



Mr. James F. Vinette

May 31, 1933 - May 15, 2021

It is with heartbreaking sadness that the family of James F. Vinette announce his peaceful but sudden passing on the morning of Saturday, May 15, 2021. Jim was born in Lanesboro MA, on May 31, 1933. He attended St Charles School before joining his father at the family business, Vinette Plumbing. At the age of 19 James enlisted in the US Navy. He was stationed on the USS New Jersey where he spent 4 years defending his country during the Korean war. As a result of his service he was awarded the China Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the United Nations Medal. He was extremely proud of his service to his country, and he would often share fond and funny stories with his family. After his time in the service was complete he returned to his home in Pittsfield, MA where he spent many years working as a plumber in the local area.

James was the son of the late Martha (Bastow) and Francis Vinette. He was the last surviving sibling of eight children, having been predeceased by three brothers and four sisters; in addition to his parents and siblings he was predeceased in death by a son, Frederick M. Reed. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife - Irene L. Vinette, with whom he had a true love match for almost 50 years, they would have celebrated 37 years of marriage on May 19th. To cherish his memory Jim leaves behind his children Ruth Anne Babcock, Lynne Vinette, Janet Hodgson and her partner Jean Faucher, Peter Reed and his wife Pam, and Brenda Signor and her wife Stephanie Biza. He was a grandfather to 13 grandchildren and a great grandfather to 12 great

grandchildren, and was loved by over 30 nieces and nephews. Also left to mourn his passing are close friends and neighbors for 20 years Vikki, Paul and Sean Supranowicz .

Jim was known for his quick humor, funny stories and for always having a hard candy in his pocket to give away. He shared his love of old time country music with anyone who would listen, he had a passion for scratching lottery tickets and he threw a mean horseshoe.

Known by many names throughout his years: Popeye, Leaky Faucet, Candy man, Pop, Sir, Uncle Jim, Dad, Poppie, Unk and a list of many others, the ones that he was the most proud of were Father and Husband.

Family and friends are invited to gather and share stories and memories on Thursday, May 20th from 3:00 to 6:00 at Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St. Pittsfield MA 01201. Funeral services will be Friday, May 21, 12:00 noon at the Unity Terrace at Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Burial with full military honors will follow at St Joseph Cemetery, 222 Pecks Rd., Pittsfield, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to Dwyer Funeral Home to help offset funeral costs.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **20**. 3:00 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

MAY **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield
220 East St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
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Tribute Wall

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“ To Jim,

The memories of my youth always had you in them, from our fishing trips to Point Judith to one of my first cars in high school you found for me and helped me buy, hanging at Messana's garage with you and being your helper on the many plumbing jobs you did around our city. As we got older and I moved away, our relationship did as well. I will always regret that we could not have those times back like we did in my youth, but you forged forward as a great father to my sisters and brother and their children and grandchildren. You will always have my love and respect for the love and compassion you showed for all of them. You were the world to my mom, and I never realized how much you had actually done for her over the years, she loved you more than life itself. I wish they gave medals out for that too; you would be right up there receiving one. Your passing has affected me deeply, but this has also inspired me to be a better man. Old grudges will be forgotten, and renewed connections will be made in your honor. Missing out on family will become a thing of the past. It seemed like we spent what seems like every weekend at one of the aunts or uncles' houses, eating great food, playing horseshoes, and enjoying the company of family when we were younger. Now it is too often said that we only see each other (family and extended family) on somber occasions. You have inspired a group of family to not let that happen anymore. Rest in Peace knowing that you not only made a difference while you were here amongst us, but you are making a difference from beyond.

Love and respect always,

Peter

Peter - May 22, 2021 at 07:19 PM

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“ To our friend and former neighbor "Lucky" We knew the first time we met you that we would be friends. When Irene introduced you she also said the cats name. The next time we saw you in the yard we called you over, "Hey, Lucky". You see people we thought Jim's name was Lucky. From that day on he was always "Lucky" to us. Prayers to the family and to Irene. May you remember our Lucky as the funny and gentle person that we knew as our neighbor. Fly high Lucky, until we meet again.



Kevin and Cindy Thomson - May 20, 2021 at 05:07 PM

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“ Your Friends and Co-workers at Mygrant Glass purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James F. Vinette.



Your Friends and Co-workers at Mygrant Glass - May 20, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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“ Always a smile on his face and joke ready. RIP Uncle Jim. I'm glad I had the rare opportunity to see you the day before you passed. Love and peace. Donna. Xoxo

D Pompi - May 19, 2021 at 10:03 AM