



Mr. John B. Hinman

December 11, 1934 - January 6, 2021

John B. Hinman, 86, of Pittsfield passed away on January 6, 2021. The son of Herbert Hinman and Blanche Summerfield, John spent his early years in Canaan, NY, as well as the Berkshires. He joined the Marine Corps and proudly served until 1955. Upon his return from Korea, he sold airtime for radio stations such as WXKW, Troy WRNW, Mount Kisco, and WPTR Albany. When his step-father started WSBS in Great Barrington, John joined him selling airtime, reading the daily news from the Morgan House in Lee, and broadcasting live music from the Music Inn when it was the hub of jazz. John decided being sober was a better way of life and enrolled in night school to pursue his degree in social work. After years of working at Hillcrest Hospital and Longview Associates as a substance abuse counselor, he branched out on his own at Northeast Employee Assistance Program in Clifton Park helping countless individuals with their sobriety. John was sober 47 years, and up until the time of his death continued as a sponsor assisting others with their addiction.

His many enjoyments included spending time on the point at Queechy Lake with life-long friends as well as restoring his 49 Buick, 68 Dodge pickup, and 70 El Dorado. He never minded selling them at a loss, stating “the journey is the best part of fixing them.” One of his favorite stories to tell was of the fun times he and an old friend had back in the day racing around a gravel bed/corn field, which later became Lime Rock Park.

John is survived by his sons, Steven Hinman, Kenneth Hinman (Ginger), Paul

Hinman (Amanda), as well as his daughter-in-law, Deann Hinman. John was predeceased by his son, Mark Hinman, and his brother, Robert Hinman. He also leaves four granddaughters, Marcella, Ashleigh, Paige, and Peyton.

Funeral Notice:

At this time, there will be no funeral services. Donations in his memory may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA, 01201. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ Spent many an hour with John, we worked together at Bay State Elevator Co. back in the late 60's ran into him many times at Kenny's garage in Canaan. I lived at Queechy shores at the time. And had his brother Bob for a satellite customer when I sold Satellite systems ran into John there too. he is missed. RIP Old Friend. Ellis C. Foley Jr.

Ellis C. Foley Jr - January 12 at 10:01 AM

BS

“ Bill and I are so so sorry to hear about “Hiney”
Such a wonderful man, friend, so grateful for so many amazing memories, working on cars and just having had known such a nice guy . Your all in our thoughts & prayers
Billy & Tammy Sears

Bill Sears - February 04, 2021 at 07:23 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. I enjoyed our West Stockbridge visits long ago sharing good stories and laughs. He was always a welcome character that made any day better. Scott Sawyer

Scott W. Sawyer - February 04, 2021 at 03:36 PM

RK

“ Dear Kenny, Ginger and family,
Sending condolences for your loss. John sounds like he was one heck of a guy. I know he will be missed. Take solace in knowing he led the kind of life he wanted to. Sending prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
BeckyKnox

Rebecca Knox - February 04, 2021 at 02:03 PM

RK

“ Rebecca Knox lit a candle in memory of Mr.
John B. Hinman



Rebecca Knox - February 04, 2021 at 01:58 PM

BB

“ Farewell John! How glad I am that our paths crossed once upon a time. Sending condolences to your family at this time of loss.

Brooks Bradbury - February 04, 2021 at 12:26 PM