



## Mr. Steven M. Stockmal

January 29, 1972 - June 13, 2025

Steven M. Stockmal, 53, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, passed away on Friday June 13, 2025 in the presence of his loving family at the Berkshire Medical Center after a courageous battle with diabetes. Steven was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on January 29, 1972, the son of Richard and Carol Moody Stockmal. He graduated from Pomperaug High School, Regional School District #15 in Southbury, Connecticut with the class of 1990.

For the majority of his woodworking career, Steven was the proud owner of "The Pine Box", a company that he began in his twenties and lasted approximately twenty years. He learned how to do this craft from his grandfather, the late George Moody, whom he visited every summer since he was ten. In 2019, he started the "Mountain Stream Furniture Company", where he manufactured many Adirondack chairs and tables. Steven's woodworking creations were not solely a job, but rather a personal passion. He was extremely talented at what he did and the masterpieces he fashioned were done while legally blind and living with the challenges of a double amputation.

Throughout his life, Steven was passionate about his service to others. After graduation from high school, he dedicated 11 years to volunteering as an EMT at the Southbury Volunteer Ambulance Association.

Among many things, he enjoyed hiking and the outdoors, traveling

(particularly to historical sites), playing board and card games with his family, being an avid Green Bay Packers and Boston Celtics fan, and especially spending time with his service dog, Proxy, who gave him a sense of independence and strength.

Steven is survived by his soul mate of 39 years, the former Sherye Kowalski, whom he married on June 8, 1996. He leaves behind his daughter, Kassondra Stockmal, as well as his sister, Sarabeth Grant, and many cherished family members, all of whom he dearly loved, including nieces, and nephews whom affectionally referred to Steven as the "Tickle Monster".

The family would like to send their deepest appreciation to the staff in the Progressive and Palliative Care Units at the Berkshire Medical Center for their dedication, responsiveness and compassion towards Steven's care.

Funeral Notice:

In keeping with Steven's love of the outdoors, a celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 1pm, outside at the Unity Terrace at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield, 220 East St, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The Dwyer Funeral Home is entrusted with all arrangements and care for the Stockmal family during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Steven's memory can be made to the Service Dog Project, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I loved taking Steve camping and hiking when he was very young. I think when was 9 with my friend Marco, who liked Steve, loved fishing. I have fond memories of him when he was young, learning how to safely use tools and open to learning. Because my parents were close, I saw him a lot before I got busy with HS and then college. Lots of fun camping and hiking either his cousins and my friends. He fought an incredible challenge and like FDR overcame many obstacles with a “can do” attitude. Rest easy my nephew!

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**Jim Stockmal** - July 26, 2025 at 08:34 PM

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“ Steven will live on in my heart forever with the memory of him as the happiest little baby, funny young boy and wonderful young man always with a smile. He utilized his talents in helping others and pursued his love of wood working despite setbacks and physical obstacles. Steven lived life with a courage beyond understanding. He fought the good fight and leaves us with the cherished memories of a very special man who will be missed by family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Be at peace, my dear nephew. With love, Aunt Janice

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**Jan Cummings** - July 24, 2025 at 07:59 PM