



Robert E. Whitney

July 4, 1937 - June 18, 2017

Robert Eugene Whitney, 79, of Pittsfield passed away Sunday, June 18, 2017. Born July 4, 1937 in Indianapolis, IN, the son of Dorothea J. and Robert W. Whitney. Bob grew up in Muncie, IN and graduated from Muncie Central High where he participated in swimming, track, and cross-country.

Upon graduation, he served in the Navy for 3 years' active duty, including a year on the USS Fulton AS-11.

Following his service, he graduated from The John Herron Institute with a BA in Advertising Art. In 1962, he joined GE Advertising and Sales Promotion Operations. His career included assignments in Schenectady, Chicago, San Jose, Selkirk, and ultimately Pittsfield. He retired from GE Plastics Marketing Communications in 1997.

Bob was an artisan with a lifelong hobby of model ship building, wood working, and wooden boat construction. He enjoyed archery and skeet shooting. He appreciated a diverse range of music and literature. Bob deeply cherished close relationships with his extended family and friends.

Bob is survived by Susan, his wife of 42 years. He also leaves his 3 children, R. Michael and wife Barbara, Gary Dean and wife Cheryl, and Tara Farrell and husband David; 8 grandchildren, JenRose, Melissa, Nicole, Monica, Robert, Whitney, Charleigh, and Micah; 2 great grandchildren, Roy and MacKenzie; his sister Pat and husband Bill, his sister-in-law Carole and husband Walter; 2 nephews, Kelly and Walter; and 3 nieces, Jackie, Stephanie, and Katie.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Robert Whitney will be Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 12 noon at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA with the Father Christopher Malatesta of St. Agnes Church, officiating. Calling hours at the funeral home will precede the service from 10AM to 12 noon. The family would like to thank the staff of BMC for their dedicated and compassionate care.

DONATIONS CAN NOT BE MADE ONLINE, BUT MAY BE MADE THROUGH THE DWYER FUNERAL HOME.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert E. Whitney*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 12, 2019 at 04:35 PM

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“ *I will always be grateful for the times that Bob made us laugh during our stint at the Becker House, recalling the smiles that Bob put on the faces of Allen Young, Bob Moran, Mike McGill, Jim O'Keefe, Phil Gross and many others, and during the times after work at the Feura Bush Tavern, as we enjoyed a cocktail or two! More recently, the entertaining lunches at Jacob's. with Andy, Rick, George, Bob B., Bob J., Larry, and Jan. His artistic style and sense of humor made life more pleasant and fun. We will miss him.*

Tom Morelli - June 24, 2017 at 08:40 AM

TF

“ *The Autry family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert E. Whitney.*



The Autry family - June 23, 2017 at 02:50 PM

BB

“ Susan. Kathy and I are so sorry to hear of your loss.

Kathy and Bruce Balle

Bruce Balle - June 23, 2017 at 10:37 AM

JH

“ How many Bob Whitney stories do I have...how much time do you have? Bob was the first guy I met at GE in 1979. He started giving me a hard time then, and never stopped. I count him as my oldest friend. At GE, he was a legend, seizing the microphone on every bus trip to give tours in phony French or Japanese. Hilarious! But that same creativity made him a great contributor to every project.

Personally, our families became great friends. Parties laced with Brandy Slushes led to sleepovers for Tara and the other kids, with bloody marys the next day starting the party up for a second day. We were younger then, of course. The Whitney's even passed the "camper test". Eight of us in one camper at Cape Cod during a gypsy moth epidemic. We went to sleep with the sound of Bob snoring and a rain of caterpillar poop... and we lived through it all as friends.

Bob made a huge impact on our lives, he will be remembered for his humor and warmth. Our thoughts are with Sue and Tara today, but our memories are with Bob

joel hutt - June 23, 2017 at 08:53 AM

MK

“ Dear Sue and Family: We are thinking of you with love and send you our sympathy on Bob's passing. He was a wonderful fun person and we enjoyed the visits at Carole and Walt's home in past years. May beautiful memories bring comfort to allMary Ann (Saurack) Kowaleski and Ed.

mary ann kowaleski - June 23, 2017 at 07:07 AM



“ *Tara, David & family,
Our deepest sympathy.*

David Litzinger, PGK and wife Mary

David Litzinger - June 22, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *Love, Judi and Paige purchased the Fairest of All
for the family of Robert E. Whitney.*



Love, Judi and Paige - June 22, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ *I will Never forget the amazing smile Bob would bring every time he came to the barbershop to get a cut. He would have Chewy (the shop puppy) sit in his lap while he got his trim. Chewy sometimes licks fingers so I would tell Bob that this was an extra service added to the price of the hair cut. He would laugh and tell me is there someone around to rub his feet as well. Bob is truly one of my Very Favorite customers, and I completely enjoyed the many years we shared together. He will Never be forgotten. God Bless the Whitney Family.*

Miss you Bob!

*me,
Thomas Livecchi*

Thomas Livecchi - June 22, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Whitney.*



June 21, 2017 at 11:19 PM



Janis Strattner

“ *You made our wedding day special by being our Best Man on August 26, 1978. What great memories we have of that day and many days thereafter. You always welcomed us to your home for visits and we enjoyed the many delicious meals prepared by our true friend, and your wife, Sue. You will never be forgotten Bob. We love you and always will.*

*Larry and Janis Strattner
Eureka, California*

Janis Strattner - June 21, 2017 at 10:26 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E. Whitney.*



June 21, 2017 at 03:16 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert E. Whitney.*



June 21, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Robert E. Whitney.



June 21, 2017 at 11:29 AM

 Jim
Lillie

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Jim Lillie - June 21, 2017 at 05:13 AM