



Dr. Peter Conry

August 25, 1938 - February 7, 2016

Dr. John Peter Conry , a longtime Pittsfield Dentist died on Sunday February 7 at his home after a struggle with Multiple Myeloma for almost a decade. He was born in Pittsfield on August 25, 1938, the son of John J. and Grace O’Laughlin Conry. Peter was a graduate of Pittsfield High School, class of 1956, where he played on both the golf and the basketball teams. He was a graduate of Boston College class of 1960. Following graduation, Peter enrolled in Georgetown University Dental School where he received his Doctorate of Medical Dentistry.

A Vietnam War Veteran, he was commissioned as a Captain in the US Air Force. He served in the 608 Tactical Hospital and was stationed in France until his discharge.

He began his practice of dentistry in 1967 in Pittsfield, first on North Street, and then on West Street, until 2014 when his illness forced him to retire.

During his professional years, he enthusiastically embraced innovative equipment, new methods, and the latest technology for the improvement of dentistry. He loved his staff and patients and treated them with warmth and friendship. His care spanned their lives as well as those of their children and grandchildren. In his early years, he volunteered as a dentist in Columbia, South America and then later with his daughter, Meredith in Uganda, East Africa. He was a longtime member of the Berkshire Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

Peter was a man of many interests. He was a talented sculptor and enjoyed

combining his art with his garden. His interests ranged from sailing, kayaking, and biking. He was formerly a Commander of the Power Squadron in Pittsfield. A lifetime skier, he learned to ski as a child at Mount Greylock and skied every year after that all over the country. He was an avid golfer and belonged to the Wahconah Country Club as well as the Berkshire Hills Country Club since his caddying days. He was a fan of local high school teams, Doug Flutie, the Red Sox, Patriots, and Celtics. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church and formerly St. Teresa's where he taught CCD. He treasured the time he spent with his daughters and their families. Peter was widely adored for his warmth, sense of humor and endless generosity amongst family, friends, and patients. He never stopped showing courage and love during the hardships of his treatment.

He is survived by his daughter, Meredith Conry, her husband Steven Camarillo, their son Aiden Camarillo and his daughter Vanessa Conry Kruger and her husband Andrew Kruger, all of Brooklyn, New York. He also is survived by his sister, Pamela Kiernan of Wareham, Massachusetts and a brother Dennis Conry of Falmouth, Massachusetts and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Christine Conry who passed away in June 2015.

Peter leaves his longtime companion, Mary Levitt and his faithful dog, Gilbert. He also leaves his former wife Pamela Hooper Conry of New Mexico;. The family wishes to thank Maura Rose, Dorota and Wojciech Stopa, and Jackie Rysewyk for their compassionate care during Peter's last year.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Dr. John Peter Conry will be Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 9 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, celebrated by Msgr. Michael Shershanovich, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 4 to 7 p.m. If friends desire, donations may be made to the Sisters of the Visitation of the Holy Mary or to St. Joseph's Church, care of the Dwyer

Funeral Home, 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 10. 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 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church
414 North St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I am sorry to hear of Dr. Conry's passing. He was such a sweet man. I coached the twins on the YMCA swimteam. I have many memories of him cheering on Meredith and Vanessa at their swim meets. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, especially my favorite twin swimmers.

Carolyn Southard
Raleigh, NC

Carolyn Southard - March 06, 2016 at 09:11 AM

BV

“ Sincere condolences to Peter's sister Pam and to all the family in memory of their beloved Peter as I recall him in our youth.

Barbara Swanger Vahanian

barbara S Vahanian - February 19, 2016 at 02:48 PM

MC

“ My son, Zachary, and I were sad to hear of Dr. Conry's passing. We got to know Dr. Conry as my son was his newspaper carrier for four years. Dr. Conry took the time to ensure that he would see and talk to Zach when he delivered the paper to his residence.

Dr. Conry got to know Zach well enough that my son would go to help him in his garden when asked and Dr. Conry would come to see Zach play while on the high school sports teams. Zach was always grateful to see him.

He was a sweet and respectful man and we are glad to have known him.

Marianne Conklin

Marianne Conklin - February 14, 2016 at 02:39 PM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Conry family. Pete and I graduated from High School together, and we would often times joke about how much older he was than I...(3 months). My wife and I were patients of his for 46 years, our grown children and our Grandchildren were also patients of Dr Conry. He was a great guy and he will be missed.

Raymond A Ferrarin Sr.

Ray Ferrarin - February 11, 2016 at 05:36 PM

BB

“ Dear the Conry Clan-

As a 40 year friend of Peter's sister, Chris, I want to acknowledge how far the stories and love for Peter have reached!

I met Peter and the twins long ago when I traveled with Chris to Pittsfield. It was an integral part of my friendship with Chris to hear about Peter's daughters, his devotion to his dental practice, and his lifelong residence in the family's hometown of Pittsfield.

Chris spoke of Peter with love and admiration (except perhaps for the occasional political dispute!) and she dearly loved Meredith and Vanessa.

There has been such deep loss for the Conry family since the death of Chris and now Peter. Personally, I am visualizing some great Conry reunion happening up there in full Irish tradition!

Sending love,

*Babs Bryant
Petaluma, California*

Babs Bryant - February 11, 2016 at 05:02 PM



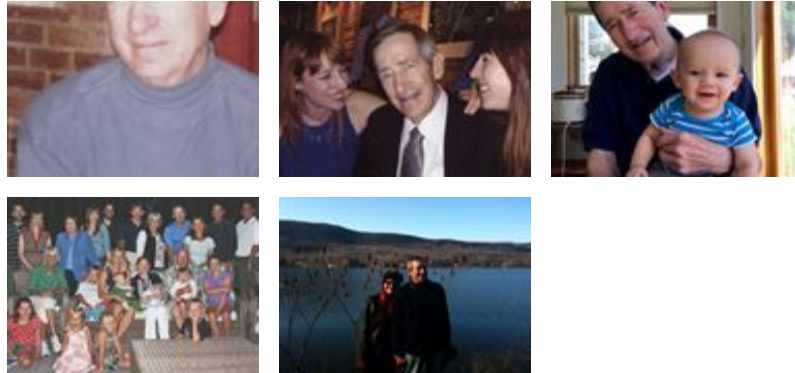
“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Conry family. I have known Pete since high school and last saw him at a class reunion some years ago. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed.*

Mary Anne Caritey Jones

Mary Caritey Jones - February 10, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 10, 2016 at 10:28 AM

RC

Little Aiden looks so much like his grandfather Peter! Such a blessing!

Rina and Ralph Camarillo - February 11, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Dr. Peter Conry*.



February 09, 2016 at 09:58 PM



“ *A Full Life* was purchased for the family of *Dr. Peter Conry*.



February 09, 2016 at 09:50 PM

AC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Conry's passing. I got to know him as my dentist, but as the years went by I considered him a dear friend. He got me into white water kayaking lessons at the Y (including the loan of a kayak), and one New Year's Eve he even performed a late night emergency procedure on me and enlisted my wife as his "assistant!" How many dentists would do that? Something I'll never forget.

I loved his warm, dry humor, and his calm way of working. He was truly a great man.

My sincerest condolences to all his family and loved ones.

Alan Clark

Alan Clark - February 09, 2016 at 07:03 PM

SF

“ Steve Lynch, Aaron Molino and the Welkin Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Peter Conry.



Steve Lynch, Aaron Molino and the Welkin Family - February 09, 2016 at 03:31 PM

ER

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Our family went to his practice for many Years. He was a very kind and gentle person and was very concerned about his Patients. I remember one day when I went to have a crown put on and he was real excited about a new digital machine he had purchased and he said to me, "You have To see this thing in action." And he got me a chair and sat me down in front of it to Watch the whole process. Our prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Erma, Bill, Mark, Matt and Linda Ringie

Erma, Bill, Mark, Matt and Linda Ringie - February 09, 2016 at 03:11 PM

A1

“ Admin & Finance 1 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Peter Conry.



Admin & Finance 1 - February 09, 2016 at 11:28 AM

LC

“ Lisa & Cecilia purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Peter Conry.



Lisa & Cecilia - February 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM

FC

“ *Meredith and Vanessa:
Sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad! He was a great guy
professionally and personally, as well as a very dedicated religious
education teacher at St. Teresa Parish for more than 10 years. He
was especially proud of both of you.
Frannie and Charlie Conaghan
Newington, CT*

Frannie & Charlie Conaghan - February 09, 2016 at 10:32 AM

PH

“ *Paul and Pat Hogan purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Dr. Peter Conry.*



Paul and Pat Hogan - February 09, 2016 at 10:31 AM

RC

“ *Rina And Ralph Camarillo lit a candle in
memory of Dr. Peter Conry*



Rina and Ralph Camarillo - February 09, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for
the family of Dr. Peter Conry.*



February 09, 2016 at 08:22 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dr. Peter Conry.*



February 09, 2016 at 08:20 AM



“ *Jim, John & Jan Williams purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Peter Conry.*



Jim, John & Jan Williams - February 09, 2016 at 07:38 AM



“ *Kat, Ed and Lucia purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Dr. Peter Conry.*



Kat, Ed and Lucia - February 08, 2016 at 10:32 PM



“ *Farewell to my godfather. My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.*

Lydia Mayo - February 08, 2016 at 03:32 PM

SA

“ I have missed Dr. Conry since the day he closed his practice. He was my favorite dentist from the time I started being his patient, when I was a teenager, 45 years ago, all the way to his retirement. He was a wonderful dentist, always skilled and gentle, while also down to earth, warm, and funny. I would have enjoyed spending more time chatting, if my mouth hadn't been propped open most of the time!! We had more in common than I realized. I enjoyed seeing him at Kirvin Park in the last couple of years with Gilbert, when I was out with my greyhound.

My condolences to the whole family. He will be missed by so many.

Sandy Moon (formerly May)

Sandy - February 08, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Peter Conry.



February 08, 2016 at 02:53 PM