



Mr. Joseph W. Kushi Jr.

May 7, 1928 - February 18, 2014

Mr. Joseph W. Kushi Jr., 85, of 39 Fairview Ave., passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Berkshire Medical Center. Born in Pittsfield on May 7, 1928 the son of Joseph W. Kushi Sr. and Agnes C. Borden Kushi, he was a 1946 graduate of St. Joseph High School where he had been an outstanding basketball player. He also attended Berkshire Business College.

He was a US Navy veteran of WWII.

Mr. Kushi worked for General Electric in the plastics division for 38 years retiring in 1987.

He was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club and Pensioners. He enjoyed going for walks every day and was an avid golfer. He had belonged to the GEAA and was a communicant of St. Charles Church.

Mr. Kushi leaves his wife of 66 years, the former Dorothy Vinette whom he married on May 29, 1947 at St. Charles Church. He is also survived by his three children, Barbara Smachetti and her husband Paul of Dalton, Daniel Kushi of Pittsfield and Joseph Kushi and his wife Hilary of Hudson, MA; a brother, Francis Kushi and his wife Rosemary of New Hampshire; a sister in law, Tommie Kushi of Pittsfield; five grandchildren, Tish Daury Merwin, Shana Mathes, Gabrielle Smachetti and David and Ben Kushi; six great grandchildren, Kaliegh, Cheyenne, Michael, James, Emily and Jason. He was predeceased by his brother James Kushi.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Joseph W. Kushi Jr. will be Thursday, February 20,

2014 at 9 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Church. Entombment will follow in St. Michael the Archangel Mausoleum at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be today, Wednesday, February 19, 2014 from 4 to 7 p.m. If friends desire, donations may be made to St. Charles Church in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Barb and family, I was so sorry to see of your fathers passing. I have fond memories of him driving us to school and dances. When I was at the bank, he would stop in and say "hi" when he was walking. My sympathy...Sue Benoit

Sue Benoit - February 21, 2014 at 08:02 AM