



## Mr. Paul M. Dowd

September 14, 1946 - September 2, 2013

Mr. Paul M. Dowd, 66, of Raleigh, NC, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 2, 2013 at the home of his daughter Mary Beth. Born in Detroit, MI on September 14, 1946 the son of Edward J. Dowd Sr. and Angela D. Lindsay Dowd, he attended Michigan Schools and was a 1964 graduate of St. Mary's of Redford High School in Detroit, MI.

Upon graduation, Mr. Dowd was drafted by the Boston Red Sox as a "bonus baby" and remained part of that organization for six years. During his baseball career he enlisted in the US Marine Corps Reserve. Paul met his late wife, Rosemary Brown, while playing for the Pittsfield Red Sox at Wahconah Park. In 2011, the field at Wahconah Park was dedicated as Paul Dowd Field at Wahconah Park.

Mr. Dowd worked for Northeast Utilities for 36 years. He began his career in 1970 as a lineman and retired in 2006 as an Account Executive.

Paul was the driving force and founder of the Berkshire County Jimmy Fund. He was a member for 30 years and past President. The Berkshire County chapter has raised over one million dollars since it was founded. Nuclea Biomarkers of Pittsfield had endowed a chair dedicated in Paul's honor at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. In addition, Mr. Dowd was the two time recipient of the Ken Coleman Lifetime Achievement Award from the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

He was a member of the Pittsfield City Council for 10 years, serving as a ward councilor and councilor at large. He had also run unsuccessfully for Mayor of

Pittsfield.

Paul was a member of many service organizations, including Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club, the American Legion Post 68, the Italian American Club, Berkshire Hills Country Club, East Side Men's Club, the Rainbow Club and Rotary Club of Pittsfield where he had received Rotarian of the Year Award.

He was predeceased by his wife the former, Rosemary Brown, whom he married on September 21, 1968 at St. Joseph Church. She died on April 25, 1997.

He leaves a daughter, Kathleen Geary and her husband Doug of South Hadley, a son Paul A. Dowd of Raleigh, NC and a daughter Mary Beth Dowd also of Raleigh, NC,; two grandchildren, which he affectionately referred to as his "two main guys", Brenden Timothy Geary and Cullen Patrick Geary; a brother, Edward J. Dowd Jr. and his wife Beth of Canton, MI, Mary DiPonio and her husband Dave of Livonia, MI, Anne Kott and her husband Ron of Cumming, GA and Angela Kott and her husband Paul of Cary, NC; a sister in law, Judith Hall and her husband Richard of Pittsfield and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Thomas Patrick Dowd and John Gerard Dowd.

Paul will always be remembered for his great generosity and his ability to provide help and inspiration to those in need.

Funeral Notice:

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Paul M. Dowd will be Monday, September 9, 2013 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church celebrated by Monsignor Michael Shershanovich, pastor with the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor of St. Charles Church and Rev. Gary Dailey, director of the Newman Center in Amherst, MA concelebrating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA will be Sunday, September 8, 2013 from 3 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund of Berkshire County, ALS Association – Jim "Catfish" Hunter chapter or to the Run to Defeat ALS- the Greater Chicago Chapter of ALS

Association. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ON THIS WEBSITE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Hello members of the family of Paul Dowd. I knew him as "Bobo" when we played little league baseball in the sandlots of Cooley High in Detroit. The team was called the "sad sacks" and we were sponsored by Sawall's health food store. They still exist, but not in Detroit. Bobo was the organizer of and the leader of the "sad sacks". His brother Eddi played on the team the previous year. We won every game in the Cooley league and played in a tournament for little league teams in Detroit. We finished 3d in the tournament and lost to the ultimate winners of the tournament 1-0. Paul was the best player, and the leading hitter. I still have a memory of that team and of him urging all the players to hit. Some members of the team who may still be alive include Larry salustro, John Picano and Joe Theissen. Paul was a great player and always had an encouraging and friendly word for everyone.

*Best*

*Charles J.(Chuckie) Pawlukiewicz*

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**Chuck Pawlukiewicz** - December 08, 2013 at 07:49 PM

RB

“ I extend my sincere condolences to the Dowd family. You all maintain a special place in my memory and in my heart because you were all such wonderful quality people. I am a 1960 graduate of SMR and shared tons of camaraderie, laughter and adventures especially with Pat and Eddie. Bless you all.

*Ron Banas*

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**Ron Banas** - September 21, 2013 at 12:35 PM

GK

“ Just learned of Paul's passing. All of his SMR friends called him Bo. Boy, he could throw hard. We played together as kids. Seeing his picture I can tell you he looked the same when he was 12.

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**George Kamor** - September 20, 2013 at 11:17 AM

EN

“ God rest his soul. To the whole Dowd family, deepest condolences from the Hart family, also of St Mary of Redford. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ellen Norlock** - September 20, 2013 at 09:38 AM

DF

“ Dear Paul, Kathy, and Mary Beth~  
We are so sorry we were not able to attend the service for your Dad as we were in Maine. I'm sure it was a beautiful tribute to him!  
Please know that our thoughts are with all of you!  
Fondly,  
Bob and Diane Fields

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**Diane Fields** - September 14, 2013 at 04:05 PM

BK

“ So sad about Paul. What a gentleman! He will be missed by all us who were touched by him. Bill & Janet Kerwood & family

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**Bill Kerwood** - September 09, 2013 at 12:24 PM

SW

“ *Kathy & Family,  
So very sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. We know the wonderful memories of his well lived life and special times with all of you will help you through this difficult time.  
In our thoughts and prayers,  
Stacie Weldon & Family*

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**Stacie Weldon** - September 09, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TB

“ *Dear pauly,kathy,mary-beth and familys, i'm sorry i can't be at the services to say this in person to all of you,my deepest condolences for your lost of your dad and my friend for many of years. i have many great memories with both your dad and mom and all of you guys. may god bless all of you. all my love,Tommy Beuth. Jimmy also gives his condolences to all of you.*



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**thomas beuth** - September 08, 2013 at 09:20 AM

BS

“ *Our deepest condolences to all of Paul's family. Bob worked with Paul at Wmeco and can remember many good times they all had and shared. When our son was trying to get a job with the city, Paul stepped forward and did his best to help him get hired. We were always very grateful. One of Paul's greatest assets was his compassion for others and his "wanting to help", as noted with all the organizations he himself was involved with. He fought a long and hard battle and now is at rest....God speed Paul. Your wit and smile will be missed by many. Bob and Ann Stevens*

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**Bob and Ann Stevens** - September 07, 2013 at 09:30 AM

BS

“ *Bob And Ann Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul M. Dowd*



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**Bob and Ann Stevens** - September 07, 2013 at 09:11 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul M. Dowd.*



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September 06, 2013 at 02:20 PM

MA

“ *Dear Kathy, Paul, and Mary Beth,*

*I am very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I have such fond memories of growing up next to your family. Your dad was one of the good guys, and he will be missed by many. I hope you and your families are well, and know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this tough time.*

*Warm Regards,*

*Mark Andrew*

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**Mark Andrew** - September 06, 2013 at 10:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul M. Dowd.*



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September 06, 2013 at 08:40 AM



“ *Its times like these that make it difficult being so far away. We miss you Dowdie..  
Smitty & Diane*

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**Bob Smith** - September 06, 2013 at 07:47 AM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul M. Dowd.*



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September 05, 2013 at 10:00 AM