



## Mr. Richard "Dick" Stockwell

September 4, 1943 - September 20, 2023

Richard "Dick" Stockwell, 80, of Pittsfield, passed away on September 20, 2023 at the Greylock Extended Care Facility after a brief illness. Born in Milford, Ma. on September 4, 1943, the son of the late Richard and Janet (Jennie) Summers Stockwell, he graduated from Nipmuc Regional High School in 1962 of which he was the class Vice-President.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp where he served as a Sergeant in the Ninth Marines, Danang, Vietnam. Upon discharge from the Marine Corp in 1966, he returned to his family farm in Upton, Ma.. He later attended the Massachusetts State Police Academy graduating as a trooper in the 49th Training Class of 1968. A man of many sides and diverse talents, Dick went on to a career in the hospitality industry, working at Hycroft School in Williamstown, Berkshire Medical Center, Nels in Pittsfield, and then owning his own pub in Dalton, The Shamrock with his business partner Bobbie Dus. In 2004, the Berkshire County Republican Committee asked Dick to run for State Representative for the 2nd Berkshire District. While he did not win that election, in an almost unprecedented move in a state vastly democratic, in a year where emotions ran high against the war in Iraq, The Berkshire Eagle endorsed his candidacy- a testament to his gravitas. Dick worked for the American Red Cross, participating in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Mississippi, he was honored in 2005 as the "Volunteer of the Year". In 2008, Dick introduced and sponsored a young singer Liam Geddes

Jr. of Ballina, Ireland who made his American debut at the Colonial Theatre. Liam has since gone on to become an internationally renowned singer/songwriter. Dick became limousine driver for Transport The People of Pittsfield and was recognized in 2013 as the National "Chauffeur of the Year". Most recently, Dick was Vice Chair of the Pittsfield Licensing Board and was reputed for his honesty and fairness to the business owners, knowing first-hand how difficult it was to run a small business. Dick was a friend to all, lover of animals, charitable, and giving.

Dick is survived by his long-time companion Ronnie Lacey. He leaves behind his daughter Jennifer Castellano, husband Michael, his son Richard Stockwell wife Karen, his grand-daughter Isabella Stockwell, his sister Maryellen Diana, husband Paul of Easton Ct., his sister Kathleen Sullivan, husband Edward of Upton, Ma., and his brother Thomas Stockwell, wife Pamela of Upton Ma. Along with an extended family of beloved aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

#### Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Richard "Dick" Stockwell will be Wednesday, September 27, 2023, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:30am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor of St. Agnes Church. To view a livestream of this service, please visit <https://event.fogetmenotceremonies.com/ceremony?c=c6591324-7e13-4ae4-bb44-bd75ee1aad68> Burial will be at a later date. Calling hours will be directly prior to the service, from 9am to 11am at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St, Pittsfield MA 01201.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Research Center or the Berkshire Humane Society in care of Dwyer Funeral Home 776 North St., Pittsfield, Ma 01201



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **27**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church  
89 Briggs Ave.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ As owners of Hotel on North, my husband David and I would like to extend our sincere condolences. Dick was a regular when we ran Eat on North and was always our biggest fan, bringing people to the hotel and restaurant every chance he could. When Covid hit, we missed seeing him on his corner spot at our bar, but once we could have outdoor seating and created The Back Lot, he was back with his pals and even befriended some nurses and doctors that were residing in the hotel for over a year as traveling essential health care workers. One of them told me his birthday was coming up, so I said I would make a cake but they had to find out what his favorite cake was. They did some research and said it was a champagne cake. I had never made one but looked it up and decided I was going to do it. I swear it was the most complicated cake I had ever made! I must have used every single bowl in my kitchen, but the result was delicious and well worth it for a man whose presence was as welcome as the sunshine. Rest in peace Dick...you will be missed.

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**Laurie Tierney** - September 29, 2023 at 08:44 AM

TC

“ I met Dick Stockwell about 15 years ago when he came on the  
Pittsfield Licensing Board

*I am currently the chairman and Dick was the vice chairman*

*By the time he came on the board I had heard a little bit about him  
I knew he previously owned a popular bar/restaurant in Dalton  
called The Shamrock*

*Had been a state trooper in western Massachusetts.*

*And he had run for office in Berkshire County*

*I figured he was a local guy*

*So when I first talked to him I was a little bowled over by his Boston  
accent*

*It was a little like talking to a guy in a bar in Southie  
or a state rep from Dorchester*

*When I arrived at each meeting he greeted me as “Mistah  
Chairman”*

*Dick was a throwback*

*Although he was a regular guy he believed in formalities and  
institutions*

*He wore a suit to every meeting*

*Replete with a USMC pin or a state police pin or both*

*Even after I got used to his formality he caught me off guard when  
he arrived at my house to take me and my partner Maureen to the  
airport*

*As part of his limousine gig*

*He showed up at my house in a suit*

*At 6:00 a.m. in the morning*

*At first I assumed he had an event to go to later in the day*

*Then I remembered this guy was old school*

*The only thing he was missing was the chauffer hat*

*On second thought he may have been wearing one that day*

*But now I know Dick was from another era  
I think he was the last guy in America who still held lawyers in high  
esteem  
It took me a while to get used to that after hearing 40 years of bad  
lawyer jokes  
Ok some are pretty good  
So when Dick was not calling me "Mistah Chairman" my title was  
"Counselor"*

*Dick was a stand-up guy  
He was loyal  
If he said he would do something, he did it  
He was generous with his time and money*

*I'm a native of Pittsfield  
I have deluded myself into thinking I know everyone here  
But when I was out having a few drinks with the big guy with the  
Boston accent  
People from all walks of life would come right up to him and smile  
and say hello  
They know he was a good guy and just wanted to acknowledge him  
and have a few words*

*He loved people  
And didn't have a mean bone in his body  
It came through at our meetings  
He was always respectful of people who came before us  
Wanted to do the right thing but never wanted to hurt anybody*

*He had been in the business and had a good b.s. detector  
So he brought sound judgment and fairness to each matter before  
us  
Which is what it's all about*

*To quote an expression used by my dad, many times over his life  
Dick Stockwell was a "helluva great guy"*

*God bless you Dick. May you rest in peace*

*Tom Campoli*

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**Tom Campoli** - September 29, 2023 at 07:46 AM

MK

“ *Sincere condolences from Ballina, Co. Mayo, Ireland. I have made many trips to Pittsfield over the last 20yrs and met up with Dick on several occasions through the Sisters City Committee. Dick also visited Ballina and I have many happy memories of different events that we attended. I always visited the Shamrock in Dalton with other delegates from our town council. Dick was always so welcoming and accommodating to our needs. He was a gentle giant and will be missed by his partner, family and friends. May his gentle soul rest in peace.*

*Mary Moore Kelly*

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**Mary Kelly** - September 27, 2023 at 06:04 PM

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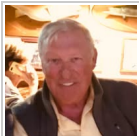
“ *My condolences to the family.  
I worked closely with Dick through my work at VIM Berkshires.  
He arranged many many rides for Vim patients over the years we worked together. It was always a pleasure to speak with him and hear some wonderful stories!*

*With sympathy for your loss A life well lived Dick*

*Lynne Shiels*

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**Lynne Shiels** - September 26, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ *Rest In Peace classmate and brother  
Dick DeRoche  
49th RTT*

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**Richard DeRoche** - September 24, 2023 at 11:52 AM

PS

“ *Ronnie, I am sorry to hear of Dick’s passing. I have many fond memories of him. My condolences to you and his family. We had so many fun times together, he will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Pat Seckler** - September 24, 2023 at 01:17 AM

JO

“ *Dear Maryellen and Paul.*

*We are very sorry for your loss. Your hearts are breaking but may you find peace in your heart remembering all the memories you made with your brother Dick.*

*Love you,  
Jim and Joyce O’Neil*

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**Joyce O’Neil** - September 23, 2023 at 01:27 PM

PD

“ *Yes, sir. A man of many sides and diverse talents. Rest in peace my friend. Paul Davis*

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**Paul Davis** - September 23, 2023 at 10:53 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to the family. May the fond and loving memories be a comfort and always be with you.*

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**John Bernardo** - September 23, 2023 at 06:58 AM