



## Mr. John R. Morrow, Jr.

April 2, 1937 - May 17, 2026

Mr. John R. Morrow, Jr., of Washington, MA, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, May 17, 2026, just weeks after celebrating his 89th birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on April 2, 1937, son of the late John and Myrtle Crosier Morrow, he graduated from Pittsfield High School with the class of 1955.

Shortly after high school, John enlisted in the United States Army. It was there that he proudly served his country from 1955 until his honorable discharge in 1958.

For the majority of his career, John was employed by O'Connell Oil, where he worked as a gas delivery driver. It was from there that he retired after many years of dedicated service, and countless friendships made along the way.

John was predeceased by his beloved wife of 44 years, the former Avis H. Gardner, whom he married on October 16, 1959. When Avis fell sick, John became active in the area church Becket Federated, hosting their St. Patrick's Day dinner and their free monthly suppers. It was after Avis' passing on May 6, 2003 that the church body friends truly became Big John's biggest supporters and closest family.

John is survived by his children, Janet A Roylo (Louis), John "Jake" Morrow (Yvonne), Pam Cohen, Trish Tompkins (Fred), and Jeff Morrow. He leaves his

longtime companion, Sharon Berry, of Middlefield, as well as his sister, Alice Mills Morrow, brother-in-law, Bob Zink (the late Ruth), 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

Big John was known for his big firewood pile, his big garden and his outrageous clothesline displays. He will be sorely missed, but always remembered by all of those who were blessed to have known him.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for John will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 12noon at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield, 220 East St, Pittsfield, MA 02101. Burial will follow at The Old Town Hall Cemetery in Washington, MA.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be directly prior to the service, from 10am to 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PCAN) in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## The Old Town Hall Cemetery

Washington, MA 01223

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield  
220 East St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 445-4064  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
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## Service

**MAY 26.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Morrow Family, So very sorry to hear of John's passing. We are thinking of you all at this difficult time. Donna and Joel Sakaske*

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**Donna and Joel Sakaske** - May 22 at 08:40 AM