



Mr. Richard Taikowski

August 21, 1927 - March 28, 2025

Richard Taikowski, 97, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, passed away March 28, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Richard was a devoted husband, a proud father and grandfather, and a friend to all that knew him.

Born in Pittsfield on August 21, 1927, Richard was the son of the late Joseph and Mary Miskowski Taikowski. He served as a Military Policeman in the United States Army during World War II, before being honorably discharged in 1946. He worked for General Electric for 44 years before retiring in 1987.

Richard was an avid outdoorsman, often sharing his passion for hunting with his son, John. He enjoyed annual trips to Florida and Cape Cod with his wife, Joan, soaking up the sun at the beach. These trips were a time for relaxation and the simple joys of being together. He had a love for watching the Boston Red Sox, often spending his evenings watching the games and cheering on his favorite team. He also found great satisfaction in his gardens, where he spent countless hours tending to his flowers and vegetables. His fresh produce was a staple in household meals. In his 70's, he began taking organ lessons, dedicating many hours to mastering the musical instrument. The sounds of his organ playing filled the air, reaching beyond the walls of his home. Neighbors often commented that his music could be heard echoing throughout the neighborhood. One of Richard's most well-known talents was his remarkable ability to find treasure in what others might call "junk." Whether

it was an antique, a scrap piece of wood, or a rusty old tool, he had an eye for seeing potential where others only saw clutter. He would often say, "You never know when you'll need it." Richard enjoyed the reputation of being a 'Mr. Fix-It,' always ready to offer a helping hand to anyone in need.

He will be remembered for his quiet strength, gentle nature, and the joy he found in the simple pleasures of life.

Richard is survived by his wife of over 67 years, Joan Taikowski; his children Rick Taikowski (Lynne), Randy Taikowski, and Pamela Tournier (Chris); his four grandchildren Kate Taikowski Manoni (Justin), Allie Taikowski Daniels (John), Cole Tournier and Cassie Tournier (Ian), as well as his great-granddaughter, Isabelle. In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by many extended family members.

He was predeceased by his son John E. Taikowski, his parents Joseph and Mary Taikowski, as well as his siblings Henry W. Taikowski, Stanley W. Taikowski, Joseph F. Taikowski, Edmond Taikowski, Genevieve Vallone, Sophie Vallone, and Joan Mogul. He was also predeceased by his in-laws, George and Marion Schmich.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the healthcare staff of 3 West at Berkshire Medical Center and Hospice Care in the Berkshires for their exceptional care, compassion and support during Richard's final days. Their kindness and professionalism provided comfort and peace during a difficult time.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Richard Taikowski will be Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 10 am at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Burial

with full military honors will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. There will be an hour of visitation at the funeral home directly prior to the service, from 9am to 10am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, an organization dear to Richard's heart.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
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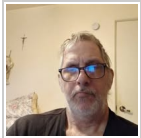
Tribute Wall

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Susan Taikowski Poplau - April 05, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life tributes*



Steve Taikowski - April 05, 2025 at 10:36 AM

DL

“ *Mr Taikowski always was gentle and kind to everyone in the neighborhood. He will be missed. My condolences to everyone.*
Debbie Levy (Swint)

Debbie Levy - April 05, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - April 04, 2025 at 04:12 PM

LB

“ *My dearest Joan,*

We are deeply saddened to hear of Dick's passing. Our prayers are with you and the rest of the family. Miss your visits to us on Emerald Isle. We still reminisce of the times you stayed with us and the laughter we shared around the dinner table. We also treasure our adventures at the beach with Mom and the special joy it brought all of us to continue to share our longstanding friendship with you and Dick.

Know that you and yours will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Lovingly,

"The Boyette Girls" Lorraine, Linda & Chrissy

Lorraine Boyette - April 04, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ Pam,
I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I so enjoyed waiting on him and your mom at the Friendly's back when I was in college. He was the nicest man.
My deepest condolences to you, your mom and your family.
Sue Carmel

Susan Carmel - April 04, 2025 at 11:38 AM

DH

“ Dear Joan, Randy, Pam, Rick and the entire Taikowski family,
Our deepest sympathies to you all. Your Husband, Dad, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather was such a wonderful and kind man. We have been neighbors for 25 years. He always had a smile and calm demeanor about him. Please know that all of you have a very strong guardian angel to watch over you.
Love,
David Hinkell and Patty Mayhew

David Hinkell - April 04, 2025 at 10:52 AM

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“ Georgie R. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Richard Taikowski.

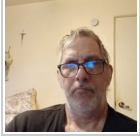


Georgie R. - April 04, 2025 at 08:28 AM

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“ Dick was in my life for more than 67 years. He was the best brother-law ever we will all miss you very much. Georgie and Dave

Georgie Russo - April 04, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ My uncle Richie helped me a lot with tips to maintain our old house on Rector Street. May he rest in peace and be with Jesus in his new Heavenly home . - Steve Taikowski

Steve Taikowski - April 03, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Richard Taikowski.

April 03, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Taikowski.



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“ J E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard Taikowski.

J E. - April 02, 2025 at 09:59 PM