



## Connell "Connie" Boyle

June 7, 1942 - April 16, 2024

Connell Boyle, 81, passed away on April 16, 2024. He was the son of Connell and Muriel Rosebush Boyle, and was lovingly known as Connie by all who knew him. He took his final breaths surrounded by his sons, granddaughters, partner Renee, and her daughter Loree. Connie is survived by his beloved sons, Sean and Kevin Boyle of Hilton Head, SC; the apples of his eye, granddaughters Samantha and Megan Boyle of Lanesboro MA; his partner of 24 years Lorene "Renee" Burke and his brother and his wife Kevin and Kitty Boyle of Meredith NH, family members of the Boyle and Grady families as well as friends too many to list. He is preceded in death by his wife of 23 years, Susan Grady Boyle and his partner of 5 years Kathy Kelley.

Connie was born on June 7, 1942 in Pittsfield where he made his life. He graduated from St Joseph's High School in 1960. He served his country in the United States and Okinawa from 1964-1968 where he was an Airman First Class in the US Air Force. He attended Berkshire Community College and Western New England College from where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1973. Connie spent the bulk of his career at Berkshire Life Insurance Company where he devoted 33 years and made many lifelong friends.

Connie's greatest joy in life was raising his sons in Pittsfield along with Susan. He spent many hours during those years in ice rinks coaching and later

refereeing youth hockey and on the links at the Berkshire Hills Country Club where he served as Board President for 30 years – 1985 to 2015.

After his family, Connie's next loves were golf and music. The most likely places to see Connie out and about before and since his retirement in 2001 were on the golf course, where he had the impressive experience of having a hole in one not once but twice and at open mics in a variety of places where he regaled friends old and new with his guitar and voice. Connie and Renee attended WUMB Radio's Summer Acoustic Music Camp every August for 20 years forging lifelong friendships.

The family would like to thank the Berkshire Medical Center ICU and Dialysis nurses and care givers, the BHS Dialysis Center, Mount Greylock Extended Care Facility, and the variety of fire and ambulance personnel Connie met in recent months. He felt extremely fortunate to have had such excellent care from all of them.

#### Funeral Notice:

A celebration of Connie's life will be on Sunday, June 30, 2024, beginning with a time of visitation from 10am to 12noon, at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201, and followed by a service at the funeral home with full military honors .

A reception for family and friends at the Berkshire Hill Country Club will directly follow the service, to celebrate Connie with stories and songs in the joyful way that he would have insisted upon.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk or the Pittsfield Boys and Girls Club in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUN 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
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## Celebration of Life

JUN 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Berkshire Hills Country Club  
500 Benedict Road  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall



“ 257 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - June 27, 2024 at 09:35 AM

MO

“ *I used to see Connie and his wife at a lot of open mics in the Pittsfield area and talk about sweet folds. I talked to Connie mostly about his composite guitars, I believe he had a couple of them, and remembered one of them being a Rain Song. At one time Connie had worked with my brother Peter. One of my best memories is from Missions on North Street. I'd chatted and let the couple finish off their dinner. He didn't have the Rain Song guitar that night. I thought he had sold it, but he had another composite guitar. I asked him what he was up to and he said he was still playing out and having a blast doing it. "Sometimes I despair the world will never see another man like him". My condolences to his wife and family and to all who knew him. ~ Michael P. O'Neill. North Adams Mass*

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**Michael P. O'Neill** - June 22, 2024 at 07:37 AM

FM

“ Dear Reene, Lisa and I have just learned of Connie passing. We're so sorry. I remember fondly the old days, playing open mic nights. I'll miss him more now than ever. Much love Fran and Lisa.

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**Fran Mandeville** - May 08, 2024 at 02:30 PM

JB

“ To all of Connie's family and friends, Please accept our most sincere condolences for the loss of Connie. He was a wonderful family man and a great contributor to the community. May he rest in peace! Cousin John & wife Jean Dalton Ma.

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**John F Boyle** - April 25, 2024 at 11:14 AM

TR

“ I was so saddened to read this - I met Connie at the Dreamaway Lodge when it re-opened in the 90s. We sat together in the music circle and shared playing music and stories about music. I learned so many songs from him - I will always think of him when playing those songs. Good bye Connie.  
Tony Rousseau

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**Tony Rousseau** - April 24, 2024 at 04:49 PM

JM

“ Kevin and family, I am sorry for your loss. Judy Miller

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**Judy Miller** - April 24, 2024 at 08:29 AM

EJ

“ To my sister, Renee, I offer deep condolence for the loss of your dear Connie. Twenty four years of love, companionship, music, roadtrips and just sharing life in general. What a blessing! And to all of the Boyle family, you have enjoyed Connie's love, support, and friendship for your entire lives. I know he will be missed by all of you. I am so sorry for your loss. Connie Boyle, may you Rest In Peace.

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**ellen Jacobson** - April 22, 2024 at 01:59 PM

KW

“ Dear Renee and Family, This photo was from the Jan 8 2012 Reunion at UMASS. My sincere sympathies on learning that Connie died. May your family and friends help you through this sad time. How you both love SAMW music camp! Love, Karen



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**Karen Woodhall** - April 20, 2024 at 04:16 PM