



Mr. Roderick L. Corey

February 24, 1941 - July 27, 2024

Roderick L. Corey, 83, of Lanesborough, MA, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family. Born to Carlene and Hayford Johnson, he was the beloved husband of Roberta Corey for 57 years, a devoted father to Rod and Ryan and their wives, Candace and Kristen, and a cherished grandfather to Hannah, Anders, Gunnar, Mac, and Maggie.

Roderick was a graduate of Grafton High School in MA and went on to earn his Master's degree in Education from UMass. He dedicated 33 years of his career to the Pittsfield Public Schools, including 10+ years as a baseball coach for Taconic High School, leaving a lasting impact on generations of students and colleagues alike.

An accomplished athlete from a young age, Rod was inducted into Grafton High School's Hall of Fame in its inaugural year. Roderick excelled as a standout player on the UMass baseball team and later as a member of the Chatham A's in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League, where he earned MVP honors during his rookie season. His passion for sports continued throughout his life, and he was known for his love of fishing and the outdoors.

Roderick valued friendship deeply, considering many of his friends as close as family. His warm personality and generous spirit touched the lives of all who knew him.

He will be deeply missed and remembered fondly by his family, friends, former students, and teammates.

Funeral Notice:

A celebration of Roderick's life will be held at the family's home (85 Scott Road, Lanesborough, MA) on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 2 pm to 5pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Family Home

85 Scott Road

Lanesborough, MA 01237

Tribute Wall

JT

“ I am a cousin to Carlene, Ricky's Mom. We grew up in New Sweden,Me. Ricky was so sweet. Sounds like he had a wonderful life. Even has a Gunnar in his family. My dad's name was Gunnar Soderberg. Sad when wonderful husbands and dad's pass. Best to his family.
Jeannie Soderberg Tracy

Jeannie Soderberg Tracy,cousin - August 24, 2024 at 06:47 PM

NW

“ Dear Roberta. Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your dear husband Rod. During my early years of teaching I had the pleasure of working with Rod at Crosby. Of course I remember the wonderful parties you hosted at your home. Hay rides,sledding and snow ball fights Also the delicious food that was served. Wonderful memories that I hold close to my heart. May the caring thoughts of all the people that cared for and admired Rod ease your pain at this time. God bless you and your family

Nancy Woitkowski - August 15, 2024 at 09:52 AM

RL

“ We'll not meet another like him !!! Perhaps.... if we had another lifetime? "Tex"

Robert Michael Lavery"Tex" - August 05, 2024 at 11:49 AM

JF

“ Roberta and family I'm so sorry about Rod. He was an extraordinary man. He was a mentor to me as a young teacher and a model for my son as his teacher. Thank you Rod. John Forrest

John P Forrest - August 04, 2024 at 07:31 PM

CJ

“ *Roberta and family:*

Very sorry to read of Rod's passing. What a wonderful person. A true professional in the classroom, he was well-liked and well-respected by students and staff alike. Just a genuine nice man. Not surprisingly, he loved your home and beautiful property...what a setting!

Rod's first year of coaching baseball was my senior year at Taconic. He had a knack for getting his point across easily and clearly. He was a welcomed addition to our team that year. Later on, I played basketball in the adult leagues with Rod...always fun and he was always the most competitive guy on the floor.

You have chosen a great picture to remember him by...He was such a good man!

Chris Jacoby

Chris Jacoby - August 04, 2024 at 01:46 PM

MM

“ *Dear Roberta, Ryan, Rod and all your family, Our deepest sympathy for your great loss. My fondest memories of teaching are with my dear friend, Rod. I have the greatest respect for him as a man of his word and his unfailing love and commitment to all of you. He loved teaching and was dedicated to showing the young people in our charge all the guidance he could give them. Rod was the best and led me to being a better person and teacher. I will always remember him as my Lucky Charm and an honorable man since he joined our program at Herberg. Love to all of you, Sincerely, Mike and Bonnie Murgo*

Michael Murgo - August 04, 2024 at 01:04 PM

PP

“ Rod was an important member of the Herberg Middle School community. He could be counted on to be a calm solid presence in the rocky world of early adolescence.
Sincere condolences to family and friends.

Pat Rotti Pritchard - August 04, 2024 at 05:07 AM

RB

“ Roberta and family knowing and having had the pleasure of working with Rod was such an enjoyable experience when I moved to Pittsfield and worked at Crosby. Later his working with the Special Olympics inspired me to start our organization but our greating joy was inclusive cross country skiing. I appreciate Rod's support and advice. Rod was a tremendous role model and I am very saddened by his passing.

Richard Backer - August 03, 2024 at 05:04 PM

DW

“ Sending healing hugs to all of you wonderful Coreys.. Your family has been an important part of our family for decades. “Daddy Corey” as we always called him was a warm and steady influence on our thinking and views of the world around us. Memories of the always entertaining and renewing visits we had will always support us. We will sorely miss him, but the loving memories will always be with us. Sending our love to all.

Donna Wied - August 03, 2024 at 10:16 AM

JP

“ Mrs. Corey, Roddy, and Ryan. I am so saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Corey! I have so many fond memories of spending time at your home and Mr. Corey played such a big part in those memories. I can still picture pulling into the driveway and seeing him mowing the apple orchard with a big smile and a wave. I remember him mentioning that he wanted to build a stone stairway from the back patio to the upper garden, so the boys and I flipped a large flat stone ,for what seemed to be a mile ,from a creek bed to the back patio and after seeing that Mr. Corey saying “ Well I guess I have to do it now”, and sure enough, the next time I visited a beautiful stone stairway was built. I remember the boys and I camping in the upper woods and it raining all night and Mr. Corey showing up first thing in the morning to check on us. Years later I remember visiting while on a bike ride with my girlfriend at the time and Mr. Corey saying “ Hop-in” and had us pile into his golf cart to show us all the cool trails he built around the property.

I could go on and on about all the wonderful times I spent at your home and the incredibly positive impact Mr. Corey has made on my life! I will forever be grateful for those times, and he will Never be forgotten! My deepest condolences for your loss! Jeff P.

Jeff Pollack - August 02, 2024 at 11:59 AM

AH

“ I'm heartbroken at the loss of my college roommate and a dear and cherished friend for 65 years. I'll miss the near daily email communications, and also our annual "tweener days" celebrations (our birthdays were 2 days apart). He was the best. Roberta, my heart goes out to you and the family. Al Hedlund

Al Hedlund - August 02, 2024 at 10:46 AM

WG

“ *Roberta and family,*

My heart goes out to all of you for your loss. I'm so sorry. My condolences to all of you in this heartbreaking time.

Wendy Gendron - July 31, 2024 at 08:32 AM

PO

To Roberta and family. I am sorry to hear of Rods passing. I have good memories of him at GHS and the basketball games and our class activities.

Peace and love. Pam OMalley class of 1959 GHS

Pamela (Perkins) OMalley - August 17, 2024 at 04:12 PM