



## Mr. John R. Townsend

February 7, 1950 - July 31, 2024

Mr. John R. Townsend, 74, of Pittsfield, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on February 7, 1950, the son of the late Howard and Pauline Groote Townsend, he graduated from Pittsfield High School.

Following high school, John enlisted in the United States Navy. He proudly served his country as a Seabee until his honorable discharge in 1970.

After his time in the military, John began work as a welder. He was employed by General Electric for the majority of his career. With their closing, he transitioned to ProTech, where he was last employed.

Among many things, John was fond of fishing, and a member of the BASS Club. Additionally, John's family was always of utmost importance, and he loved spending time by their side.

He is survived by his children, Karriann Darling (Dereck), Stefan Townsend, and Todd Townsend (Tina), as well as his three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He leaves behind his sister, Laurel Larrow, and his in-laws, Louis and Marcia Orazio.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Howard Townsend, and sister, Holly Moriarty. He was also predeceased by his former spouse,

Louise Townsend.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. John R. Townsend will be Monday, August 12, 2024, at 5:30pm outdoors at the Unity Terrace at Dwyer-Wellington Funeral in Pittsfield, 220 East Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. There will be a time of visitation at the funeral home directly prior to the service, from 4pm to 5:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory can be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield MA 01201.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Stefan and family, you have my deepest sympathy. I remember John and Larry Andrew's used to come to my parents restaurant, the China Clipper, back in the day. Rest in peace.* ”

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**Jean Jew** - August 12, 2024 at 04:39 PM

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*Stefan, Todd & Kerri- I am so sorry to have just seen this. Sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all.*

*Carrie Thomson*

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**Carrie** - August 16, 2024 at 07:56 PM