

Mr. Daniel C. Dillon

June 14, 1941 - January 4, 2021

On the morning of January 4, 2021 Daniel C. Dillon succumbed to the effects of Covid 19 at Berkshire Medical Center.

Born June 14, 1941, he was the son of the late Robert and Madeline Dillon of Pittsfield. He is survived by his wife Linda (Marauszwski) Dillon, two sons, Christopher and Brendan Dillon, both of Pittsfield, a daughter Tracie (Dillon) Dzurnak and her husband Mark of Torrington, CT, two granddaughters, Emily Rose and Erin Rachel Dillon, along with brothers, Robert and Thomas Dillon and two sisters, Connie (Dillon) Yannone of Pittsfield and Betty Ann (Dillon) Powell of Florida plus a host of nieces, nephews and cousins

Dan was Class of 1959 at St. Joseph High School and went on to graduate from Berkshire Community College in 1963. Following that he served two years in the US Army. Upon returning he enrolled in the General Electric Apprentices Program and became a draftsman. He worked at GE until 1991. During his career at GE Dan spent time as union president of Local 140 of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers and was President of the Northeast Council of this organization as well.

His local community involvement was prodigious. In 1977 Dan was elected to the city council and served 3 terms. Later he went on to serve as President of Berkshire United Way for 12 years and was given the Francis X Doyle Award in 2005 for community service. For thirteen years he coproduced and was master of ceremonies for the local Cerebral Palsy Telethon and was Vice President of both the Irish American Committee and The Irish Sister City

Committee for many years. He also served on the Pittsfield Human Services Commission and Success by Six Steering Committee.

Following his retirement from Berkshire United Way, not one to sit still, he took reigns as Relationship Director for Greylock Federal Credit Union and became involved and instrumental in reviving the Berkshire Community College Alumni Association. Further, he was, until the time of his passing, on the Board of the Berkshire Community College Foundation and served on the development committee as well.

Along with the Francis X Doyle Award Dan received an Annual Top Ten Alumni Award from St. Joseph High School. In 2005, in recognition of his unswerving service to the community, Berkshire United Way presented him the Helping Hands, Caring Heart Award, which was then renamed in his honor, The Daniel C. Dillon Helping Hands, Caring Hearts Award.

Dan was humble and unassuming, a true friend to all, he loved his city and its many varied people. He liked a good laugh, a serious conversation, filling the community with holiday cheer as Santa, being with friends on a golf course in either the Berkshires or Vero Beach, a pint of Guinness, and oh my, did he love his Wolftones! Dan, Poppy, Danny, Dad, Mr. Dillon will be missed by loved ones, friends and the community.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Daniel C. Dillon will be Friday, January 22, 2021, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Church, celebrated the Rev. Christopher

Fedoryshyn, Pastor. To view a live webcast of the service, please visit <http://www.dwyerfuneral.com/obituaries/permalink/9791688/LTWebcast> Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at St. Mark's Church will be Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Berkshire United Way, The Christian Center, PCTV, or the The Eagle Santa Fund, in his memory, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Church
400 West St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dan - thank you for all you did for so long to make the world and the Berkshires a better place. Rest easy my friend!! Huge hugs to Linda, Brendan, Christopher, Tracie, Tom and the rest of the extended Dillon family. Thank you for sharing Dan with all of us!!

John P Anderson

John Anderson - January 23, 2021 at 02:17 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry to learn of Danny's passing. My condolences to the entire Dillon family. I have no doubt he is looking down on each of you and wishing he could ease your pain. My prayers are with you.

Sally Cummings - January 22, 2021 at 01:54 PM

CO

“ Dear Brendan,

My heart goes out to you, your mom and your family. I know how much your father meant to you and I look forward to having you continue to share memories of him with me. I love you.

Coco

Coco - January 22, 2021 at 10:02 AM

KA

“ Dan was one of the kindest and most vibrant people I have ever had the privilege of calling a dear friend. Like others, I have many fond memories of him, but this relates to how much he loved to play golf. Dan named our group Dillon's Dandies, and I will never be able to play golf again without thinking of his often repeated refrain (especially when he wasn't playing as well as he wanted to): " Are we having fun yet?!" Dan was a truly compassionate, fun-loving man with a wonderful sense of humor that was frequently targeted at himself. I know Dillon's Dandies will miss him on the links!

Kate - January 22, 2021 at 09:56 AM

MN

“ Sincere sympathy to the family of Dan a classmate for 12 years at St Mary's and St Joseph's and shared a love of Morningside where we grew up. Loved being with you and Linda at our 60th. Remember all of your family Marge Flaro Nixon Fond remembrances of the Wolftone events.

Marge Flaro Nixon - January 20, 2021 at 10:13 PM

NH

“ Mr Dillon was one of my favorite customers when I worked at rite aid in allendale. He always had time to talk to all of us. When my dad died, I was from Syracuse so noone around here knew him, I had to go back to work and he knew something was wrong and I told him and he talked to me about his own parents and his kind words were invaluable to me and ill never forget it. My other favorite memory is I had a tech working for me who s ties were , I think from Spencer's gifts. ,they were pretty awful and Mr Dillon used to tease him. One day he came in with a bunch of very classy ties and said " here Rick, I just retired and am not planning on using these. Lets shape you up alittle." Rick was so happy and it was so sweet. Even now. Rick and I left rite aid and eventually both ended up at outpatient hospital pharmacy and I'll once in awhile say...Mr Dillon tie?? And we will both chuckle. He was a wonderful man

Nancy hudlin - January 16, 2021 at 02:03 PM

CM

“ Tracie,

I was so sad to read of your dad's passing. He was an incredible man who touched many people's lives. He was truly one of a kind. I still remember the story he told about my mom! I am sending so much love and many prayers to you and your mom.

Colleen (Ziemba) Middleton - January 16, 2021 at 10:50 AM

PF

“ Thinking of you Linda, Brenda and Tom. So sorry for your loss.

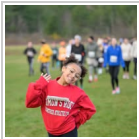
Pam Farron - January 16, 2021 at 08:38 AM

RK

“ Dear Connie and family,
I am so very sorry for the loss of your brother.
I missed the announcement in the paper and
am glad I read your letter to the editor. These
certainly are troubling, heart-breaking times.
May the good Lord send his peace upon you all. I will add you to my
prayers for comfort in the days to come. My sincere condolences.
God bless. 🙏
Sincerely,
Becky



Rebecca Knox - January 15, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ My heart is so very heavy. I will miss Dan as part of the Alumni
Board, and as a friend. I will miss our serious talks, and our laughs.
I will miss him as Santa, and as a friend. I look forward to our game
of pitch in heaven. To his family, my deepest condolences. COVID
has snuffed out a very bright light.

Melissa Myers - January 10, 2021 at 04:31 PM

DF

“ Dear Linda, children, brothers, and sisters,
Please accept my sincere condolences for the entire Dillon family.
Dan was obviously a person who cared tremendously for his family
and community. I have no doubt that all of you have many wonderful
memories and experiences that will help sustain you during this
difficult time. Dave Fiedler

David Fiedler - January 09, 2021 at 06:25 PM

CT

“ Linda, You have my empathy. Remembering you with fondness. This is not how I imagined our reunion would be. (Costa Rica was quite awhile ago.) You have lived an exemplary life with your husband. May those pleasant memories comfort you now. (And Jesus.) --- Cheryl Tarczynski

Cheryl Tarczynski - January 09, 2021 at 10:05 AM