



George J. Travers

July 5, 1946 - September 22, 2017

George J. Travers Jr., of Norwalk, Ct, passed away on September 22, 2017 surrounded by his loved ones. Born in Pittsfield, MA on July 5, 1946, he left behind his devoted and loving wife, partner, and best friend for over 35 years, Cathy, as well as his loving family and many friends.

He dearly loved his sisters Carol Hoyda, Leah Lewis, and his brother Michael Travers, as well as his brother in laws Serge Hoyda, David Lewis, and Jim and Chuck Pazzanesce. His much-adored nieces and nephews, Nelson Bordeaux, Leah Bordeaux, Stacey Vary, Michael Travers, Jordan Hoyda, and Lily Hoyda brought him so much joy and pride their whole lives, and his love and devotion to them was unconditional.

Raised in Pittsfield, he was active in the Pittsfield Boys Club, and was a member of their Cavaliers Drum Corp. It was there that he learned woodworking skills and the passion for working with his hands. George loved to sketch and make things from wood. As a young teenager, he became an avid skier and continued to do so through most of his life. He was an avid follower of UConn College Basketball, women's vs. men's; he knew all the stats by heart. The Boston Red Sox and the N.E. Patriots made him crazy but he was crazy about them. He was an avid vintage car lover, especially his own.

In the mid-70s, his career in retail management brought him to Connecticut. Over the years his work in retail and garment manufacturing led him to travel all over the world, which was something he loved to do. His last years were

spent in sales until he retired in 2016.

George was never defined by his work, but more by his character, ethics, and gentle compassionate soul. He could not tolerate cruelty or injustice of any kind to man or animal. He was never judgmental of anyone. He only ever sought peace and harmony in life.

The loss of George will leave a hole in the heart of his loving wife, Cathy, and his many family members and numerous friends for years to come. He will be laid to rest close to his parents, George and Leah Travers, in Pittsfield Cemetery.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. George J. Travers will be Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 11:45 a.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA, celebrated by Rev. William Furey. Calling hours at the funeral home will precede the service from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.. Burial will follow at Pittsfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pittsfield Boys and Girls Club, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, as it was one of his favorite organizations to support. He felt so strongly about enabling children to go to summer camp who otherwise could not afford to.

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
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info@dwyerfuneral.com
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Tribute Wall



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - September 29, 2017 at 12:39 PM

“ dear family and friends of george,

i was a colleague of george in the pittsfield boy's club cavaliers and have not seen him since the early 1960s. it is sad to lose someone so committed to bettering the lives of others. i know he is in a new experience now and will keep him in my thoughts and music.

here is a poem i put together with a few lines from the hopi people , and dedicated to my parents. i share it here for george:

HOPI PRAYER FROM OUR ANCESTORS, FOR OUR ANCESTORS

words from the hopi people of southwest native america and royal hartigan 1999

do not stand at my grave and weep, i am not there i do not sleep

i am a thousand winter winds that blow, i am the diamond glints on snow

i am the summer's sun on the ripened grain, i am the gentle autumn's rain

i am harvest leaves of red and orange and gold, i am the life force of all beings, great and small, fleeting and eternal, young and old

i am mountain meadows of brown and tan and green, i am the inner secret shadow spirits of all things, visible and unseen

i am the dawning dew in may's blooming mist, i am the heartbeat of your dreams kissed

i am the sounds of music and dance and song from up on high, i am the clouds in an endless sky

*when you awaken in the morning's quiet hush, i am the swift
uplifting rush of birds in circled flight*

i am the soft stars that shine on a moonlit night

so do not stand at my grave and cry, i am not there, i did not die

*and as before, wherever you go i am with you near or far, and
wherever i walk on the paths of this long cold night of life without
you, you are right here with me, inside my heart*

*a mirror for each others' souls through time and space we are one,
and someday yet again we will be whole as we awaken together in
the evening's midnight sun*

as we awaken together in the evening's midnight sun

and we'll dance with spirits deep, sing the whole way through,

*we'll laugh at life's old ills, and to each other be true, as we awaken
together in the evening's midnight sun*

in the evening's midnight sun

we are one we are one we are one

all one all one all beyond forever

we are forever with you, george

royal hartigan - September 29, 2017 at 11:15 AM

CH

Royal, this is absolutely beautiful. Thank you

Carol Travers Hoyda, suster

Carol Travers Hoyda - November 05, 2017 at 11:22 AM

SK

“ Sarah Kim purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of George J. Travers.



Sarah Kim - September 28, 2017 at 05:23 PM

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“ Sarah Kim purchased the *Bright and Beautiful Spray* for the family of George J. Travers.



Sarah Kim - September 28, 2017 at 05:18 PM

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“ Sarah Kim purchased the *Finest Farewell Spray* for the family of George J. Travers.



Sarah Kim - September 28, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of George J. Travers.



September 27, 2017 at 11:02 AM

LS

“ George,



It has only been a few days since you passed. I know that you are with Mom, Dad and Grandma and many of so many of your friends and loved ones. I miss you so very much. I will always remember you as my handsome and the coolest of cool brothers. Back in the late fifties, I remember showing how to do the Twist, It was because of Elvis Presley at that time and he was doing the Twist. Later in life at the tender age of 17 I got married and was out of step with all the latest dances. George, you came to my rescue! You taught me how to do the new dance called The Safistcated Sissy. Through my whole life when I did that dance you came to mind and I can still see you today teaching me that Great dance of the Late Sixties. What can you say when you realize that you do have the coolest of cool brothers. As time went on you became a very cool Uncle to Nelson JR. and Leah. They were always so happy when they new their Uncle George was going to be with them on Christmas or a Birthday, they new that they would be receiving the coolest of cool gifts. Uncle George became an Uncle many more times and treated each and every child the same. Well George, I know that you were 71 when you passed and I am 72, Look for me when it is my time and you and I will catch up on all the latest dances.

I love you my Brother, till that time.

Your coolest of cool sisters,

Leah

Leah Lewis Sister - September 26, 2017 at 07:33 PM

MS

“ I remember George from my teenage years. Always a nice guy and friendly to all. May he rest in peace. I will make a donation to the Boys and Girls Club in his memory.
Mary-Jane (Ryba) Sackett

Mary-Jane Sackett - September 26, 2017 at 04:33 PM

CH

Thank you, Mary Jane.

Carol Travers Hoyda - November 05, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George J. Travers.



September 26, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of George J. Travers.



September 25, 2017 at 04:12 PM