



## Mr. Francis "Frank" Murphy

May 4, 1940 - May 2, 2025

Mr. Francis "Frank" Murphy, of Pittsfield, MA, and formerly of Murray Hill, NYC, passed away on Friday, May 2, 2025, just two days before celebrating his 85th birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on May 4, 1940, son of the late Charles and Stella Hennessy Murphy, he graduated from Pittsfield High School with the class of 1957. Frank then earned his bachelor's degree from Holy Cross in 1961 and later graduated from Fordham University with a Doctor of Law Degree in 1970.

Frank enlisted in the United States Navy in 1961, where he proudly served his country becoming a Commissioned Officer rank of Lieutenant in 1965 and receiving an honorable discharge in 1967. During his time in the Navy, he sailed around the world multiple times and received many medals.

For much of his life and career, Frank resided in the Murray Hill section of New York City, where he was employed by the former New York Telephone Company, which later transitioned to Verizon. There, he worked as an executive in the finance department, until his retirement.

It was through his years of education, Naval Service and career that Frank built the lifelong friendships that he cherished.

Frank loved living in the city but also enjoyed his Peter Pan bus rides back

home to the Berkshires to visit his parents and sister Maureen “Mitzi” on Eleanor Rd. After Mitzi’s death in 2000, he became a family member of the Atkinsons, joining them for holidays and all their family celebrations.

While in New York, Frank enjoyed spending time with friends over dinner at many different restaurants, with Neary’s on E. 57th St. being a longtime favorite. It was there that he became a member of yet another family.

Frank was an avid Red Sox fan and a proud card-carrying member of the “BLOHARDS” (Benevolent Loyal Order of the Honorable Ancient Red Sox Diehard Sufferers of New York), attending many games over the years.

Among many things, Frank enjoyed traveling, reading history, cheering on the Red Sox, taking long walks around Manhattan, and spending time with family and friends.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Maureen “Mitzi” Murphy.

We would like to thank all the staff at Sugar Hill Assisted Living Community in Dalton and Springside Rehab and Nursing Center in Pittsfield for the amazing care that Frank received over the past year.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Francis “Frank” Murphy will be Friday, May 9, 2025, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 1:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, celebrated by Msgr. Michael A. Shershanovich, Pastor. Burial with military honors will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. There will be a time of visitation at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield, 220 East Street, Pittsfield MA, 01201, directly prior to the service, from 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

Donations in Frank's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Red Sox Foundation in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Church  
414 North St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

## Visitation

MAY 9. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield  
220 East St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 445-4064  
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<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ My brother's and I just got the news which left us saddened and dismayed. On behalf of "Uncle" Frank's Holy Cross/Navy pal, J Paul Giuliani (a.k.a. Jewels), we wish to offer our condolences and prayers for the repose of his soul.

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**David Giuliani** - December 15, 2025 at 06:13 PM

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“ Condolences to Frank's family, and assurance of remembrance at Mass. Fr. Tom Hughson SJ, Holy Cross '61

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**Thomas Hughson** - June 18, 2025 at 06:59 PM

EF

“ I met Frank early in my work life at New York Telephone. I will remember his intelligence, the way that he valued his friendships and his skill level for the New York Times crossword puzzle. We were down to exchanging Christmas cards for the last 10 years or so as life things piled up. I wish I had kept in touch more. Rest in peace, Frank. My deepest sympathy to all who loved him.

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**Ellen Fitzpatrick** - May 30, 2025 at 12:20 PM

PM

“ Frank ,Danny Murray and I sat and cringed in fear together for four years at Fordham Law.  
Donation made to Alzheimer's Association in Frank's name.  
Pat Monaghan Fordham Law Class of 1970

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**Pat Monaghan** - May 14, 2025 at 03:30 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jerome C Haggerty** - May 10, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JH

“ *Jerome C Haggerty lit a candle in memory of Francis Murphy*



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**Jerome C Haggerty** - May 10, 2025 at 06:18 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album *Fun memories with Frank*



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**chris Schubert** - May 09, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - May 09, 2025 at 07:14 AM

DW

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Murphy's passing. He was a great mowing customer of ours for more than 35 yrs. Our thoughts are with his family and friends, especially the Atkinsons and Ms Bell. RIP Mr. Murphy  
Donna & Ken Walz

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**Donna Walz** - May 08, 2025 at 09:28 PM

BF

Frank was such a great guy. Funny, generous and kind. We had many good nights at Neary's. Wonderful memories. He will be missed by his friends and of course, me. I know there is a star waiting for him in heaven.  
Your friend always, Barbara

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**barbara Ferguson** - July 12, 2025 at 12:15 AM