



Mr. Harry Frederick Soules Jr.

October 22, 1947 - February 2, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Harry Frederick Soules Jr., age 78, whose gentle humanity and loving heart shaped our lives in countless ways. After years of fighting his relentless illness with courage and grace, he peacefully entered eternal rest on the evening of February 2, 2026, with his family at his side.

A lifelong Berkshire County resident, Harry graduated from Mount Greylock Regional High School in 1965 and joined the United States Navy. He served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged after suffering a traumatic injury, spending a year in a Naval hospital in Texas. Missing home, he moved back to Pittsfield and met his future wife, JoAnne Ciliberti that July. They were engaged by August, and Harry went on to earn his Associates Degree in electronics from Berkshire Community College.

Harry began washing cars at Flynn Volkswagen in Pittsfield as a high school student. After graduating from BCC, he passed on an acceptance to Purdue University to return to Flynn's. He would work there his entire life, as a mechanic, a salesman, and finally in the role of finance manager. Known for his honesty and kind nature, his customers became loyal friends who continued to seek his advice on cars for a decade after his health forced an early retirement. The Flynns were family to Harry, and always held a special place in his heart.

Harry lived the majority of his life on Wellesley Park, where he forged lifelong friendships with his neighbors. Known affectionately as Papi, he loved his country, the Red Sox, Tom Brady, and vacations to Disney World. He led an honorable life and enjoyed simple pleasures. He loved people and cherished his pets. His greatest joy was his family.

Harry is survived by his faithful wife of 55 years, JoAnne Soules, his daughter Amy (Kevin) Higgins, son John (Holly Capitanio) Soules, his beloved grandchildren Layla Marie, Tessa Marie, Harry Jude and Jack Gerard, and his dog Rudy, the last in a long line of rescue animals. He is predeceased by his parents, Rita Cain and Harry Soules Sr., his stepfather Earl Cain, and his in-laws Teresa and Battista Ciliberti. He also leaves behind his sister Kelly Dewey, and his brother Michael Soules, his brother-in-law John (Katie) Ciliberti, and his sisters-in-law Teresa (Steven) Peaslee and Linda Ciliberti.

His family is grateful for the care and kindness he received at Craneville Place of Dalton and especially for the nurses and staff who worked tirelessly to provide him comfort in his final days.

Funeral Notice:

Calling hours for Harry will be Monday, February 9, 2026 from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Brian McGrath, Pastor of St. Agnes Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations in Harry's name to The Danny Boy Adoption Fund for senior animals, in care of Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

RT

“*Joanne, so sorry to hear of Harry's passing. I remember one time when you and Harry chaperoned a dance at "SOUTH". Harry was listening to a Red Sox vs Yankees game on his transistor radio. He was rooting for the SOX while you were rooting for the Yankees. Just one of many memories of the two of you. Cherish all of your memories. Chris and I will keep you in our prayers. Bob Timmins*

Robert Timmins - February 18 at 12:04 PM

BN

“ After I retired, I had the opportunity to spend more time with Harry as a backdoor neighbor and friend. I remember going to visit Harry and we played checkers together, while JoAnn had a chance to leave the house on her own knowing i was with Harry.

Our friendship grew to the point where we would go out to lunch at the East Side cafe together with some of the other neighborhood friends. And we went to movies in the afternoons. Harry was up for watching any movie as long as he got a certain favorite candy bar.

Then he came down with Parkinson's disease and slowly his body deteriorated...but his mind and his convictions stayed with him throughout.

I remember one of my favorites was "Fighting for Valor" or some movie with Valor in its name and had to do with PT boats. It was a Viet Nam war movie and the stars put their lives on the line with every assignment. On our walk back to the car, Harry and I had a discussion about the word valor and what it meant. Harry was a veteran and had a great view of what valor meant. Sacrifice, service, brotherhood. Harry went through some kind of hell during his yeas of service... but he never seemed to complain.

We once took a trip to Baltimore on a bus to watch a Red Sox game there. What a nice experience that was. Harry enjoyed being pushed by his son and friends all over Baltimore's harbor and we had a great lunch before the game!

Harry was a Great man, a great father.

He will be missed.

You have my condolences, JoAnn!!

Bob Niebauer - February 10 at 11:44 AM

DE

“ Dear Joanne Amy, John and family. Prayers have been with you throughout the years and will continue for you all to find comfort, peace and strength in the days ahead. My Dave thought the world of Harry and I remember him fondly with a glimmer in his eyes as he would visit us in the deli and regale us with stories of his kiddos. Peace, Deb Flynn (& family)

Deb - February 09 at 02:44 PM

RC

“ Joanne, so sorry for your loss.

Ron Charbonneau - February 08 at 04:53 PM

AR

“ The world was a better place when he was here. We spent many years together at Pittisfield High wrestling and DelGallos monday night pitch. Harry the Hat was on of the most remarkable men I have ever known. Not a mean bone in his body. A gentleman to all. A tremendous family man. Always had a joke or story for every occassion. Over the many years I knew him I was most impressed with how he dealt with his illness: courageously; without complaint; always good humored. My deepest condolences to Joanne, John, Amy, and family. I cherish his friendship.

ALAN J RIGHI - February 08 at 01:38 PM

NO

“ JoAnne, Amy, and John, I was so sorry to hear of Harry's passing. Please know I am thinking of you and your family. May he rest in peace, and may you be comforted by the many wonderful memories you have of him and his love for you.

Nancy Ovitsky

Nancy Ovitsky - February 08 at 12:11 PM

NP

“ Dear Joanne, John, and Family
Please accept my deepest condolences for the passing of your beloved Harry, your soulmate.
So many memories of the Ciliberti family as we grew up in the same neighborhood as well as the Beverly St neighborhood where Helen lived and our children gathered.
May the beautiful life you enjoyed together and the amazing family you created together bring you comfort now.
Fondly
Nancy (Curley) Peterson
Trent Woods NC

Nancy Peterson - February 08 at 10:34 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry Frederick Soules Jr..



February 07 at 07:19 PM

AP

“ April, Beverly & John Pish planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Harry Frederick Soules Jr..

April, Beverly & John Pish - February 07 at 04:47 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry Frederick Soules Jr..*



February 07 at 04:47 PM

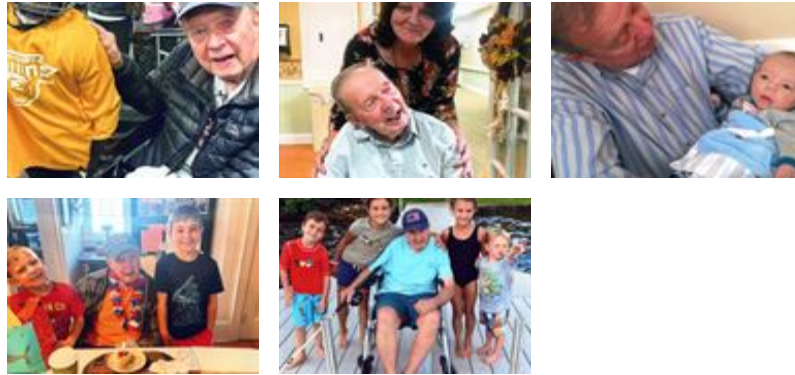


“ *Harry was the kindest and sweetest man a person a person could know. We have known Harry and the Ciliberti family for years and think of them as family We are relieved your pain is over. Rest in piece my dear friend*

Barry Fleischmann - February 07 at 02:52 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 07 at 01:05 PM



Joanne, I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember how often you spoke lovingly of him. - Ralph

Ralph Hammann - February 07 at 07:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry Frederick Soules Jr..*



February 07 at 12:17 PM



“ *Harry, you were the best boss I ever had. Rest easy, Sailor.*



William Duda - February 07 at 10:31 AM



“ *Dear family, I am very sorry for your loss. Harry was a. Wonderful man who will be missed!*

Gary Clarkson - February 07 at 06:31 AM



“ *JMU Rugby Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Harry Frederick Soules Jr..*



JMU Rugby Family - February 06 at 08:22 PM

LC

“ Joanne and family my condolences to all of you in the loss of Harry. He fought for so many years and now I hope he has eternal peace and rest.

Sincerely
Linda Carter

Linda Carter - February 06 at 12:22 PM

RE

“ Rebekah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Harry Frederick Soules Jr..

Rebekah - February 05 at 03:03 PM

RE

“ Rebekah purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Harry Frederick Soules Jr..



Rebekah - February 05 at 03:03 PM

JM

“ Joanne & Family, very sorry to hear of Harry's passing, he was a very nice man & went through a lot physically! You have our condolences. John & Cathie McHugh.

John M. McHugh - February 05 at 02:00 PM

MC

“ Harry was essentially a second father for me growing up. The Callahan and Soules families were extremely close living 5 houses apart on Wellesley St.

I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Harry but here is the one that I remember most. When I was 13 years old my parents were out of town for a weekend and my grandfather, Joseph Callahan, unexpectedly passed away. I don't know all of the specifics, but i know that Harry was called (in lieu of my father being out of town) and went over and helped my grandmother on that terrible day. Harry was the one who had to tell me that my grandfather had died, and that must have been very hard for him. That grandma Mary trusted Harry that much and could rely on his help reminds me that the Soules were essentially family to our family.

With Love

Michael Callahan

Michael Callahan - February 05 at 11:35 AM

DF

*Dear JoAnne and family,
I was saddened to learn that Harry passed away. Despite his illness he still managed to live his life to the fullest extent possible. You and your children certainly provided Harry with the constant support, love, and dignity he deserved despite his adversity. I wish I could be there, as I am in Florida, but please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. David Fiedler and Susan Wilansky.*

David Fiedler - February 07 at 09:50 AM