



## Mr. E. William Sockey Jr.

August 21, 1920 - August 2, 2015

Mr. E. William Sockey Jr., 94, former longtime Pittsfield resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on August 2, 2015 at the home of his daughter, Linda, in Otego, NY.

Born in LeFlore, OK, August 21, 1920, the son of the late Eli William Sockey Sr. and Kathryn Myrtle Snowder Sockey, he attended local schools there graduating from Red Oak High School, continuing his education he attended Draughans Business College in Fort Smith Arkansas.

A proud veteran of the US Navy, he served from 1941 until he retired as Chief Petty Officer in 1963. During his service, he was awarded a Letter of Commendation from the Commander in Chief of the US Atlantic Fleet. Other Honors / Commendations include: WWII Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, and the American Campaign Medal.

After retirement from the military, he worked for many years as an Insurance Salesman, Automobile Salesman, and was also a licensed Real Estate Broker.

Mr. Sockey was a communicant of St. Charles Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister, he was also a member of the Blue Army of Our Lady of

Fatima, Catholics United for Faith, Fatima Circle, Catholics for the Unborn, the American Legion Post 68 in Pittsfield, and a 4th Degree Knight in the Monsignor Marshall Council 103 Knights of Columbus.

He and his wife, the former Joan Clare Gear were married December 26, 1942. She passed on February 12, 2004.

He is survived by his children, Joan Dawn Sabato of Scottsdale, AZ, Eli William Sockey III of Venus, PA, , Stephen P. Sockey of Kirkland, WA, Dennis J. Sockey of Tyngsboro, MA, Linda A. Burch of Otego, NY, Gail J. Six of Northford, CT, Paula M. Laurin of Pittsfield, and Glenn P. Sockey of Tewksbury, MA., his brothers, Bernie & Gerry Adams, his sister Ilene Wilson, all of Red Oak, OK, 42 Grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Paul Sockey and sister Wandaleen Sockey, a nephew Ronald Sockey and grandsons Brian Sockey and Gregory Six.

#### FUNERAL NOTICE

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for E. William Sockey Jr. will be celebrated on Friday August 7, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church by Rev. Peter Naranjo II, Parochial Vicar. Burial with full military honors will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 9:30 to 10:30 for the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA. 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Catskill Hospice in Oneonta, NY, Right to Life of Pittsfield or to the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
191 Elm St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Joan "Dawn",

*Please accept my deepest condolences on your father's passing.*



*I vaguely remember your parents from our "wonderful" high school days, but what memories I do recall are pleasant ones. Thanks for attaching the pictures as a tribute...they clarified everything for me!*

*I also remember your dad as one of the Eucharistic Ministers at St. Charles but, once again, I couldn't recall the circumstances as to when and/or where I met him...only that he looked familiar to me. For some strange reason, I thought your family were communicants of Sacred Heart.*

*Since I no longer subscribe to the Berkshire Eagle (and very seldom purchase it on the street, unless there is something specific I am looking for), I wasn't aware of this event in your life until I noticed in online. Had I known, I would have been there for you at Dwyer's and afterwards.*

*Please contact me at: (413) 443-1904. My mailing address is: PO Box 684, Pittsfield, MA 01202-0684. My email address is: QueenPegA@outlook.com.*

*Hoping to hear from you soon once things settle down for you. Again, my deepest and heartfelt condolences to you especially...and to the rest of your family as well.*

*Love always,  
Peg Fijal*

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**Peggy Fijal** - August 13, 2015 at 04:11 AM

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**jane** - August 05, 2015 at 12:56 PM

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**JMS** - August 04, 2015 at 04:57 PM