



## Mr. Philip A. Palano

December 28, 1929 - February 14, 2022

Mr. Philip A. Palano, 92, of Pittsfield, was peacefully reunited with his family and friends in heaven on Monday, February 14, 2022. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on December 28, 1929, the son of the late Salvadore and Catherine Torra Palano, both of Sicily, he graduated from Pittsfield High School.

Phil worked as a surveyor's apprentice, a barber, and, most recently, a machinist at General Electric, from where he retired after many years of dedicated service.

Among many things, he was an avid golfer who never turned down an opportunity to play a round on the course.

Phil was predeceased by his beloved wife of nearly 41 years, the former Gilda H. DeFazio, whom he married on September 3, 1956. Gilda passed away on April 19, 1997. He is survived by his children, Helene Robillard (Daniel) of Pittsfield, MA, Daniel Palano (Lori) of Lakewood, CA, and Teresa Palano of Pittsfield, MA. Phil leaves behind his sister Santina Byrd of Denton, Texas, as well as five grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by his daughter, Anne Palano and his brother, Frank Palano.

Phil was a man of character, both respected and well-loved by all who met

him. Though he will be sorely missed, his memory will live on through all of those who were blessed to have known him.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Philip A. Palano will be Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 11am at St. Stephen's Church, 67 East Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Tuesday, February 22, 2022, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Due to the recent rise in Covid cases, to best ensure everybody's health, all who attend these services will be required to wear a face mask. In lieu of flowers, donations in Phil's memory can be made to Habitat for Humanity in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
67 East St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Helene, Danny (Diego) & Teresa and their families, I'm sorry to read about your Dads passing. I'm sure this pandemic really interfered with being able to visit and do things with your Dad. It had to have been very difficult.

Many good memories of hanging out at the family home on Second St. I do miss your Mom a lot! What a welcoming family you were to me when I came to Pittsfield! Your doors were always open! My deepest condolences. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Anne & John Ruggeri** - March 01, 2022 at 12:47 AM

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“ Enjoyed all of the time I was able to spend with Uncle Phil. Also loved the way mu Mom lit up when she was able to see her older brother. Lee Byrd.

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**Lee Byrd** - February 23, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ Uncle Phil will forever be in my heart. He was a good man, loving uncle & godfather - with a great laugh!



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**Deborah Armstrong** - February 22, 2022 at 09:24 PM

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JB - February 19, 2022 at 07:37 PM

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*Phil & Dave 9th Hole GEAA*

JB - February 23, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ 135 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 19, 2022 at 04:56 PM

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“ *Helene, we send you and the family sympathy and love as you mourn your Dad. Peace to all of you. Sadly, we will be out of town and unable to attend the services.*

*Diane and Bill*

William Frazier - February 19, 2022 at 08:34 AM

LB

“ *Helene, Danny & Theresa,*  
*My deepest sympathies on the loss of your dad. I have such great memories of his sense of humor when we were at Camps Stevenson/Witawentin. I am happy he will be united with your mom and sister. He was a true gentleman. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Lynn Kennedy Bates*

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**Lynn Kennedy Bates** - February 19, 2022 at 06:53 AM

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“ *I was so sad to hear of Phil's passing. I met Phil about twenty years ago, at Pontoosuc Golf Course, just by chance. I later became a member at the GEAA (Phil had been a long-standing member there already) about fifteen years ago. We would golf together several times a week. We would finish playing nine holes, sit on the porch, have a cold drink, talk about the round of golf, or what a beautiful day it was, or about current events. Then some time latter he would turn and look at me, smile and say "How about three more?". Of course, I never said no.*

*I was so fortunate and blessed to meet Phil that day at Pontoosuc. We had some nice times together. I look back on those memories with great fondness and will always cherish them. Phil was an honest, kind, caring person, with a nice sense of humor. Phil loved his family and golf. He spoke often of his family, whom he loved very much. I know that Phil enriched my live by his presence and I will miss him very much.*

*John Boschetti*

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**JB** - February 18, 2022 at 03:32 PM