



Mr. Ronald W. Drager

April 3, 1932 - August 25, 2025

Mr. Ronald W. Drager, 93, of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, August 25, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Fort Collins, CO, on April 3, 1932, he was the son of the late Sidney and Dessie (Bruner) Drager. Ron graduated as valedictorian from Cache La Poudre High School and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Colorado State University.

In 1954, Ron enlisted in the United States Army, where he proudly served his country until receiving an honorable discharge as a Second Lieutenant. He attended Electronic School at Aberdeen Proving Ground and was later assigned to Frankfurt Arsenal, where he worked on aircraft gun systems.

In December 1956, he accepted a position with General Electric in their Naval Ordnance Department. He was transferred to Pittsfield, MA, in 1957, where he became the youngest of 40 engineers tasked with designing, developing, and testing guidance systems for the Polaris, Poseidon, Trident, and Navy SeaWolfe radar programs. He retired after 38 years of dedicated service and was a proud member of the GE Elfun Society.

When not at work, Ron could often be found tending to his gardens. He cultivated several vegetable and flower gardens, which were frequently

admired by neighbors and passersby.

Ron was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife of 48 years, Sandra Jean (Trudgeon) Drager. They were married on May 10, 1958, and shared a deep and lasting bond until her passing in 2006. He was also deeply saddened by the loss of his identical twin brother, Robert Allen Drager, who passed away in 2016.

He is survived by his children: Stephen; Leslie (Richard Hall); Daniel (Jan); and Mark (Cathy); as well as his cherished grandchildren: Casey, Sydney, Rebecca, Amanda, Deena, Kirsten, Shane, and Daniella.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Ron will be Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 12noon at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. Those who would wish to visit beforehand are invited to gather at the funeral home from 11am until 12noon. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ronald's memory can be made through the funeral home to the Berkshire Concert Choir.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *I would like to express condolences to the Drager family.*

Tim Funk - September 05, 2025 at 10:18 AM

DH

“ *Dear Drager Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. We cherish the memories we have together with your family. Dutch Wonderland Campground and Amusement Park, Strasburg Railroad, Split Rock, and a few special visits to Massachusetts.
"Uncle Bill" is home, and we who are left here will miss him always.
Love and Prayers,
The Herrs from Lancaster, PA*

Deb Herr - September 04, 2025 at 02:14 PM



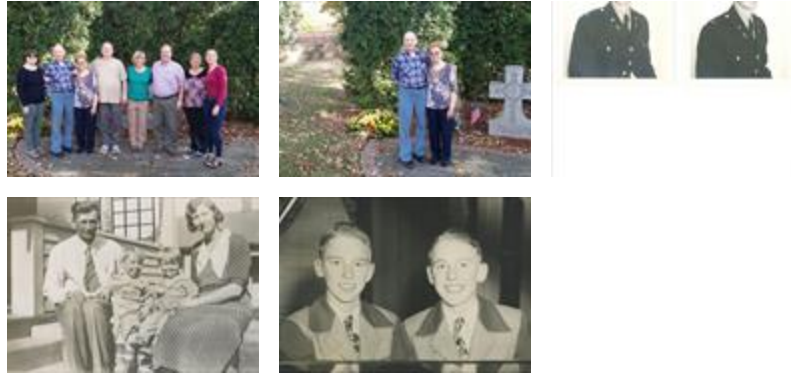
“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald W. Drager.*



September 03, 2025 at 11:31 AM

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“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



David Allan Drager - September 02, 2025 at 02:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald W. Drager.



September 01, 2025 at 04:39 PM



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

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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald W. Drager.



August 31, 2025 at 03:10 PM

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“ *Leslie & Drager Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Ron's passing.
We've been on BC choir European trips
With both Ron & Sandy, such lovely people. Know them through
South Congragational Church, always a helping hand. Will be
missed by all.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Paula & Michael Esposito - August 31, 2025 at 02:56 PM

DH

“ *Dear Drager Family,
We have so many wonderful memories of your family and your
beloved father. Some of Mom's favorite memories are when the
twins would call each other on the phone and talk for hours to catch
up, reading Bill's Christmas Letter, and the biannual visits from the
Dragers up north. We will all miss him. We love you all.
Please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers. (Even
David's)
Love, The Draggers in Pennsylvania*

Deb Herr - August 31, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr.
Ronald W. Drager.*



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