



Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr.

December 18, 1933 - December 25, 2019

Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr., 86, owner of Dwyer Funeral Home and Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Homes, passed away on Christmas day, at home on Queechy Lake, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Pittsfield on December 18, 1933 the son of F. Emmett and Helen Tracy Dwyer, he was a 1952 graduate of St. Joseph High School and a 1956 graduate of the New England Institute of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming in Boston and Berkshire Business School in Pittsfield.

Mr. Dwyer was a Korean War veteran, having proudly served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the Marine Corps League.

Growing up, Bob and his family lived above the funeral home and he started helping out his father at a young age. He took great pride in the service he provided to people. He had the ability to be kind and compassionate as well as making sure every minor detail was carried out with extreme professionalism and precision. His Marine Corps training would always show through. His two sons joined him in the family business and recently his grandson joined the business to become the 5th generation of Dwyer's to work at the funeral home. His son, Dan, moved to Michigan and now has his own funeral home.

He was a lifelong communicant of St. Charles Church and a longtime communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in New Lebanon, NY. He was a member of Msgr. Eugene F. Marshall Knights of Columbus Council 103 for

63 years and a member of Bishop Conaty Assembly 395 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Bob enjoyed antique cars and had collected many over the years. He especially liked his Bronco's, Packard's and Tbird's. He was still driving his white 1964 Thunderbird Convertible to work almost every day right up until he put it away for the winter this year. He was so happy to have just finished restoring a 1957 Tbird and enjoyed showing it to anyone who would take the time to look. He would spend hours reading Hemmings Motor News and liked to watch the car auctions on tv.

Bob was also an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan and would often add colorful commentary during the games.

His favorite place to be, when he was not at work, was Queechy Lake where he served as Past President and longtime member of the Queechy Lake Club. He liked to work around the yard and spend time on the pontoon boat. He loved having his children and grandchildren around him and watching them enjoy the lake.

In 1959, he met the love of his life, the former Deborah Pender, while she was visiting her grandparents who owned the former Pillars Restaurant. They would marry on September 29, 1962 at St. Charles Church after Debbie graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing and enjoy 57 wonderful married years together.

Over the years he purchased the Blonarz Funeral Home on Wahconah St., the Zoph Funeral Home on Bradford St. and the Newton and Barnfather Funeral Home on East Housatonic St. eventually consolidating them all into the North St. Funeral Home. He also purchased numerous apartment buildings surrounding his North St. Funeral Home.

Besides his wife, he leaves his four children, Kathleen O'Brien (Frank) of Easton, CT, Julie Lloyd (Tom) of Bennington, VT, Dan Dwyer (Kelly) of New Boston, MI and Robert Dwyer, Jr. (Whitney), of Richmond, MA, who has worked side by side with his father for the past 35 years; two sisters, Elizabeth "Betty" Kasuba (Don) and Marmie McKeever (Vinnie); two brothers in law,

Dick Dunham of Dalton and Bill Pender of New Mexico; 12 grandchildren, Steven Dwyer, Shealagh, Egan, Kaitlyn, Kiernan and Erin O'Brien, Alexandra, Danielle and Quinn Dwyer, Emily Lloyd Cole (Larry), Nicholas and Sean Lloyd and two great granddaughters, Henri Sophia Dwyer and Ella Cole. He also leaves many nieces, nephews and extended family. Besides his parents and stepmother, Eleanor Rita Dwyer, Bob was predeceased by his two sisters, Helen Callahan and her husband Maurice and Mary Ellen "Bee" Dunham and a brother Bernard "Bib" Dwyer.

Bob will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all the people whose lives he had touched throughout the years. His professional commitment to serving those in need will be carried on for generations. "Semper Fi"

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr. will be Saturday, January 4, 2020 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Church celebrated by (at Bob's request) Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus and concelebrated by Rev. John Tuohey, Administrator. A private entombment will take place in St. Michael the Archangel Mausoleum, St. Joseph's Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Friday, January 3, 2020 from 3 to 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association or St. Charles Church, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in his memory.

DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ We were friends in the USMC at Camp Lejune. Great man.

Don Joy - January 20, 2025 at 11:14 AM

SS

“ Dear Debbie and Family,
I am so saddened to learn of Bob's passing. He is a major loss to the community and to humanity itself...What a wonderful man he was! I just love that he was still enjoying his antique cars right up until the end. Those T Birds are gorgeous!!

I am sending my love and condolences to you and your amazing family. It is not a coincidence that Bob went Home on Christmas, to enjoy his much- deserved place at the Right Hand of his God.

Thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Love,

Shelly (Brown) Stirling

daughter of Eleanore R. Brown (Realty)

Shelly Stirling - January 05, 2020 at 04:32 PM

SH

“ To the Dwyer family,
So very sorry for your loss. Your husband and father was a truly good man. Wishing you peace.

Susan Hoffman - January 05, 2020 at 08:32 AM

FC

“ *My regrets for being unable to be with you during Bob's funeral. Medical issues keep getting in the way. Know that you and he are being lifted up in prayer and held in memory. May he rest in the arms of the Lord's mercy and may God's peace be yours.*

Fr. Geoff Deeker, CSS

Fr. Geoff Deeker, CSS - January 04, 2020 at 10:10 AM

MM

“ *Condolences to the Dwyer family on Mr. Dwyer's passing. Kind thoughts and prayers as you move through this difficult time.*

McMahon Family

Michael McMahon - January 04, 2020 at 08:05 AM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - January 03, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - January 02, 2020 at 03:47 PM

EP

“ Our sincere condolences to the family for your loss. We will always appreciate his support to our church over the years. He always had a kind word. We're praying that God will keep you and give you peace that passes all understanding.

Sincerely,

*Pastor Charles and Mrs. Evelyn Pratt
Victory Temple Church of God in Christ*



Evelyn J Pratt - January 02, 2020 at 04:38 AM



“ *Bob will be so missed. I met him at 12 years old in 1968 when he handled my dad's funeral. Bob was so kind and compassionate and truly made an impression on me at a very young age taking me under his wing during my dad's services. His continued friendship in both a personal and professional capacity continued right up to the time of his passing.*

Kevin and Cindy Thomson

Cindy Daoust Thomson - January 01, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Robert Dwyer..a pillar in our community he will be missed by all
Dan O'Connell....Pittsfield, Ma*

Dan O'Connell - December 31, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ *Debbie and family, so sorry to hear of Bobs passing. I hope the happy times you shared will give you comfort. Pat Cronin*

Pattiann Cronin - December 31, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..*



December 31, 2019 at 10:52 AM

FT

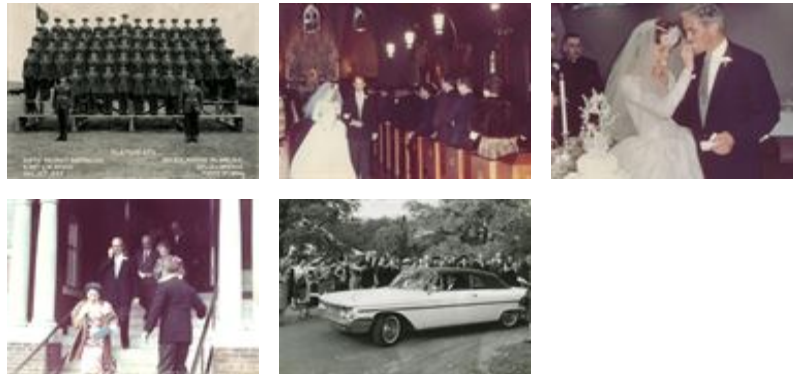
“ From Jimmy, Frank, and the Treasured Memories team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..



From Jimmy, Frank, and the Treasured Memories team -
December 31, 2019 at 10:20 AM



“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - December 31, 2019 at 09:19 AM

PG

“ To the Dwyer Family,
Our prayers and thoughts have been with you these past few days. We are sorry for your loss. It was always a pleasure to see Mr. Dwyer when we would be at the funeral home or at a church for a service. His presence will be missed but we know his spirit will always be there. Hold memories close to your hearts. Those never go away. With our condolences and sympathy.

Patrick & Marie Gormalley - December 31, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..*



December 30, 2019 at 08:09 PM



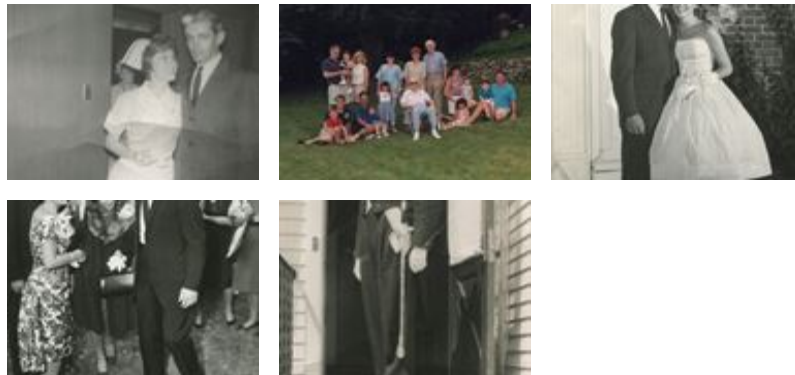
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..*



December 30, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - December 30, 2019 at 02:20 PM

CP

“ *Dear Debbie & family,*

Sorry to hear of your loss. Special thoughts & prayers to all!

Sincere condolences,

Steve & Carla Prendergast

carla prendergast - December 30, 2019 at 09:59 AM

MK

“ *Mark Krause purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..*



Mark Krause - December 30, 2019 at 09:52 AM

MK

“ *Mark Krause purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..*



Mark Krause - December 30, 2019 at 09:46 AM

MR

“ *Margot Rockefeller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr.*



Margot Rockefeller - December 30, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *Whenever I'd see Bob, I'd smile. He was always great to be around. Even seeing his picture above...I couldn't help but smile. You'll be severely missed. I look forward to catching up with you someday. Take care up there.*

Warmest wishes and condolences to all. Much love...

Tony Lunsford - December 29, 2019 at 05:40 PM

DR

“ *Dear Debbie and family. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Bob.*

*Sincerely,
Donna Rouette*

Donna Rouette - December 29, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..*



December 29, 2019 at 10:58 AM

LS

“ I have very fond memories of Bob during my middle and high school years with Julie❤️ I am sorry and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. A Great Man...Rest in Peace

Lori Stanton - December 29, 2019 at 10:37 AM

RM

“ A wonderful, kind and caring soul. His parting will be felt for generations.

Rick Marquis - December 29, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..



December 29, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..



December 28, 2019 at 09:57 PM

MF

“ *Mary and Rosanne Frieri purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..*



Mary and Rosanne Frieri - December 28, 2019 at 08:13 PM

PJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Dwyer's passing. He was a good friend of my dad's, Robert Duquette. Every time he saw me he would say" I used to change your diapers" lol. Semper FI*

Pat Duquette Jones

Patricia Jones - December 28, 2019 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ *Dolores M. Seitzinger purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..*



Dolores M. Seitzinger - December 28, 2019 at 05:34 PM

ML

“ Dear Debbie & Family,

"Death leaves a heart ache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

From an Irish headstone.

May your husband and father's memory live in your hearts.

*Sincere condolences,
Maria Lull*

Maria Lull - December 28, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..



December 28, 2019 at 04:15 PM

RM

“ We are so sorry to hear that Bob passed away. You had a wonderful life together.

Condolences to you and the family, we are thinking of you at this time.

Virginia & Dick Petrie.

Richard A Petrie MD - December 28, 2019 at 03:55 PM

SJ

“ Rob, so sorry for you and the families loss. His empathy, compassion and professionalism will never be forgotten by this whole county. He always had a way to ease the pain and brighten the hopes of so many, at their deepest times of need and sorrow. He can rest with God and drive those cars around the highways in heaven now. (Warm regards: Samuel Dean Jr. Greenfield MA.)

Samuel R Dean Jr - December 28, 2019 at 03:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert E. Dwyer, Sr..



December 28, 2019 at 03:23 PM

MB

“ So sorry Deb and family, Bob was a great man I enjoy knowing him for a very long while. I just love seeing him driving by popcorn wagon in his old cars. Very classy man Bob you are going to miss by many people. RIP Bob

Maggue Borden - December 28, 2019 at 03:20 PM