be seating restrictions in place to ensure the safety of everyone and there will be additional seating in the lower level of the church with a live broadcast of the funeral. There will be a live webcast of the funeral for those who are unable to attend. Please contact the Dwyer Funeral Home for the webcast link to watch the service. A live broadcast of the funeral can also be viewed on PCTV- City Link, Channel 1303. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Monday, August 17, 2020 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Berkshire County Jimmy Fund or St. Charles Church in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in his memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.

Pittsfield, MA, 01201

Events

AUG **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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St. Charles Church

89 Briggs Ave., Pittsfield, MA, US, 01201

AUG **Service** 11:00AM

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St. Charles Church

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - August 14 at 02:47 PM



“ God Bless Jerry..

Mike Larkin - August 18 at 12:24 PM



“ What a beautiful, respectful, and tasteful service this was. We're grateful to have had the opportunity to view it.

Margaret Gregory & Linda Reilly - August 18 at 01:16 PM



“ Beth and family, we are so sad and think of you often. We will always remember our time in Jamaica. Special

Marge and Dick - August 18 at 07:36 PM



“ That was a very nice service that I couldn't attend fly high cousin Jerry

christina - August 20 at 08:04 PM



“ Alfred Barbalunga purchased the Garden Accent Stone Personalized- This tree planted... for the family of Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr..



Alfred Barbalunga - August 27 at 04:01 PM



“ very sorry to hear. Gerry was a great person. played some hockey with him some years back. will miss him. with deepest sympathy tony derose

tony derose - August 23 at 08:20 PM



“ Beth and family and I am terribly sorry I could not be there to say good-bye to my great friend. You were all like family to me and Billy which I will never forget. Gerry was like having another brother just like Carl. I miss them both and all of you. Someday soon when this virus thing is over and I can travel I will come to Pittsfield to say my good bye. I know this is so difficult for all of you and my heart breaks thinking about it. I will always have great memories of the time I got to spend with all of you and most of all Gerry. God bless all of you.

Peter

Pete the Tenant as he would say

Peter M Conboy - August 18 at 11:50 AM



“ To the Doyle family: We are sorry to here of Gerry's passing.I went to school with Debbie and worked with her for a time at BMC.My husband also worked with Beth...Although I didn't really know Gerry in highschool, last year(Sept.,2019)my father passed and Gerry was so caring,compassionate,and understanding in helping me with my mom at such a difficult time...Our thoughts and prayers are with you all...Cherish the fond memories.....Sincerely,Russell & Nancy(Bednarczyk)Davis

nancy davis - August 23 at 09:44 AM



“ Dear kelly,Joe,Debbie and Tom. I am so sorry for your loss. Gerry was a special person who gave so much to others.. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Gary Clarkson - August 17 at 04:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr..



August 17 at 03:26 PM



“ Beth and the Doyle family,
With overwhelming sadness we we wish to pass our condolences.
Gerry was a great and true friend, always there to help anyone in need. He will be greatly missed by all. He had that infectious smile that could brighten ones sad day.

Mr. Mayor will never be replaced in any of our lives. Many thoughts and prayers to you all.

Sincerely,
Dick and Pat Marchetto,

RICHARD MARCHETTO - August 17 at 03:02 PM



“ Beth, Mrs. Doyle, and family. Our prayers are with you during this time. May time and good memories bring you peace and acceptance. RIP Gerry.

Pat Carlino - August 17 at 02:26 PM



“ Too many memories to list them all. The Hermans and Doyles spent much time together, with Little League, youth and high school hockey, campaign activities, many hours together driving our boys to and from many hockey destinations, very many personal get-togethers. Carol and I, with our children, mourn on a daily basis. He will never be forgotten by us and the huge number of people that he helped. He was certainly a "can do" person, and led the city with distinction. Goodbye my friend, give Megan a hug for us when you see her in heaven. We love you and Beth and always will. The Hermans - John, Carol, Jonathan, Caroline, and the "spare gears" Andy and Eric Herman. Rest in peace.

John P. Herman - August 17 at 12:28 PM



“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - August 17 at 08:53 AM



“ Much too young. No more pain. God bless the Doyle family. With condolences, Elmer and Theresa Gage

Elmer Gage - August 17 at 07:09 AM



“ Gerry, “whose better than you!” You really understood the game. Many people speak of loyalty. You actually demonstrated it. Will miss you. You are/were a good man & friend. Many laughs. We even had a few winners. More laughs though. Timmy Rooke, Springfield. MA

Timmy Rooke - August 16 at 03:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr..



August 16 at 12:19 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr..



August 15 at 08:04 PM



“ I was fortunate to know Gerald over 40 years We donated our time at Highland school building the basketball hoops and doing all the Little League fields together. He was always a good friend and I miss him dearly my heart goes out to your family and I'm thinking of you. You'll never be forgotten my friend

Ken McCarthy - August 15 at 07:24 PM



“ The Mike Gregory family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr..





The Mike Gregory family - August 15 at 02:33 PM



“ Dear Beth,Michael, Beverly and Tim. We are very sorry for your loss. Gerry was a great man and friend to all who knew him. His work and compassion for the city of Pittsfield will long be remembered. Gerry was the kind of person you meet once in a life time. His happiness and exuberance made people feel special. I am so proud to be his cousins. We will be thinking of you during these difficult times. Gary Clarkson

Gary Clarkson - August 15 at 12:29 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn that the Class of '76 has lost another classmate; a fine man taken much too soon. Knowing how this feels, my deepest sympathies go out to his family, friends and the community that surrounded him. I pray that their memories of all the good days carry them through the difficult ones ahead.
Marion (Lack) Kelso
Class of '76

Marion Kelso - August 15 at 09:36 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Terry McCole - August 14 at 03:48 PM



“ he was a fantastic man.please accept our condolences to
Beth,Michael,Beverly,Debbie
Kellie,Timothy,and all the family
with love and prayers
marilyn and nabih nejaiime

Marilyn Nejaiime - August 14 at 12:25 PM



“ To Beverly, Deb, Kellie, Tim and Beth: My deepest condolences for your loss. Jerry was always a good friend. After moving away, every time I came back and ran into Jerry, he always remembered me and made time to say hello and visit (if time allowed). As of most recent, my family and I will never forget the kindness, love and sensitivity that Jerry showed us during the passing of my parents and brother over a short period. He was most gracious and took such loving, personal care of all of us during that time. He even drove our family limo for Mike's funeral and lead us in a joyous trip down memory lane, which he was a part of as well. He kept us all together that day, and I hope he knows now, what that meant to us. I will miss Jerry very much, and I wish you all peace and love. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

All my love,
Amy Fairweather



Amy Fairweather - August 14 at 10:54 AM



“ Gerry's family and friends, My heart bleeds a tear for your loss, Beth, Beverly and Michael. I am sending my thoughts and prayers in hopes that they bring some comfort during this difficult time. Gerry was one helluva guy. His laughter was contagious, his smile would light up the darkest of days and his heart was bigger than the moon. He was a great friend to my family, for many years. He will be missed by many, but never forgotten. Gerry is walking in the sunlight, hand in hand with the spirit. Rest in peace Gerry, rest in peace.

Nancy Colvin - August 14 at 10:26 AM



“ Dear Beth, Bev, Tim, Debbie, Kellie, Michael and family,

On behalf of the members of the Berkshire County Jimmy Fund Council I would like to offer all of you our most sincere condolences. We were extremely fortunate to have had Gerry as a member of our council. His support throughout our existence as a council has been incredible, especially with regards to the Paul Dowd Jimmy Fund Golf Classic. He not only played in all 36 tournaments but he secured a great deal of sponsorship support as well. Gerry's service to the city of Pittsfield was unrivaled. He was truly a man of the people. We will dearly miss his friendship and his sense of

humor. Rest In Peace Gerry knowing that you did all that you possibly could for everyone who had the distinct pleasure of knowing you.

Sincerely,
Bob Tucker
President
Berkshire County Jimmy Fund Council

Robert Tucker - August 14 at 09:47 AM



“ Beth, Michael, Bev and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. We will always remember the welcome we received at the Club when we were new to the Berkshires and the hockey program in Pittsfield. Gerry was certainly among those that reached out to us in making us feel much more comfortable. Gerry continued to be there for us whenever we needed his assistance.

Cori and I will also remember, on one of our returns to the Berkshires after moving to FL, how fitting it was as we drove into Pittsfield we stopped at The Hot Dog Ranch for lunch. When we walked through the door Gerry greeted us from a stool near the entrance. We must have caught up for a half hour before sitting down for lunch. It just felt right.

Gerry will certainly be missed by so many.

The Knightly Family

Robert Knightly - August 14 at 09:00 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr..



August 14 at 08:43 AM



“ My sympathy to all of you. Your loved one will be long remembered. May you find comfort in loving memories.

William Frazier - August 14 at 08:34 AM



“ Beth, Tim & Family, Cathie & I are very sorry to hear of Gerry passing,he was a good man & will be missed by many! With our deepest sympathy,John & Cathie McHugh



John mchugh - August 14 at 08:08 AM



“ To The Doyle Family,
Our deepest prayers and sympathy are sent your way.We know you have fond memories that will always be close to your hearts.Call on them when you need to.Fond memories of Gerry are held in our hearts,too.Condolences to all of you. Gerry,Rest in Peace.

Patrick & Marie Gormalley - August 14 at 07:35 AM



“ On behalf of the Mayor of Ballina Municipal District, Councillors and officials, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Doyle family on the death of Gerry. Gerry Doyle was a gentleman and very instrumental in setting up the long lasting twinning between Pittsfield and Ballina. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Carmel Murphy - August 14 at 05:35 AM



“ Fran and I have so many happy memories of the fun times we had with Gerry---so many years spent in the Boys Club bleachers watching our kids play hockey for PHS and the parties afterwards---going to Ballina, Ireland, our sister City was a blast---it was a great time of our lives---rest in peace Gerry---you will be missed and our love to the entire family---

Linda and Fran Curley - August 14 at 01:02 AM



“ Beth, Bev and family,
Our deepest sympathy and condolences on the loss of Gerry. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Wishing you all comfort in the many memories

Gerry left for each one of us as we crossed paths in our lives.
In sympathy and love,
Debbie (Ross) & Marty Flynn

Debbie - August 13 at 11:08 PM



“ Rest In Peace Gerry, you were a faithful servant. We have all lost a good friend. Condolences to Beth and Bev and the whole Doyle family.
Maureen and Ray Henault

Maureen Henault - August 13 at 10:21 PM



“ when I was a young struggling business owner Gerry helped me so many times. I can't say enough about him and am so very saddened by this news. My condolences to you all

Brenda Torchio - August 13 at 08:45 PM



“ Linda Kushi lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr.



Linda Kushi - August 13 at 07:59 PM



“ Gerry was a wonderful man and a good friend to many people. My sincere sympathy goes to his entire family. Sincerely, Donna Rouette

Donna Rouette - August 13 at 07:22 PM



“ Beth, and Family, I'm in total shock right now, I'm so saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. I got to know him through softball playing day's, One of the nicest and funniest guy's you ever want to meet. My thought's and Prayer's are with you all!
Rest In Peace my Friend!



Bill Delsoldato - August 13 at 07:05 PM



“ The “Mayor”, as I always called him, was a very special man and friend to all. He’s left a lasting and large footprint in the city’s history. He always had the people’s best interests at heart. Everyone has a Gerry Doyle story and I have many from City Hall to the golf course but I will forever cherish his genuine love for everybody and the belief that his beloved city would always be the shining city on the hill. God bless you my friend. May you Rest In Peace, a well deserved peace, and a big thank you for a job well done. Smitty (the other) Smitty Pignatelli

Smitty Pignatelli - August 13 at 06:17 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald S. Doyle, Jr..



August 13 at 03:25 PM