



## Mr. James R. Coughlin

February 8, 1929 - April 27, 2018

James Richard Coughlin, 89, of Pittsfield and Bonita Springs, FL died on Friday, April 27, 2018 at Mt Greylock Extended Care Facility. Born in Pittsfield on February 8, 1929, son of the late Paul J and Katherine Starr Coughlin, Jim was a 1946 graduate of Pittsfield High School.

He served in the Army with the Japanese Occupation Forces from July 1946-November 1947.

Jim worked in the power transformer test department at General Electric for forty years, and had a ten year partnership with Robert O'Brien Contracting. He also owned and operated an independent garage door installation and repair service in Berkshire County.

James was pre-deceased by his wife Marilyn T. McMahan Coughlin (11/2/91), his parents Paul and Katherine Coughlin, parents-in-law Joseph and Marcella McMahan, his sister Jeanne Bushey, brother David Coughlin, brother-in-law Albert White, and daughters Joan Elizabeth Whittington and Maureen Coughlin.

Besides his companion Barbara Smith, he is survived by his beloved children and their spouses Marilyn J. Hickey (Michael), Peter J. Coughlin (Sheila Dwyer) all of Pittsfield, Ellen K. Lomaglio (Alexander) and Karen A. Tibbetts (Gary) all of Lenox; his sisters Carolyn White of Albany, NY, Mary K. O'Brien (Robert) of Pittsfield, and Paula Byrdy (Harold) of Lanesborough; his brothers Thomas Coughlin (Linda) of Charlton and Michael Coughlin (Carmen) of Mountain View, CA, and his brother-in-law Edward McMahan (Julie). He also

leaves his grandchildren Tara Rochelo, Audra Butman, Patrick and Christopher Coughlin, Bridget Cooley, Joseph Whittington, Michael and Eric Lomaglio and Emily and Mathew Tibbetts. In addition, he leaves many treasured nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren and friends.

Jim's family would like to express their deep gratitude and appreciation to BMC, the staff at Mt Greylock ECF, HospiceCare in the Berkshires and BHS.

Funeral Notice:

Calling hours for James R. Coughlin will be Friday evening, May 4, 2018 from 4 to 7 PM at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield. A

Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 9 AM St. Joseph's Church, 414 North Street, Pittsfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory may be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUL 3. 9:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ Dear Karen and Ellen and all your family members,  
I am so sorry that I was unable to attend services for your Dad/Grandfather. I wish I could have been there to give hugs to you. They are being sent in spirit, as are prayers for peace and comfort. I didn't know your Dad/Grandfather, but remember the Tibbits and Lomaglio families from teaching 3rd grade at Morris. Such wonderful people who must have had a wonderful Father. To Matt and Eric, carry on the proud heritage of your Granddad. And to Karen & Ellen, I am sorry for your loss. May beautiful memories sustain you in the days ahead.  
Sincerely,  
Becky Knox



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Rebecca Knox - May 07, 2018 at 01:17 PM

CS

“ To the Coughlin family: My thoughts and prayers have been with you throughout this difficult time and with Jim these past few months.. Jim's zest for life and his tremendous courage over the past few years has been amazing. No matter what life threw at him he just kept fighting and winning battle after battle surprising us all again and again, until finally his body said - enough.

He lived and loved life to the fullest. A lesson for us all. Such a kind, caring, gentleman that especially my mom and also my family were blessed to have in our lives. Rest in peace Jim.

Cathy, Erin and Christen Shepeard

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cathy C shepeard - May 04, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - May 04, 2018 at 09:25 AM

SB

“ *Aunt Barb and Jim's family... What a wonderful man, blessed to have known him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers..... Susan, Bill, Jianna & Jeremy Bona*

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**Susan Bona** - May 01, 2018 at 10:56 PM

ML

“ *Dear Marilyn and your sisters and brother, Sorry to hear of the loss of your father.*

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**Michael Latini** - May 01, 2018 at 06:46 PM

MM

“ To Barb and all of Jim's family and friends - Rick and I treasure the time we had with Jim and every person we met through him. He was the most gentle and kind man I have ever met. He loved life, his family (always updated us on his children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, etc.--he was so proud of them), good food, sports (especially those Patriots), nice cars (Rick misses the rides in the convertible), had a great sense of humor; just a good and wonderful person. Rick and I both feel blessed to have been a part of his life. Always remember the fun times--that's what Jim would want you to do. Hugs, Marilyn and Rick Moore



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**Marilyn Moore** - May 01, 2018 at 08:07 AM

MG

“ To The Coughlin Family:  
I will always have fond memories of our families spending time together. Your Dad had a distinctive voice and ability to tell a good story. There was always laughter when our fathers were together. Thanks for all the good times Mr. Coughlin and may God bless you and your family.

*Jamie & Mark Gutmann, Morgantown, WV*

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**Mark Gutmann** - May 01, 2018 at 07:34 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James R. Coughlin.



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April 30, 2018 at 02:22 AM

MS

“ *To Peter, Karen and Family.*

*Deb and I would like to offer our condolences to you over the loss of your father. We want you to know you are in our thoughts prayers.*

*Mark And Deb Lange*

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**Mark Lange, Sr.** - April 29, 2018 at 09:12 AM