



## Mr. Henry J. Colvin

May 23, 1952 - November 27, 2018

Henry Joseph Colvin, 66, of Pittsfield passed away peacefully at his home on November 27, 2018 following a brief but courageous battle with end stage cancer. Henry's infectious smile and positivity lasted until the end. His legacy is impossible to put into words, but we will try.

Henry was born on May 23, 1952 in Pittsfield, where he was raised and educated. He was a graduate of California College of Respiratory Therapy through Berkshire Community College. Beginning as an orderly and ending as a beloved member of the respiratory care team, he was employed at Berkshire Medical Center for 37 years. Known for his bright smile, friendly and funny demeanor and compassionate bedside manner, his presence will be missed by his colleagues and patients. Co-workers and former patients all spoke fondly of Henry and his caring ways extended far beyond the walls of BMC.

To say Henry loved the outdoors is an understatement. He was a hunter, fisherman, camper, knife-maker, golfer and motorcyclist. He loved to travel to new places on his Harley and explored America on many cross-country trips with his wife Tara and cherished friends. He was a lifelong member of local sportsman clubs. Hunting was an especially valued discipline that he loved to share with his sons. This time of year he would spend almost every weekend with them out in the woods, fostering a lifelong bond and love for the sport. He always let his sons take the first shot.

Family was most important to Henry. He was one of eight children to Ralph

and Evelyn (Garrity) Colvin of Pittsfield. He was pre-deceased by his brothers David, Frances, Gerald and Peter and remained extremely close to his surviving sisters Linda Connors, Mary Colvin-Barone and Nancy Colvin and his many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Whether watching the Boston Bruins, sharing a joke or making a simple phone call, Henry truly valued his family and time spent with them. He is survived by his wife Tara (McKay) Colvin, his friend and former wife Karen Abear and their four children: Tanner Colvin, Garrett and his wife Molly (Murphy) Colvin, Jillian Colvin and her fiancé David Galvagni and Darran Colvin. Henry's children were his pride and joy.

Funeral Notice:

A celebration of life for Henry will be held at Skyline Country Club on Friday, November 30 from 4-8pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Henry's name to the Pittsfield Boys and Girls Club, 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.

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ My deepest condolences go out to th entire Colvin family. I first met Henry way back when the Imperial and Cavalier drum corps were in fashion. Later our paths crossed again and I had the pleasure of working with him at B.M.C. Henry, what a guy. May you rest in peace, til we meet again.

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**Pamela Soldo Cornwell Scalzo** - December 02, 2018 at 02:18 PM

ME

“ So sorry to have lost such a lively, spirited, conscientious, caring guy. Miss you already.

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**Melissa** - December 01, 2018 at 08:14 PM

BD

“ Henry and I grew up in West Pittsfield and were separated by just a few hours having the same birthday! I remember all his family and how we all as kids enjoyed playing hiding-go-seek and 123 red-light under the street lights in the evening. Our parents knew one another and we were always welcomed in for a snack together. We went to Stearns school but after grade school we lost touch with one another for life. I have fond memories of him and all his family and growing up in the neighborhood. Looking at his picture I would never have recognized him if we bumped into each other. I am sure it would have been the same for him! From his obituary I was moved how he had touched so many lives with hope for their future. Truly an inspiration to his family! My deepest sympathy for all of you remembering all of you in this time of sadness. May God grant all of you His peace and love! Gratefully, Bill Delphia, Gardner, Kansas

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**Bill Delphia** - November 30, 2018 at 12:32 PM

BK

“ *I'm so saddened about Henry. He was a wonderful gentleman. He was so proud of Tanner, Garrett, Julian and D. You guys are his legacy. Henry will be missed by so many. Love- Bill Kerwood*❤️

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**Bill Kerwood** - November 30, 2018 at 10:33 AM

DH

“ *Always a smile. Henry 'Cat' Colvin was one of the most balanced people I've had the pleasure of sharing laughs with, never a frown. Thanks for making growing up here more fun Henry and the dance floors will miss you too, yup, some remember the Doobies.... thanks for all of your smiles Cat. Peace, be with God.*

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**DANIEL HEALY** - November 30, 2018 at 08:48 AM

KW

“ *I was Henry's neighbor for many years since he bought the house next to mine. He was an amazing neighbor, always willing to help , snowblowing my sidewalk after a big storm or the plows. Letting my sons borrow an archery target. Asking when I was sleeping so he wouldn't wake me up. The world is darker with his leaving.*  
*Keith Williams*

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**Keith Williams** - November 29, 2018 at 09:17 PM

PM

“ Tanner, Garrett, Darran, and Jillian,

*I can't imagine a person with a bigger smile or heart! Your dad may not have been successful in teaching me not to worry about the little things in life, but I will continue to learn from the living lessons of free spirit, generosity, and humility that he taught all of us. I will always remember his huge smile when I would express some concern about Darran and Kevin doing the many somethings they did that always stressed me out! He never told me not worry about those things. Instead, it was his smile that always reminded me to relax and that our kids would be fine.*

*You know, of course, how horrified I always was about you learning to hunt with your dad. He thought it was hilarious that I was so opposed to hunting, but now, I truly recognize the bond that this sport created between you and your dad. Those are treasured together and private moments that you will revisit in your minds over and over again for a lifetime.*

*Lucky me for getting to meet and know your dad for nearly three decades. Lucky you for having a dad who loved you so much and taught you all to enjoy life, be kind to others, work hard, and play hard.*

*Much love to all of you and please know that your family is in my heart - always.*

*Mrs. Mac*

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**Pamela MacDonald** - November 29, 2018 at 03:39 PM

HM

“ I knew Henry as a friend and co worker at BMC. He was a fantastic person and gave joy to all who knew him. Rest In Peace my friend. My deepest condolences to his family

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**Helen Majchrowski** - November 29, 2018 at 01:19 PM

MK

“ Such a fun coworker. A lot of great times on the Respiratory Unit. Sending sympathy to the family- Michele Keifer

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**michele keifer** - November 29, 2018 at 09:50 AM

DO

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Henry Colvin...a lifelong friend who will be missed. Over the past 50 years I was fortunate to have known such a special man as Henry. He was always the smiling face who lit up the room. It seems that every time I was in BMC I would wake up to the warm smile of my good friend Henry. He just put himself out to make sure I knew everything was going to be better. Thank you Henry for being there. The twinkle in his eyes and generous smile was all I needed to fully recover. Guddama....rest in peace Henry.

*Dan O'Connell....Pittsfield, Ma.*

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**Daniel O'Connell** - November 29, 2018 at 08:55 AM

PE

“ I’ve known Henry all my life. We grew up together, same neighborhood and schools. Always friendly and smiling. Rest In Peace my friend. You will be missed by all. Sincere sympathy to all his family.

Patricia Eddy

Patricia Eddy - November 28, 2018 at 07:21 PM

JF

“ Absolutely incredible obituary for an incredible man . Rest In Peace dear Henry. Your magnificent job on earth has come to an end and your eternal reward will be even more magnificent.



Janet Francis-McDonough - November 28, 2018 at 06:53 PM

VW

“ Valerie Winslow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry J. Colvin



Valerie Winslow - November 28, 2018 at 06:39 PM

SA

“ I didn't know Henry at all, except to see his smiling face coming thru the ER now and then while working. He made me feel like I knew him, He would say hello like I knew him. And so, I'll miss seeing him and I am sorry for the loss of him and I pray he is in Heaven smiling away!! 😊

Saly - November 28, 2018 at 06:35 PM

AR

“ Henry & I were Teammates on BCC Cross Country Teams in the 1979-81 era. He was quite happy to have me confirm that fact with some of his skeptic coworkers, lol!

*He told me he had run a few Marathons as well! I never had that chance, and admired him for that accomplishment!*

*He was a huge comfort to me and my family when we reunited in CCU. He helped to make an uncomfortable situation much easier to deal with!*

*Thank you Henry for being my friend!*

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**Anne & John Ruggeri** - November 28, 2018 at 06:22 PM

JB

“ Love and prayers to the entire family . Henry was simply awesome . I loved working with him. When I think of Henry I see a big mischievous smile . Heaven has another hunter . I am sure my brother TJ and Michael will welcome Henry with open arms . Peace and Love to all the Colvin family .

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**jeannie Laureyns Bell** - November 28, 2018 at 06:01 PM

VS

“ What a wonderful person and friend. He was so talented in everything he did. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him. One of the best! Rest In Peace Henry.

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**Vicki Sperlonga** - November 28, 2018 at 05:48 PM

JW

“ *My heart literally just broke. Friends with Henry since I was in jr. high, our families shared a lot of similarities. I also came from a family with eight children and I was fortunate enough to meet all of Henry's siblings and share a couple memorable events with them. My parents allowed us to have a sock hop in our garage one summer and Henry, Peter and Nancy all came to it. I also attended a summer bonfire at his family home on Hungerford and I will never forget how they all made me feel so welcome and made me laugh. When Henry first started running, he wanted to run in the annual road race in Falmouth and asked me to join him for the trip. We had the best weekend visiting the local beaches, diners and nightclubs and it was great cheering him on for the race. He certainly did have an infectious smile, one that will be remembered by many. My sincere condolences to his wife, children, siblings and all those close to him. Rest my friend, my brother...forever. Joanne (Haines) Wyand*

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**Joanne M. Wyand** - November 28, 2018 at 05:03 PM

EA

“ *Evelyn Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry J. Colvin*



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**Evelyn Andrews** - November 28, 2018 at 04:51 PM

EA

“ Henry , you are loved, you will be missed, may God hold you in His arm's.

*Joe and Evelyn Andrews*

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**Evelyn Andrews** - November 28, 2018 at 03:50 PM