



Mr. Lewis H. Mahony

February 6, 1921 - January 2, 2012

Mr. Lewis H. Mahony, 90, of 161 Mountain Dr., died Monday, January 2, 2012 at Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center surrounded by his loving family. Born in Greeley, CO on February 6, 1921 the son of Lewis H. and Freda L. Johnson Mahony, he graduated from South High School in Denver, CO. He received his Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Denver in 1943 and his Master's in Chemical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1948.

He was a WWII veteran serving in the US Army.

Mr. Mahony worked for Mixing Equipment Company in Rochester, NY from 1948 until moving to Pittsfield in 1966 to work for Beloit Corporation in Dalton, MA. After leaving Beloit in 1983, he went to work for Krofta Engineering in Lenox, MA. and finally retired in 1995.

Lew showed a true passion for dancing from the time he was a teenager. He traveled the country in a dance group when he was only 19 and later worked as a dance instructor. Lew danced in many festivals and was instrumental in the creation of the Pittsfield Ethnic Fair.

He was a true outdoorsman; he enjoyed downhill skiing, cycling and tennis to name a few. From being dropped by helicopter to ski the Alps to cycling across Ireland, Lew traveled the globe well into his 80's in search of new sporting adventures.

Lew had a love for life, a true zest that was evident to all who knew him. He was always at the center of the party and was always the last one dancing.

He was the 2008 Irish Person of the year and leaves behind many friends in the Irish Community that will truly miss him.

He leaves two children; a daughter Jill L. Mahony of London, England and a son, Craig E. Mahony and his wife Marjorie, of Pittsfield and two grandchildren, Michael Mahony and Laura Mahony both of Pittsfield.

Funeral Services for Lewis H. Mahony will be Friday, January 6, 2012 at 1 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA with the Rev. William Furey officiating. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 4 – 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pittsfield Irish Sister City Committee, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, and will be used for cultural exchanges between Pittsfield, MA and Ballina, Ireland.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ *What an amazing person Uncle Lew was, I remember visiting him at his home in MA we all went skiing and Uncle Lew went up and down those mountians all day long with the kids. He was so strong and able to move along with the kids it was amazing. We were ready to leave and my son Timmy asked if he could go one more time. He was on his way down when we head a noise on the walkie talkie and than a man said to us that my son Timmy had fallen. I was running up the mountian and very out of breath and out of know where Uncle Lew was running along side of me to Timmy and NOT out of breath like me. When we got to Timmy they had put him in a sled for the ride down and said that the sled should be for me I was so out of breath. As I got on the sled all out of breath there was Uncle Lew just waiting to ski along with us to the bottom. He went all the way up the mountian with ski boots and was never out of breath I coundn't believe it.*

We will really miss him and all the fun we had with him, Those memories will always be with meDawn Kennedymy children.

Miss you Unlce Lew! God Bless

The Kennedy's

Dawn Kennedy - January 08, 2012 at 09:43 AM



“ *Daniel Mahony lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lewis H. Mahony*



Daniel Mahony - January 06, 2012 at 12:59 PM



“ *I only met Lew once - when he came to visit us in Yellowstone, during the winter of 1997. He amazed us with his stories and adventures. After Fred passed away, he told Katie he would be her "adopted" grandpa. For several years afterwards, he sent her cards from his many travels. I am glad to have met him. He certainly made our life richer. Janet Lewis Mahony*

Daniel Mahony - January 06, 2012 at 12:58 PM



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Daniel Mahony - January 06, 2012 at 12:42 PM

DM

What can I say about Uncle Lew, other than he led quite the amazing life. We only crossed paths occasionally--every few years or so. He is the last of that side of the family--Dad and Uncle Bob passed on many years ago, but Lew was still doing amazing things up until the end. On the few occasions when we spoke, he was always full of energy and just happy to tell us about his latest adventure--latest European trip or marathon bike rides. There is sadness that he is not with us any more, but a certain sense of pride about how he was able to enjoy his adventures many years past what would be expected. Quite an inspiration about what one can do in your later years. Most importantly, he loved expressing his pride in what Craig and Jill were doing in their lives. Truly a life to celebrate!! Dan Mahony

Daniel Lewis Mahony - January 08, 2012 at 11:24 PM

JL

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Janet Lewis - January 06, 2012 at 12:27 PM

MM

“ *I worked with Lew at Beloit Jones in the 1970s and early 1980s. I remember when we had a global sales meeting at Beloit Italia in Pinerola, Northern Italy; most of us flew to Turin. But Lew flew to France and skied the Alps from France to Italy. Kind of typical of Lew's approach to life. Lew did try to get me to go to his country dance lessons in the 1970s, and I am sorry I didn't go because it was only when I saw Lew dance at the Berkshire Irish club events in the 1990s and 2000s did I realise what a good dancer he was. Lew, I hope you are waltzing in Heaven tonight.*

Michael McCool

Michael McCool - January 05, 2012 at 01:39 PM



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ROBERT MAHONY - January 04, 2012 at 08:53 PM

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ROBERT MAHONY - January 04, 2012 at 08:17 PM



“ *Uncle Lew was a wonderful man with a zest for life that I was always envious of. He would open his house every winter to my family to come up and go skiing with him. My boys and my niece and nephew looked soooo forward to these trips each year. We loved him with all our hearts and he will be missed dearly.*

Cathy Kennedy - January 04, 2012 at 06:49 PM



“ *Cathy Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lewis H. Mahony*



Cathy Kennedy - January 04, 2012 at 06:35 PM