



## Mr. Richard R. Gates

October 25, 1939 - September 16, 2017

Richard R. Gates, 77, of Pittsfield passed away on Saturday, Sept. 16 at home surrounded by his family.

Born in Pittsfield, October 25, 1939, the son of the late Webster and Esther Butterworth Gates, he attended the local schools and graduated from Pittsfield High School.

For many years, he was employed as a Heavy Equipment Operator for Virgilio Construction. He retired in 2003.

In his younger years, he lived a hard, fun life. He enjoyed gardening, boating, fishing, and riding his motorcycle. At one time, he built a boat and a motorcycle.

A longtime Red Sox fan, he had a love of animals, at one time he owned horses, and especially loved dogs that needed a home. When family and friends called for help, he was always there to help.

He is survived by his two children, Russell J. Gates Sr. and his fiancé Gail Noummano, and Paula A. Gates and her significant other, Steven J. Chamberlain, his brother, George Gates, his sister, JoAnn M. Flynn, four grandchildren, Danielle L. Gates, Amy D. Gates, Russell J. Gates Jr., and

Joseph Costigan, and his lifelong friend, Jeni.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral will be on Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 P.M. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 with Rev. A. Peter Gregory, officiating. Calling hours will precede the service beginning at 4:00 P.M. Burial will be private in Pittsfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



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“ *Mike/ Gloria Ciaburri lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard R. Gates*



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**Mike/ Gloria Ciaburri** - September 23, 2017 at 06:49 PM

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss. He is with god now and at peace. May he rest in peace.*

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