



Mr. John D. Codey Jr.

November 7, 1942 - September 11, 2012

John D. Codey Jr. 70, of 132 Blythewood Dr. Pittsfield, MA, passed away on September 11, 2012 from the effects of pancreatic cancer.

Born in Pittsfield on November 7, 1942, he was the son of J. Donald Codey Sr. and Martha Gross Codey.

He was a graduate of Cranwell Preparatory School in Lenox, attended North Adams State Teachers College and served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps.

He leaves his dedicated and patient wife, the former Patricia Michaels, whom he married on September 2, 1967 in St. Mark's Church in Pittsfield, and whom he affectionately referred to as "Mother". Together they shared a passion and zest for life for over 45 years.

John recently retired as manager of the Berkshire County office of New York Life Insurance Company, where he was a registered Rep/Agent for over 38 years. He was a Life Member of both the Million Dollar Roundtable and the New York Life Club. He was previously employed at Union Federal Savings Bank and as a partner in MarCon Distributors.

His dedication to the charitable causes he deeply believed in, especially those involving young people, was both admirable and unrelenting, volunteering an untold number of hours to help others.

He was a major and moving force in the Monday Morning Quarterback Club, a football based group that raises money and provides scholarships to local high school football players through votes to induct former players, coaches

and officials into its Hall of Fame. Known as the John D. Codey Jr. scholarships, more than \$80,000 has been distributed since its inception in 1962.

He was a founding member of the local Jimmy Fund chapter, assisting in running golf and youth baseball tournaments that raised money for cancer stricken children. He was a member of the Western MA chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, and a founding member and inductee of the Pittsfield Hoop Club.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, he was a prep school and college athlete, and also participated in local softball, football and basketball leagues before taking up sports officiating. He worked high school baseball and basketball games, but it was in football where he excelled as an official. With a common sense approach and a great feel for the game, John advanced through the ranks from high school to college Division 3, then to the Division 1 level of the ECAC, working college games around New England for over 30 years.

An affable and outgoing individual, fondly nicknamed "The Parrott", he was well versed in a variety of subjects and took great pleasure from his daily "banter" with friends and acquaintances, never hesitant to provide his unique perspective as extra "fuel for the fire" when the embers of discussion cooled. There was no better friend to have. There in your time of need, there to share your joys and successes, and there to support your causes. A kind and sensitive person lurked beneath that happy-go-lucky, devil-may-care appearance. He was there for you anytime, anywhere. A true friend, who will be missed but always remembered.

But it was his family that he was most proud of, his quiet pride surfacing when discussing the accomplishments of children and grandchildren, although never in a boastful manner.

A great Dad and Grandfather to look up to, and to remember.

He is also survived by his four children, Patrick(wife Pamela), Christine Doyle, Kevin(wife Sharon) all of Pittsfield, Catherine Majka(husband James) of

Carver Ma.: eight grandchildren, Keira, Jenna, Kaden and Jason Codey, Colin and Chase Doyle and Olivia and Addison Majka, twin sisters Anne Mcelwain(husband Hugh) of Chicago, Mary McGurk(husband William) of Somers, CT, brother Mark of Placerville, CA and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Notice:

A liturgy of Christian Burial for Mr. John D. Codey Jr. will be celebrated on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 10 a.m. at St. Mark Church concelebrated by the Rev. John Salatino, pastor and Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor of St. Charles Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Calling hours at St. Mark Church will be Sunday, September 16, 2012 from 2 to 5 p.m. The omission of flowers is requested. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following charities, The Monday Morning Quarterbacks Club, the Jimmy Fund, The Pittsfield Hoop Club or to St. Mark Church, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201, in his memory.

Tribute Wall

CN

“ Pat,
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! So sorry for your loss! The "Parrott" was a dear friend, and will be deeply missed by the both of us! He was such a caring, genuine great man! We have such great memories of him!

Carol & Dale Newberry

Carol Newberry - October 03, 2012 at 10:08 PM



“ To Kevin and Family,
Just heard this news and I am truly sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great man. I still remember when we were playing ball, and good or bad, he always had just the right joke or comment to make us laugh. He will be missed.

Shaun Penna - September 18, 2012 at 01:26 PM

GB

To the Codey Family, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you, you are in our thoughts and prayers,

Georgette(Baldasarre) Bentz and family

Georgette B. Bentz - September 20, 2012 at 11:26 AM

MP

“ Dear Codey family,

Very sorry to hear about the loss of John. He and my dad were very good friends. John was a great friend of our family and will be missed. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts & prayers.

Mike Penna

Mike Penna - September 17, 2012 at 07:51 PM



“ All of the Farrell Family join our brother David, the Rev. David E. Farrell csc of Lima, Peru, in expressing our sincere sympathy on the loss a great person and our wonderful friend John Codey. Below is a note from David:

Dear Pat and family and friends of John Codey:

John Codey was a fine man! Our fathers knew each other, and since John's very generous support for my incorporation into the Pittsfield Hoops Hall of Fame, he has included me in some of his e-mail communications in recent years.

This past summer in Pittsfield, Jim and Jo Ann Farrell and I had a very meaningful meeting with John and Pat at their home. I got to know this man of strength, humility, generosity, human warmth and even in the face of pain and real adversity, good humor.

Pittsfield has suffered a real loss. Let us close ranks around John's loved ones, especially Pat and their children and grand children. John is now at peace, and in a better place - where we will all join him one day.

John and Pat and their family will be remembered in all our masses and prayers here during this coming week – and afterwards....

*Rev. David Farrell, C.S.C.
Lima - Peru*

James Farrell - September 15, 2012 at 07:09 PM

JM

“ Pat, Patrick, Chrissy, Cate, and Kevin,

Our family is so saddened by the loss of your husband and father. We have so many memories of the Codey family when our kids were younger. All the little league games, parties at the lake, calls trying to figure out where Kevin and Jay (Can) could be, never where they were suppose to be, and so many more. John will be missed by so many.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

The Murray family



JoAnn Murray - September 15, 2012 at 06:33 PM

BK

“ To the Codey family- We are so sorry about John. He was always such a gentleman. It must be great to know you were part of the wonderful family he held so dear! Bill & Janet Kerwood

Bill Kerwood - September 15, 2012 at 03:46 PM

SK

“ To Crissy, Patrick and Family- our sincerest condolences in the passing of your father. May he rest in peace.

Scott Kirchner & family

Scott Kirchner - September 14, 2012 at 10:54 PM



“ While I never worked a game with John, I will always remember John and family for their gracious hosting of our post-Dii/iii clinic gathering at their home. Thank you John.. r.i.p.

tom heisey - September 14, 2012 at 09:13 PM



“ John had a wonderful impact on my life as a child. As a good friend of Kevin's I was lucky enough to spend a lot of time in the Codey house. John was always the biggest kid - always fun and funny - he gave us all nicknames, many that are still in use today. He was such a great guy - I'm so sorry he is no longer here but anyone who knew him will never forget him. Rest in peace Mr. Codey.
Seth "Moss Head" Weidner

Seth Weidner - September 14, 2012 at 08:53 PM



“ I'll a remember John as a true individual but most important a person of passion,devotion and caring. When I first started coaching I questioned a call, John came over said something personal and then added I was wrong but in a way that he was the referee and I was the coach. Always respected him. Rick Backer

Richard Backer - September 14, 2012 at 04:12 PM