



Mr, Edward J. Ladley

May 17, 1940 - October 31, 2018

Mr. Edward J. Ladley, 78, of Pittsfield passed away at home on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Born on Staten Island, NY on May 17, 1940 he was the son of James P. and Crescentia Stammberger Ladley. He attended Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Peter's High School in Staten Island. He attended Niagara University on an athletic scholarship, where he was captain of the basketball and baseball teams and where he met the love of his life, Rose Marie Dunagan. .

After college, he joined the United States Air Force from 1963-1969 and served in Korea for a year while attaining the rank of Captain. After that time, he began teaching and coaching in Niceville, Florida before moving to Pittsfield, Massachusetts to begin his 42 year tenure as a teacher and Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at Wahcohah Regional High School in Dalton, Massachusetts. During this time he accumulated 500+ wins, 60 of those in the post season, five Western Massachusetts titles, and one very memorable State Championship in 1987. In 2012, the Wahchonah Regional High School gymnasium was forever renamed the "Edward Ladley Memorial Gynasium." He was a member of the Niagara University Basketball Hall of Fame, the St. Peter's High School Hall of Fame, the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the MA Basketball Hall of Fame. He was the recipient of the Sherman Kinney Award – MIAA and the John Codey Award. He was a State Commissioner of the ASA, the MA Basketball Coaches Association, the IABBO #25, the National Indicator Fraternity, and the Berkshire County

Softball Officials.

Mr. Ladley leaves his wife, Rose Marie Ladley, whom he married on July 6, 1963 in Niagara Falls, NY. He also leaves his eight children, Edward M. Ladley and his wife Beth, Jennifer Cunagin and her husband Wayne, Rebecca Tobler, Sean Ladley and his wife Stephanie, Stephanie Brazeau and her husband Vincent, Timothy Ladley and his wife Amber, Erin Leonard and her husband Shawn, and Megan Muir and her husband Geoff; two brothers, Thomas Ladley and Peter Ladley and a sister, Crescentia Brynolfson; twenty grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his older brother, James Ladley.

Funeral Notice:

The Dwyer Funeral Home will host calling hours on Sunday, November 4th from 1p.m. To 4 p.m. Funeral services for Mr. Edward J. Ladley will be Monday, November 5, 2018 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus. Entombment will follow in St. Michael the Archangel Mausoleum in St. Joseph's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (www.LBDA.org) or to HospiceCare in the Berkshires in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

CH

“ I was stationed with Ed in Korea 1965-1966. He was one of my favorites there in KangNung. I found this picture of the two of us. I was saddened to see that he passed away several years ago.
Curtis Heximer 985 264-3678.
Please forward to the Ladley family.

curtis heximer - November 19, 2024 at 05:16 PM

DD

“ Ed, was a good man who gave ASA Softball of MASS the best he could over the years as the state commissioner. I enjoy our times over the years at meetings in state and national meetings. God Bless his family and friends.

*Doug Dicey, Commissioner Emeritus New Hampshire ASA
Kennebunkport, Maine*

Douglas Dicey - November 14, 2018 at 10:43 AM

JD

“ Mrs Ladley and entire Ladley Family...
My Deepest Condolences and Prayers go to your family. Ed was not only a great official, he was truly was a gentleman and he had such a presence about him that he deserved all of the respect he is accorded. Deepest Sympathies...*Jamie DiMassimo and our family at Teo's*

Jamie DiMassimo - November 04, 2018 at 12:31 PM

DD

“ Rose Marie and family,

Please accept our condolences to your family. Ed was quite a man and for many who followed him at Wahconah like I did he was a terrific role model .Dependable, caring, strong, loving, conscientious, patient...Wow! and he was always there for our family at work at Wahconah, the Sports Academy or umpiring for the Collegians or the NECBL to support his beautiful family. Ed was natural teacher and I particularly treasured how he taught when he was officiating....Leadership is more about how you act than what you say and we witnessed this man's leadership everyday and I am grateful for that because the kids got to see grace under pressure with Ed in the game.... May God Bless you Big Ed and I pray the angels escort you into paradise. As a remembrance we will enroll you and your family in the St.Jude League in Baltimore



Dan + Amy Duquette.

Dan Duquette - November 04, 2018 at 11:02 AM

DK

“ *I would like to express my sympathy to the Ladley family on their lose. I served as Southeastern Massachusetts ASA commissioner under him for a number of years.*

Dennis Koczera

dennis koczera - November 04, 2018 at 10:39 AM

GC

“ Dear Mrs. Ladley and family,

Since coach passed away I wanted to be able to pass along my deep sympathy for all of you and this tremendous loss. Since I was a little kid coach was a larger than life figure. I was so blessed to have his wisdom passed onto me as a player, student, and assistant coach of his for a short time. It has been several years since I had seen him after moving to New York to continue teaching Physical Education and coaching. I hear him in my head many days as I attempt to be half the man he was. I know you all know how much he did for people, but he helped me at times when I had no one else in my corner It was fun being part of his team - and the 1987 team was a special run that was fun. But the things he did to help and teach me outside of basketball I can never repay or do more then tell his loved ones how appreciated his help was. When I read the bible I think of him with scripture of 2 Timothy: 4: 7 - 8 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the lord the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only me but also for all who have longed for his appearance."

I am grateful that he shared some of his race with me. My time with him was small compared to yours - but he has earned his rest for all of his work. I am sure God met him on his last day and said welcome home son and rest my faithful servant. Please find comfort in all he did to make the world a better place - he was a great man that I am sure you know how appreciated he was, but it is also nice to take time to say sorry for your loss, and Thank you for sharing him with us.

Love and Peace,

Gordie Conrow

Gordie Conrow - November 03, 2018 at 11:32 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - November 03, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward J. Ladley.



November 02, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ *Mark A. Hart* WRHS class of 1991. Sending my condolences to the Ladely family. He was a great person.

Mark A. Hart - November 02, 2018 at 03:08 PM

MC

“ Mike Callahan(1978) purchased the Pretty Pleas
e for the family of Mr, Edward J. Ladley.



Mike Callahan(1978) - November 02, 2018 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ With a great amount of sympathy, we'll always remember Coach
Ladley and ALL that he meant to his family, his extended family at
Wahconah and many, many friends. Our love to you, Jim and Bunny

jim Whitman bunny whitman - November 02, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mr, Edward J. Ladley.



November 02, 2018 at 09:00 AM

CO

“ Dear Rose Marie and Family,
Connie and I were saddened to read of Ed's passing. I truly enjoyed
my 12 years teaching with him at Wahconah. He was a true
gentleman and fine educator. He will be missed by all who knew
him. You are all in our prayers.

*Chuck & Connie O'Hagerty
Melbourne, Fl.*

Chuck O'Hagerty - November 02, 2018 at 08:38 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Ladley,

My wife and I were so saddened to hear of Ed's passing. I want you to know that he made me a much better coach and thus helped me establish a competitive program in Athol. He was so generous with his time. He even came to speak at our summer basketball camp one year. Enjoyed our many battles on the hardwood. I figure you and my wife could write a heck of a book entitled, "The Life of a Wife of a High School Basketball Coach". I respected the heck of him and so did all the opposing coaches. Hang on to all those wonderful memories you two built together. God is holding Ed in the palm of his hand as we speak. God Bless.

*Chris and Rosanne Sullivan
Athol High School*

Chris Sullivan - November 02, 2018 at 07:38 AM