



Mr. Fred R. Read

July 18, 1940 - March 4, 2022

Fred R. Read, 81, of Pittsfield died Friday, March 3rd at Berkshire Medical Center.

Born in Pittsfield on July 18, 1940, son of Fred A. and Viola Baronas Read, he was a 1958 graduate of Lenox High School. Fred made his home in Lenox Dale for most of his life.

Fred, or Freddy as he was known to most, was known for his vibrant social personality and humor. He was a hard-working husband and father who kept busy gardening, heating the family home with wood, and taking care of his loved ones. He was an avid golfer who was a member of Cranwell Golf Course in the 70's and was a Club Champion. He also enjoyed poker, scratch tickets and cheap cigars.

Fred worked at a variety of places, starting out at GE which he soon left to pursue his passion for the outdoors, working as a heavy equipment operator. He also was employed at Lenox Machine Shop/Beloit Lenox as a machinist and as head groundskeeper at Eastover. After retirement Fred continued to perform grounds keeping at Tanglewood and could often be found mowing his neighbors' lawns.

Fred was married to Evelyn A. Twing Read on October 20, 1962. She predeceased him on 9/11/1992.

Mr. Read is survived by his children; Martha L. Read of Pittsfield, James R. Read (Allison) of Glen Allen, VA and Sarah H. Read of Pittsfield, 5 grandchildren; Rebecca Read Li (Patrick), Julia, Kristin, Dylan and Ellie Read,

4 great-grandchildren; Leah, Jayden, Elianna and Evelyn, siblings; Judith Decker (Bob) of Pittsfield, and John Read of Pennsylvania.

There will be a Celebration of Fred's life in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations in Fred's memory may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had just found out today and am so sad to hear the news. Fred used to take care of our yard for many years and and became family. It was always a treat when he came around and he was always in a great mood. My family and I miss him terribly as he basically came with the house when we acquired it! I still vividly remember Freddy riding the lawn mower with his cigar hanging out of his mouth on beautiful days happy as ever and so were we. We miss him and and our condolences to all of Freddy's family and friends.

Sato Knudsen, Leslie Wisdom ,Clara and Emma..



Sato Knudsen - March 24, 2022 at 04:58 PM

LC

“ To all of Fred's Family,
Sending peace, love and healing to your family, How nice to read of his children & grandchildren,
Im sure they enjoyed their grandfathers humor and great smile.
Peace to all,
Liz Smith Celli

Liz & Dick Celli - March 24, 2022 at 11:32 AM

NH

“ I will always have great memories of Freddy and Tootie and growing up with our families in the Dale. Freddy was a great friend to my family and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Thinking of Martha, Sarah and Jim and sending my sincere sympathy to the family.

Nancy Hathaway Hopowiec - March 20, 2022 at 03:17 AM

DH

“ Martha, Jim, and Sarah, I'm very sorry for your loss. I have a lot of great memories with your father, especially on the golf course, guaranteed a fun day. His laugh was classic. I will miss him

David Hathaway - March 09, 2022 at 12:55 AM

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“ To Fred's Family,
Please accept our deepest prayers and sympathy. It was always a pleasure to chat with Fred when he'd come into the pharmacy. He always wore that warming smile. We know you will keep memories close in your hearts.

Patrick & Marie Gormalley - March 08, 2022 at 11:01 AM

TF

“ Our sympathy at the passing of Freddy. He was a great guy and always had the greatest sense of humor. We always looked forward to running into him and having him lift our spirits. He and Tootie were a great couple and leave a good family in their place. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

The Sheehan family
Lenox Dale

The Sheehan family - March 08, 2022 at 09:18 AM