



Mr. Richard "Rich" Ostellino

August 22, 1950 - March 13, 2025

Mr. Richard "Rich" Ostellino, 74, of Pittsfield, passed away surrounded by his loving family, on Thursday, March 13, 2025, after a brief, yet courageous battle with his health.

Born in Pittsfield, MA, on August 22, 1950, son of the late Victor and Rose Pianpiano Ostellino, he graduated from Pittsfield High School and then later attended classes at Berkshire Community College.

While in courses at BCC, Rich enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he proudly served his country from 1968 until his honorable discharge, becoming a disabled Veteran, in 1970.

For the majority of his career, Rich worked for the United States Postal Service. He served as a union representative and retired with over 40 years of dedicated service.

Among many things, he enjoyed golfing and how he bragged about his hole in one at the GEAA Golf Course. He also enjoyed going to the casino with family and friends. He loved playing Bocce and playing cards. Rich enjoyed traveling with his devoted life partner, Susan.

Rich was a member of the Italian American Club, where he served as board of

directors and chairman of building and grounds committee. He was also a member of the GEAA and served on the board of directors.

Rich was predeceased by his life partner, Susan Gagliardi, who passed away in 2022, along with his brother, Joseph M. Ostellino, who passed away in 2021, as well as his former spouse and mother of Ricky, Donna Shurkus Ostellino, who passed in 2023.

He is survived by his son, Ricky Ostellino, whom he loved dearly and his step-children Mimi Lenihan (Mark, who was one of his best friends), Carol Gagliardi (Nick), Frank Gagliardi (Cindy) and granddaughter Claire Gagliardi.

He is also survived by his siblings, Victor Ostellino (Sharon), Robert Ostellino (Cathy), Jean Bellora (Ron), John Ostellino (Melinda), Shari Polito (Sam) and also including many nieces and nephews.

Rich was a dear friend to many, as well as a dedicated father to Ricky, and will be deeply missed by all.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services with full military honors for Mr. Richard "Rich" Ostellino will be Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 12:30pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be directly prior to the service, from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Special Olympics or Wounded Warriors in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
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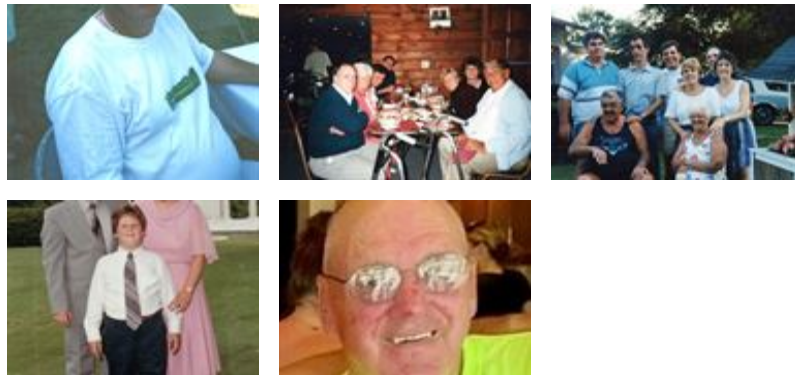
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“ I remember charging good times with Richie when I lived on Dartmouth St in the 50's. I have picture of him and I on my porch. I left Pittsfield in 1966 due to my parents divorce and moved to Rhode Island.

Walter Anderson - December 22, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 18, 2025 at 03:25 PM

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“ The news of Rich's unexpected passing has left me in shock He was such a kind, thoughtful, fun person and a true friend. He brought so much joy and laughter into my life, and I know he did the same for family and friends. I have many cherished memories of our time together, playing golf and enjoying dinners with him and Susan. I send my deepest condolences and wish the family strength during this incredibly sad time. John St. Laurent

Mr. John A St Laurent - March 16, 2025 at 07:13 PM

JB

John.. thank you for your kind words. Rich really loved you and considered you a true friend. Thank you for your generous contribution to Wounded Warriors in Rich's memory.

jean Bellora - May 19, 2025 at 06:04 PM

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“ *Love, Carol, Dave, Laurie, and Michelle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Richard "Rich" Ostellino.*



Love, Carol, Dave, Laurie, and Michelle - March 16, 2025 at 07:50 AM

MM

“ *Very sorry to read of Rich's passing. He was a good neighbor to us for many years. He will be remembered as a quiet, unassuming neighbor and a devoted Dad.*

Michael McMahon - March 14, 2025 at 02:20 PM