



Mr. John H. Helfer, Jr.

August 11, 1936 - May 9, 2024

John Henry Helfer, Jr., 87, of Pittsfield, passed away surrounded by the love of his son and daughter at Berkshire Medical Center, on Thursday, May 9, 2024, after a brief yet valiant battle with cancer.

Born in Pittsfield, MA, on August 11, 1936, the only son born to John Helfer, Sr. and Theresa Klink Helfer, John was educated in Pittsfield Catholic schools and a St. Joseph graduate. He then went on to serve in the Army and Navy, but before he achieved this, he obtained his barber license and enjoyed using it all his life to cut his son's hair. John was also a dedicated employee of General Electric, retiring in October of 1984.

In October of 1960, he met the love of his life, his wife Karen Lee Burr, and they were married in Bennington, Vermont.

John enjoyed camping with his family, the outdoors, Jeeps, animals, music and sports. He was a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan.

John was predeceased by his wife Karen Lee, his parents John and Theresa, and his sister Priscilla Shepherd.

He leaves behind his children, Troy Michael and Tina Marie, and his grandson Richard Rodriguez, Jr. He is survived by his sisters, Theresa Ann Hillman of

Gardner MA, and Claudette Skumin of Lanesboro, MA, as well as many nieces, and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for John Henry Helfer, Jr., will be Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 11am at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201.

Burial with full military honors will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Lanesborough. There will be an hour of visitation at the funeral home directly prior to the service, from 10am to 11am.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory can be made directly to Tina Helfer to help offset funeral costs.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Lanesborough
MA, MA 01237

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
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Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I miss you daddy* ”



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