



Mr. Albert "Al" Nachbauer

December 5, 1947 - November 14, 2023

Mr. Albert "Al" Nachbauer, of Pittsfield, MA, passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on December 5, 1947, the only son of the late Walter and Romilda (Zavattero) Nachbauer, he graduated from Pittsfield High School and later from Westfield State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Master's Degree in Special Education, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Administration.

"Mr. Nachbauer" devoted his entire 36 year career to the Pittsfield Public School System. His deep passion for education awarded him the UNICO Massachusetts Special Education Teacher of the Year Award. He taught special education at Tucker Elementary and Reid Middle School. He was the Acting Vice Principal of Pittsfield High School and was the system wide supervisor for special needs teachers serving students from preschool through high school. He retired as the resource teacher at PHS in 2005. Following his retirement, Albert worked as an educational instructor at the Berkshire County Community Correctional Center where he instructed a GED placement program. His patience, warmth & generosity provided opportunities to countless students who obtained their high school diplomas which filled him with immense pride.

He was the Vice President of the Pittsfield North Little League, a patron of the

arts, enjoyed playing fantasy football, golfing, camping, hosting game nights, socializing at the Italian American Club, and watching his beloved Yankees. He was an elected delegate to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention and facilitated hundreds of matrimonial ceremonies as a Justice of the Peace.

A devoted family man, Albert leaves behind his wife of 50 years, the former Sandra DiStefano of West Springfield, MA, and his beloved children: Tamara Collette and her husband L. Paul Collette IV of Westminster, MA; Matthew Nachbauer of Fernandina Beach, FL; and Sarah Nachbauer and her husband Jonathan Eden of New York, NY/Miami, FL. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren who he cherished and adored. He was affectionately known as “Papa” to Payton, Addison, Matthew James and Charles.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Albert Nachbauer will be Tuesday, November 21, 2023, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 1pm at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Daniel Cymer, Parochial Vicar. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be held directly prior to the service from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Liann Bordeau-Buck Memorial Foundation at www.liannbordeau-buckfoundation.org , a scholarship program that was near and dear to his heart.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

NOV 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Tribute Wall

TC

“ I remember you from PHS. Rest in peace Mr Nachbauer



Trudy Clayton - November 29, 2023 at 03:50 PM

TC

“ Matt-Sarah. Very sorry to hear of the passing of your Father! It's been many of years since riding bikes past your house! Send my best for your family.

Todd Choiniere

Todd Choiniere - November 21, 2023 at 08:36 PM

JF

“ Albert was a great guy and a good man. Sandy and family my sincere condolences.

John P Forrest - November 21, 2023 at 06:11 PM

BD

“ Sandy and kids, I got to know “Nauchy” working with him at Comm. Correction Center. He was a great teacher and influence on everyone that came through there. He gave unconditionally of himself daily, I looked up to him and have so many fond memories. I am deeply saddened to lose such a good friend and great guy. His spirit will live on forever! Prayers and thoughts with you, God bless, and RIP my friend.

Billy DiNicola - November 21, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ 39 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - November 20, 2023 at 06:52 PM

RG

“ *Sandra and family,
We have so many wonderful memories of Albert growing up and Sunday picnics at Mickles Grove. Our mom was (Elia Zavattero Ricalzone) was Romilda's cousin. Beautiful obituary of Albert's journey through life and all the hearts he touched.
So sorry for you loss,
Louis Ricalzone
Rita Ricalzone(Gregory)*

Rita Gregory - November 20, 2023 at 05:44 PM

AF

“ *Expressing my deepest condolences for the passing of Albert. My mom, Zita, always shared fond memories of growing up with her cousin Albert, who was like a brother to her. He undoubtedly touched many lives in his family and the community, and I hope you find peace in remembering the impact he had.
Sincerely,
Ashley Flohr Peitz*

Ashley Flohr - November 20, 2023 at 04:13 PM

GC

“ Dear Sandy and family, we are very sorry for your loss. We will be away during the service but wanted you to know that we are thinking of you. Al was a wonderful man who did so much for our troubled youngsters. He deserves a special place in Heaven. We have fond memories of Al from our wedding day. Prayers and love are being sent to you. Donna Cahill & Gary Clarkson

Gary Clarksn - November 20, 2023 at 02:49 PM

TD

“ Sandy, Tammy, Sarah, Matt and families,
Shock, disbelief and then sorrow...It's difficult to describe all my emotions I felt when I learned of Bert's passing.
The times we shared co-teaching at PHS (he helped invent "Math Jeopardy"), the Justice of the Peace stories he would regale us with at lunch time in the math staff room, and the compassion and empathy he had toward our more challenged students he also instilled in me. He mentored us in more ways than he knew.
I will miss him dearly, but I will always smile when I think of him. My love and sympathy go out to all of you.

Tom Dillon

Tom Dillon - November 20, 2023 at 02:34 PM

SC

“ Ethel Connors loved working as Mr Nachbauer's teacher's aide. We share your sorrow.
The Connors family ❤️👍

Susan Connors - November 20, 2023 at 08:12 AM

BC

“ Dear Sandy, The Connors family send our deepest condolences. Ethel talked about him so many times and how much she enjoyed his visits. Much love Bonnie

Bonnie Connors - November 19, 2023 at 09:07 PM

RH

“ Rich, Sarah, Walker & Peyton Harrigan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Albert "Al" Nachbauer.

Rich, Sarah, Walker & Peyton Harrigan - November 19, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Albert "Al" Nachbauer.



November 19, 2023 at 03:13 PM

JP

“ I have known Albert for almost 60 years starting in the old Huron Street neighborhood. He was the star of Huron Street and would go on to become the star of the Pittsfield schools. He was modest, a fine gentleman and he had a great sense of humor. I am so proud to have called 'Bert' my good friend.
Our condolences to his beautiful wife Sandy and the kids.
Joe and Anne Polidoro ❤️

Joe Polidoro - November 18, 2023 at 05:22 PM

RM

“ I have been blessed in so many ways however knowing Al was one of my biggest blessings. Not only did he marry my dear friend Sandra, he was a person who was always willing to give of himself and help others. He gave new meaning to a true educator. May you rest in peace and keep a watchful eye over all whose lives you touched.

Regina Moren - November 18, 2023 at 03:06 PM

WF

“ I am so saddened to read of Al's passing. He was a wonderful friend and colleague. So many students benefited from his leadership and compassion. His math skills enabled many to be successful! His love of his family was always apparent. Blessings at this difficult time.

William Frazier - November 18, 2023 at 12:56 PM

EM

“ It is with great sadness we learned of Al's passing! We will never forget his kindness to our daughter, Allison when she worked under his supervision summer of 2001. She enjoyed getting to know him! WE will always remember his numerous “adventures “ as a Justice of the Peace! He had THE BEST stories, and one that stands out is the “service” he officiated in Planefield... what a story! He was QUITE a storyteller! So sorry Sandy, Tammy, Matt, Sarah and families! I am sure his spirit will be with you, always...
With great sympathy, Eileen and Bob

Eileen Moynihan - November 18, 2023 at 10:53 AM

FK

“ Barbara and I were sorry to hear about Al. He was a great friend and valuable staff member who will be missed and long remembered. I am sure the staff and his friends will greatly miss him. Rest in peace.

Frank and Barbara Kelley - November 18, 2023 at 08:38 AM

DW

“ Sandy and family, We are so sorry for your loss. He was such a great teacher who cared about his students and a very caring/loving husband and father. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. The Walz Family-Ken, Donna, Chris, Lisa, Jennifer

Donna Walz - November 18, 2023 at 04:30 AM

AF

“ A good man who will be deeply missed by our family.

albrt J DiStefano and family - November 17, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. Albert "Al" Nachbauer.



November 17, 2023 at 04:03 PM

DB

“ Mr. Nachbauer was a staple of my childhood and remained present throughout my life. To sum up his impact is impossible but a few things I'll share:

1. I'll never watch a SuperBowl and not think of him and the extended family friend network (or the Super Bowl bingo and bets).
2. His ability to make a group of people laugh with a one-liner remains a talent I admire and aspire to achieve one day.
3. Having him oversee my wedding ceremony was the best first decision of marriage ever.
4. I would not have become the person I am today without him and the entire Nachbauer family. Thank you for always welcoming us with open arms.

To Sandy, Tam, Matt & Sarah: my heart breaks for you and your entire family. I hope in some way the cherished memories of Big Al help you heal and know that he was loved and appreciated by so many. Much love ❤️

David Barber - November 17, 2023 at 01:16 PM

VP

“ Vin, Sam, Lindsay, Thea and Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Albert "Al" Nachbauer.

Vin, Sam, Lindsay, Thea and Pam - November 17, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Albert "Al" Nachbauer.



November 17, 2023 at 12:28 PM