



Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela

September 23, 1950 - March 10, 2023

Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela, 72, of Pittsfield, passed away at his home on Friday, March 10, 2023, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on September 23, 1950, the son of the late Stephen and Cecilia Wring Ciepiela, he graduated from Pittsfield High School, where he was a standout athlete in football. He was the recipient of the Spec O'Boyle award in 1967, the award which goes to the outstanding player of the annual city championship between Pittsfield High School and St. Joseph High School. He was inducted into the Berkshire County Football Hall of Fame in 1970.

For the majority of his career, Wayne worked as a machinist at Marland Mold. Later, he was employed by Starbase Technologies. It was there he dedicated several years until his retirement in 2016.

Among many things, he enjoyed golf, coaching softball, vacations in Myrtle Beach, and spending time with family and friends.

Wayne is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 50 years, the former Christine Dean, whom he married on May 5, 1973. He leaves behind his children, Paula Ciepiela, and Leslie Ciepiela- Branco and son-in-law Joe, as well as his siblings, Doreen Craver, Steve Ciepiela (Gail), Cindy Johnson (Bill). Wayne is survived by his sisters-in-law, Carol Ciepiela, Marge Ciepiela, Julia LeClair,

and his brothers-in-law, Robert Dean, Jr., and James Norton. He also leaves numerous nieces and nephews who he loved and adored.

Besides his parents, Wayne was predeceased by his brothers, Bob Ciepiela, Bill Ciepiela and sisters, Joan Barcher (Larry), Shirley Caccamo, and Barbara Felcher, as well as his sister-in-law, Barbara Norton and brother-in-law, Lewis Craver. He was also predeceased by his niece Jacqueline Kennedy and his nephews Jay Norton and Glenn Barcher.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela will be Thursday, March 16, 2023 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Daniel Cymer, Administrator. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023, from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA, 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations in Wayne's memory can be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute or Phelps Cancer Center.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

AR

“ So sorry to hear of Wayne,s passing. He was the kind of guy you would think would last forever. Art Streb, Rochester,N.Y.

Art - March 25, 2023 at 08:34 AM

VK

“ Cookie and family. So Sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers.
Vickie Kane

Vicki Kqne - March 15, 2023 at 05:03 PM

JM

“ Cookie, Paula and Leslie,
We are so very sorry for your loss. . .
I have the fondest memories of Wayne at various family gatherings over the years; watching (and playing) horseshoes, beer, jokes, and good food; kapusta, Wayne’s horseradish. . .
When I think of Wayne I will always remember his initial serious first-impression, intimidating perhaps to those who did not know him well. . . watching and witnessing the transformation of this intense business-like demeanor into his mischievous, humorous and fun-loving self was truly a gift . . .
A life-long friend to my Mom and Dad and entire family – supportive and giving – he will be missed by all who knew him!
Janice, Steve and Dan Macke

Janice Macke - March 15, 2023 at 12:28 PM



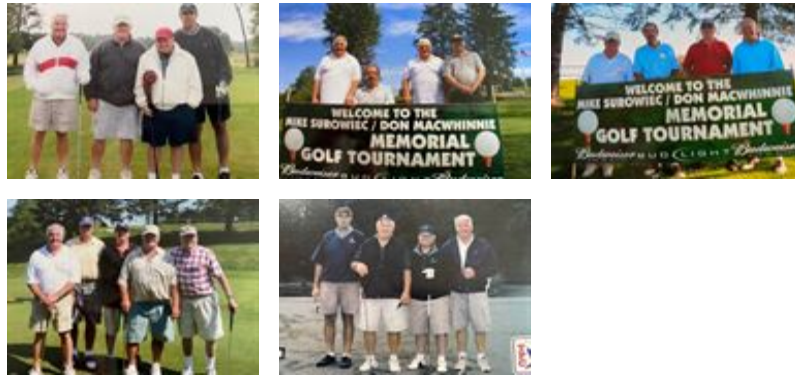
“ Love, The Craver Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela.



Love, The Craver Family - March 14, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 14, 2023 at 09:55 AM



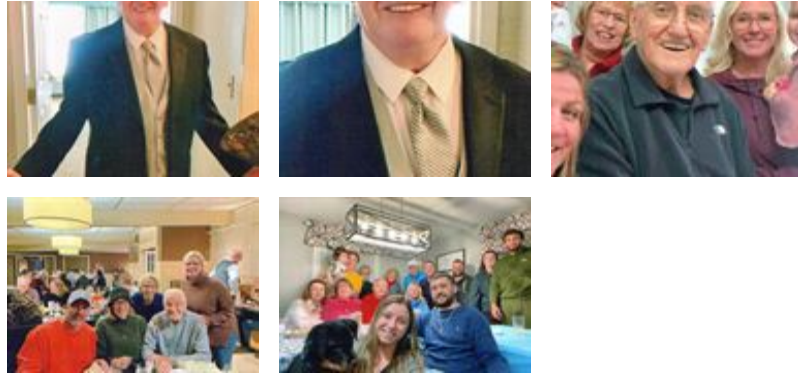
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela.



March 13, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 13, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela.



March 12, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Carol & Family* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela.



Carol & Family - March 12, 2023 at 03:26 PM

CK

“ In the early 60s, the North Little League had a fenced in field at Wahconah Pk. We were 11 or 12. Wayne played shortstop (Pittsfield Coop} He was fast,great glove, strong throwing arm. Very few got by him(I can,t remember any).
A great kid Respectfully, Chris Koenig
Deepest regards for his family

Chris Koenig - March 11, 2023 at 11:53 PM

DC

“ Doreen and Cindy purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela.



Doreen and Cindy - March 11, 2023 at 09:45 PM

RA

“ Cookie, Paula and Leslie: We are so very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Uncle Wayne growing up that I will forever remember. He was one of a kind and was always there if you needed him. I am glad my kids got to know him as well. Chase looked up to him and enjoyed his scrapbooks and sports stories. ❤️
❤️🙏. He fought hard like we knew he would and was a forever bestie to my dad. Love you all.

Renee Lander- Aitken - March 11, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela.*



March 11, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela.*



March 11, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *3 files added to the album My Uncle Wayne*



Greta Valuski - March 11, 2023 at 02:05 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne J. Ciepiela.*



March 10, 2023 at 11:30 PM