



## Mr. Edward J. Powers

June 11, 1952 - November 30, 2012

Mr. Edward J. Powers, 60 of Pittsfield, MA, died Friday November 30, 2012 surrounded by his family. Born in Pittsfield on June 11, 1952 the son of Edward and Carolyn Powers and Adrien Chalifoux, he was a chef, educator, and tireless advocate for those less fortunate.

A graduate of Taconic High School, Ed attended Essex Agricultural School and Westfield State University to obtain his culinary arts and teaching credentials. He founded and for 25 years led one of the preeminent culinary arts programs in the country at Pittsfield High School, inspiring hundreds of students to pursue a culinary career while emphasizing the importance of community service. Ed dedicated thousands of hours to organizations throughout Berkshire County and was honored as one of the Boys and Girls Club of America's Service to Youth award winners. An accomplished chef and educator, Ed was inducted into the Albany, New York chapter of prestigious Les Amis d' Escoffier Society of New York and was an active member of the American Culinary Federation. Ed was also the proud owner of Powers Catering and the Madison Café.

Ed was predeceased by his son, Brandon, and parents Edward Powers and Carolyn and Adrien Chalifoux. He leaves his wife of 32 years, Carol; son E.J. and wife Gina of Manchester, NH; sisters Anna Miller and husband Terry of Pittsfield, MA and Doreen Horton and husband Dave of Windsor, MA; parents-in-law Louis and Angelina Lausier; and several brothers and sisters-in law, cousins, nieces and nephews.

FUNERAL NOTICE :

Funeral services for Mr. Edward J. Powers will be Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 9 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrate by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be, Tuesday, December 4, 2012 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Friends of Renal Dialysis – FORD, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home in his memory. Please visit [www.dwyerfuneral.com](http://www.dwyerfuneral.com) to leave condolences and remembrances. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ON THIS WEBSITE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ To Carol and your family. I am sorry for your loss. Ed was very helpful to while at the Girls Inc. as we enjoyed talking at great lengths about the culinary programs. He will missed. May God watch over you and give you and your family strength to carry on.  
Mike Gardino

Michael Gardino - December 07, 2012 at 07:51 AM

CN

“ Anna & Terry and the Powers' Family,  
Our condolences over your loss. Ed was bigger than life and always a strong presence wherever he was and whatever he was doing. Even years after Taconic he would always greet me with that warm handshake, big smile, and bright eyes. He was a good person and like hundreds of others I am proud to call him my friend.  
- Charlie & Denise Nagelschmidt

C.R. Nagelschmidt - December 06, 2012 at 10:08 PM

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“ Carol....so sorry for your loss. Ed was a sweet heart. Condolences to you & the family.  
Nancy Giusti Orton



Nancy Giusti Orton - December 05, 2012 at 07:14 PM



“ Anna @ Terry: I was so sad to read of Ed's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him at the bar. -Jerry Gelpi

Jerry Gelpi - December 05, 2012 at 08:19 AM



“ Anna @ Terry: I'm sorry to read of Ed's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him at the bar. -Jerry Gelpi

Jerry Gelpi - December 05, 2012 at 08:13 AM



“ Carol, condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. With love, Joan Sciola Bartolomei and family.

Joan Bartolomei - December 04, 2012 at 07:08 PM



“ E.J. - I am very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Keep the many memories alive in your heart and they will help you get through these difficult times. You and your family will be in my prayers. Anne Lord

Anne Lord - December 04, 2012 at 07:53 AM



“ Carol, EJ, Doreen, and Anna - we are saddened by the loss of such a great friend, educator, and a generous member of the community. We considered Carol and Ed among our closest friends, all the way back to 1974. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Eric & Sandra Boulter, Oracle, AZ

Eric Boulter - December 03, 2012 at 08:53 AM



“ Barbara Grey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward J. Powers



Barbara Grey - December 03, 2012 at 07:56 AM

KD

“ Had & shared a lot of great memories, He is one of the best. Would do anything for anyone. His Family is the best. A lot of hearts are broken from his lost..He will be so missed.

*Kathy DiPietro*

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**Kathy DiPietro** - December 02, 2012 at 01:40 PM

MC

“ Carol & E.J. I was so sorry to hear about Ed. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Mike Connors

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**Michael Connors** - December 02, 2012 at 10:42 AM