



## Mr. Shaun F. Tierney

October 20, 1955 - October 14, 2022

Shaun Francis Tierney, 66, of Crane Avenue, passed away peacefully at home with his family on October 14, 2022.

Born on October 20, 1955, to the late Jean (Carmel) and Robert A. Tierney, Sr., Shaun was a life-long Pittsfield resident. He graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1973 and was in the first Human Services graduating class of Berkshire Community College in 1975.

Shaun was a devoted husband, father, and friend. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary (Mazzeo) Tierney. And in their 45 years of marriage together, they raised three children, shared countless adventures, and traveled the world with a close network of old and new friends.

Shaun had a long and varied career in the plastics industry, beginning as a machinist on the shop floor at Marland Mold where he discovered his keen interest in drafting and mold design. His eagerness to learn and honest work ethic were the cornerstones of his career as a plastic mold engineer for various companies, ultimately working for GE Plastics as an Application Development Engineer.

When Shaun was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer in 2007 he retired from GE and applied his extraordinary thirst for knowledge to Kidney Cancer Research.

Shaun was a patient representative on the Governance Committee for the Dana-Farber /Harvard Cancer Center, a top fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund, and a three time Jimmy Fund Walk Hero. He took great pride in being the voice of hope and counsel for other patients with kidney cancer. Through his work with Smart Patient, an online discussion forum, he made many friends from around the world. But his most valued friendship was with his doctor from Dana Farber, Dr. Toni Choieri.

Although in treatment for 15 years, Shaun never missed an opportunity to spend time with his family, particularly the six grandchildren he felt so blessed to have the opportunity to make memories with. Always one for a good time, Pops often led the pack into mischief, until some rule-abiding parent intervened, usually for safety's sake. The hearts of Henry Shaun, Hazel Elizabeth, Cecily Mae, Weston Francis, Lila Shae, and Eloise Grace will forever carry a little piece of their Pops' silly antics.

Shaun leaves his wife of 45 years, Mary (Mazzeo) Tierney, as well as his children: Meagan Gemborys (Brian), Jessica Austin (Timothy) and Brian Tierney (Heather). Shaun's children hold memories of a dad who was always there to encourage and cheer them on in all their endeavors.

Shaun was predeceased by his parents, Jean and Robert Tierney, Sr., but leaves behind his loving siblings: Robert Tierney, Jr. (Jody), Elizabeth Shepard (Thomas), Timothy Tierney (Christine), and Daniel Tierney. Brother-in-law, Mark Mazzeo (Stacy), and many other family and friends.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Shaun F. Tierney will be Thursday, October 20, 2022, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus. Burial will follow at St. Joseph

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires or to Dana-Farber. Shaun's daughter, Meagan, will be running the Boston Marathon in April in memory of her dad, as part of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team. Donations can be made directly to: [http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/Meagan\\_Gemborys](http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/Meagan_Gemborys).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I was so sorry to hear of Shaun's passing. My husband and I e-met Shaun many years ago where as patient/caregiver/patient we were all seeking the best way to manage kidney cancer. My memories of Shaun are only through posts where he was always willing to share his experiences in order to help other patients and caregivers. RIP, Shaun.

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**Karen Ross** - November 02, 2022 at 06:01 PM

JD

“ To the Tierney family- I have such fond memories of spending lots of time at your home growing up. Many of my best memories of growing up in Pittsfield at with your family and the many adventures and fun times I had over at your home. I am thinking of you all in this hard time. Reach out if you need anything

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**jyl deering** - November 01, 2022 at 05:18 PM

CG

“ Dear Mary, I am so sorry to hear this news. Shaun was a fighter and the two of you made a beautiful couple. Who knew, when we were all at St. Joe together, what life had in store for us. It sounds like you two had a wonderful life together, raised great kids and were able to enjoy being grandparents together! Shaun's gone too soon. His memory remains with lots of us.

*Warm Regards, Chris (Manley) Gravelle*

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**chris Gravelle** - October 26, 2022 at 03:15 PM

LF

“ *Mary and family, I was so sorry to read of Shaun’s passing. I have fond memories of both of you at BCC 45 plus years ago.*  
*Lisa Fletcher-Udel*

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**Lisa Fletcher-Udel** - October 24, 2022 at 09:35 PM

MP

“ *To Shaun's entire family. I was so very sorry to hear the news of his passing. He was such a great force of determination and believed in helping others through his own hardship. What a great inspiration he was to others. I'm sorry to have missed the funeral as I am away. Sending you all love and prayers. Melissa Phelps Utter*

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**Melissa Phelps-Utter** - October 20, 2022 at 10:28 PM

NR

“ *I am so very sorry to hear that my dear cousin Shaun, has passed away. I have so many fond memories of growing up with him. He was a great kid and I know he turned into a wonderful adult, husband father grandfather and had always been a good brother. I know he will be missed by so many people. My heart goes out to his family. I wish I had known sooner so I could’ve attended the funeral.*

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**Nancy Raimer** - October 20, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ 178 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - October 19, 2022 at 02:03 PM

FJ

“ *Shaun, Did a lot of wonderful things in his life. Always remember how your Mom would ask for prayers for him. May God strength and help you through this difficult time. All our love and prayers.* 🙏❤️

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**Fidora & Jack Jones** - October 19, 2022 at 01:37 PM

MC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was a great man! I'm thankful we connected over the past several years and were able to connect to get the genealogy information from my dad put into a document for the family. Please let us know if you need anything!*

*Melissa Crossland*

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**Melissa Crossland** - October 19, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Shaun F. Tierney.



October 19, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God be with you.

Tom and Kim Taglieri - October 18, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ Dear Bob, Jody and family, Please accept our condolences on the loss of your brother.

Blessings, Love and Light, Nicolette & Walter 🙏💙

Nicolette and Walter McGovern - October 18, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ Shaun (& Mary) have always been such an inspirational light of life to those who know them. Shaun's openness with sharing of his experiences and success against cancer with his incredible medical team, are nothing less than amazing. He has shared hope that perseverance with a positive attitude can make a positive difference and change the course of life. I am honored to have known Shaun and will treasure his inspirational memory.

Dave LeVardi - October 18, 2022 at 05:14 PM

BJ

“ So very sorry. Shaun was a wonderful friend to me and a wonderful inspiration to many. I have been in close contact with Shaun since we worked together many years ago at GE Plastics, and we always hoped we could get out golfing again sometime. I am confident he is at peace now and pain free, probably on the golf course as we speak. I am so glad I got to Ireland in August and was able to share my pictures and experiences with him a few weeks ago. Please accept my condolences, and know that the memories of our times together will always be a part of me. Even if he was a Mickleson fan! We will try to be at the service on Thursday.

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**Bob Johnson** - October 18, 2022 at 04:25 PM

MM

“ Dear Mary and family,

We were so sorry to learn of your loss, Shaun was a great person, friend and colleague, and although it has been many years since we have been together, we imagine he will be greatly missed by all who were close to him. Please know our thoughts are with you all.

Sincerely,  
Mark and Lee Minnichelli

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**Mark and Lee Minnichelli** - October 18, 2022 at 12:57 PM

ML

“ Shaun was one of my early mentors at GE Plastics. He always had sound advice and a great smile with his delivery. I had the fortune to be his kitty corner backyard neighbor until he had to move because of the riff raff that moved in next door. Thankfully those fools left soon after but I understood why the move was needed for Shaun and his lovely wife Mary. My deepest condolences to the whole family. What a great guy. Shaun will be missed.

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**Mike Laurin** - October 18, 2022 at 08:16 AM

PM

“ *Forever in our hearts, Love Booky & Patti*

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**Pat & Fran Magner** - October 18, 2022 at 07:29 AM

SC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing, Jess. I loved meeting him at your wedding and each additional time I got to capture his beautiful spirit. I am sending lots of love to your family at this time. He was loved! -- Sandra Costello*

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**Sandra Costello** - October 17, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *My husband & I had the pleasure of meeting Shaun & Mary 7 yrs ago on a trip to Ireland. It was such a wonderful experience and became a small intimate group that became known as "The Amad'an Travelers. Shaun was even crowned King at the medieval farewell dinner we all attended. So many memories, so much fun. Sla'inte & RIP, Shaun!  
Steve & Joanne Manzi*

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**Joanne Manzi** - October 17, 2022 at 03:12 PM

SI

“ *Nick and I are so sorry for your loss... we will never forget Shaun's words of wisdom in front of Brigham and womens hospital.. he was so encouraging even tho he was hurting... I would send him an message every once in a while just to say Hi! He always took the time to answer and give encouragement.... He is soaring with the angels now!  
Sue and Nick Ingui*

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**sue ingui** - October 17, 2022 at 02:51 PM