



Mr. Jeremiah M. Higgins

February 15, 1950 - February 14, 2023

Mr. Jeremiah M. Higgins, of Hancock, MA, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, just one day shy of celebrating his 73rd birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on February 15, 1950, the son of the late Francis and Margaret McGowan Higgins, he graduated from Pittsfield High School.

Jeremiah was a Vietnam War Veteran. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1968, where he proudly served his country until 1970.

Jeremiah graduated with an Associates in fire science from Berkshire Community College and worked as a firefighter for the City of Pittsfield. He was also a jack of all trades, with many talents in areas of construction including painting, taping, carpentry, roofing and more. He was quick to lend a hand to family and friends on different projects, and proudly built two houses – one in Pittsfield and then later in Hancock, MA. He lent his skills to St. Joseph's Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and to villages in Haiti, as part of the Haiti Plunge.

Whether by air or sea, he was always up for a new adventure and never shied away from any challenge, including trying new sports like windsurfing, stand up paddle boarding, or kite boarding. He accomplished one of his life dreams in 2007 by single-handedly sailing from Maine to Florida in his 38-foot O'Day.

Jeremiah was predeceased by his beloved wife, the former Patricia Roche, whom he married on November 26, 1971. Patricia passed away in 1987. He is survived by his three brothers: Kevin, James and Patrick Higgins; his sister Margaret Fairfield; his five daughters: Sheila Scott (son-in-law Robert Scott), Jacqueline, Jean, Bridget, and Kathleen Higgins; his three grandchildren: Cade Scott, and Liam and Brenna Millican; and his nephews and nieces Christopher Fairfield (Claire), Megan Roche, and Daniel and Michael Gould.

While Jeremiah will be sorely missed, his legacy of kindness, generosity, and love will be carried on by all of those who knew him.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Jeremiah M. Higgins will be Saturday, February 18, 2023, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9:30am at St. Mark's Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Fedoryshyn, Pastor. Burial with full military honors will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Friday, February 17, 2023, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Haiti Plunge (<http://www.thehaitiplunge.org>), St. Joseph's Food Pantry, or Catholic Relief Services.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 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 18. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church
400 West St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *I missed this obituary last year. He would run on my street with his Saint Bernard named Bernie. He knew that I loved animals, and he would always talk to me.*

He was a friendly, kind person.

Sharon Karlin

Sharon Karlin - October 26, 2024 at 11:25 AM

PK

“ *Kevin, sorry for your loss*

Peter Kennedy - February 20, 2023 at 09:37 AM

MH

Very saddened to learn just a couple days ago from Judi Lampke that Jeremy Higgins had passed away. I went to school with his brother Patrick and got to know brothers Kevin and Peanut through the years. I met Jeremy for the first time by knocking on a door at a West Street address to ask if I could use a phone. I had gotten my car buried way up in West Mountain. And I mean buried. Things were floating in the car floor, total stupidity on my part trying to get through this mud hole up there. I introduced myself to the resident and he told me who he was and I said "oh I went to school with Pat Higgins. He said I'm his brother". I told him what happened and asked him if I could use his phone to call a towing service. He said I'll come up and get you out. He took out his John Deere tractor and drove us up the mountain and hitched up to my car. I went and tried to pick up the front a little bit as he was trying to pull me out. Car didn't budge at first. After popping a wheels with the tractor and other gears ,Jeremy got the car out of that huge mudhole. In the process the ball on his tow hitch snapped off sailing by me into the water like a cannon shot. I asked Jeremy how much do I owe you. I figured the time and use and damage to his own tractor the cost might be heavy. He said I didn't owe him anything. I was shocked but not really, because of the years I knew his brothers. They were all the same. Patrick let me borrow his truck to bring wood and some other items to a farmer I knew in New York State, no charge. I would eat at the Highland or have a cranberry juice at the China Clipper, go to pay and the cashier would say Kevin payed for you. The Higgins family did this all the time. I was selling 10 dollar benefit tickets when my brother Darryl was dying from lung cancer. Saw Jeremy at Jimmy DS Restaurant and he bought tickets for himself and all of his brothers and then byes me a gift certificate for the restaurant. Unreal. Big hearts, all of them. The kind you know would give ya the shirts off their backs. I always told my wife if I hit the lottery that I would share some with the Higgins family. My condolences go out to the Higgins family. I felt so horrible that I missed his obituary and the services. God Bless Jeremy and the Higgins family. Sincerely, Mike Harrington

Mike Harrington - March 10, 2023 at 12:42 PM

MM

“ Jerry was quite a character, daredevil, adventurer, accomplished jack of many trades, a hard determined worker, proud father, and fierce family man, he touchmany lives, and will be missed, and remembered, always.



Martha McGowan - February 17, 2023 at 01:53 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 17, 2023 at 11:09 AM

MM

“ Condolences , to the Higgin’s clan. Sad to learn this news.

Jerry was quite a character, daredevil, adventurer, accomplished jack of many trades, proud father, fierce family man, a hard, determined worker, and he touched many lives, and will be missed, and remembered, always. RIP, Jerry!



Martha McGowan - February 17, 2023 at 07:35 AM

SK

“ *Mr. Higgins jogged down our street with his Saint Bernard, Bernie. He was very friendly and kind to me because he knew I was fond of Bernie. I enjoyed talking to him. I knew he was a good person. I am sorry for his family's loss.*

Sharon Karlin - February 16, 2023 at 11:27 PM

KL

“ *Jean & all who loved Jerry - We send our deepest sympathies and hope that all your happy memories provide some comfort. We donated to Haiti Plunge in his honor so that meaningful work can continue. Hugs, Nancy and Kristy*

Kristy Long - February 16, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Jerry has been my friend since I can remember. We have shared many great times together over the years. I will miss him dearly.*
Charles Robichaud

Marilyn Lockenwitz - February 16, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeremiah M. Higgins.*



February 16, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeremiah M. Higgins.*



February 16, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *LOVE AND CONDOLANCES TO THE ENTIRE HIGGINS CLAN. GOD SPEED JER. LINDA C*

LINDA COLLINS - February 16, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeremiah M. Higgins.*



February 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeremiah M. Higgins.*



February 15, 2023 at 08:32 PM

SZ

“ *Sheila & Family- Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your entire family. May the fond memories outweigh the pain you are all going through now. Love, Scott, Stephanie, Sophie and Sam Ziter*

Scott Ziter - February 15, 2023 at 04:39 PM

BM

“ *A true fighter all the way another Brother in Arms gone OOHRA*

Bob Malone - February 15, 2023 at 12:54 PM

DH

“ *To the Higgins clan,
Am so sorry to hear about Jerry. He now is with family in Heaven.
Will miss him and the wonderful family picnics at Hancock for Labor Day. My condolences to the family. ❤️🙏❤️ Donna Hayes*

Donna Hayes - February 15, 2023 at 12:51 PM