



Mr James J Ferris

August 19, 1923 - June 29, 2017

Pittsfield:

James J. Ferris, 93, of Pittsfield, died Thursday, June 29, 2017, at his home. Born in Pittsfield on August 19, 1923, the son of late George and Alice McCabe Ferris, he attended Pittsfield Schools and was a 1942 graduate of Pittsfield High School.

Jim was employed as a tool maker at GE for 23 years where he worked in the main tool room. He then taught Machine Shop at Taconic High School for 24 years, until his retirement in 1989.

His passions were golf, gardening (particularly tomatoes), the Red Sox and Patriots and his family. He started caddying at age 11, and recorded two holes in one (5 and 17) at Berkshire Hills. In his younger years, he was an avid skier and shared great stories of skiing the Thunderbolt.

Jim was a past 4thdegree Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Marshall Council of Pittsfield, a blood donor and volunteered at Meals on Wheels and St. Joseph's Kitchen. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Pittsfield. Jim and his wife, Frances Martin Ferris, who died in April 1990, were married in Lenox at St. Ann's Church on July 10, 1961. Besides his parents and wife, Jim was predeceased by his brothers George Ferris, Clement Ferris and Edward Ferris and his sister Mary Prehoden.

Jim leaves six children and ten grandchildren: Sara Ferris and her partner Marie Callahan of Eugene, OR; Martin Ferris and his wife Kim of

Westborough, MA; Jane Rogers and her husband Wayne of Westford, MA; Ellen Rawson and her husband Jay of Richmond, MA; Meg Poulos and her husband Ted of McLean, VA; Nanette Jurgelewicz and her husband Robert of Millis, MA; and William Ferris, Matthew, Patrick and Kelly Rogers, Evan and Paige Poulos, Ryan and Nora Jurgelewicz, and Sara and Anna Rawson. He is also survived by his brother Francis Ferris and his wife Mary, of Buffalo, NY; his sisters-in-law Mary Ferris, Maryann Ferris and Mary Norton and her husband Jim; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim always had a joke on hand and loved to make people smile. His kindness to his neighbors in his early years was repaid by those who looked out for him in his later years, and his family thanks those kind neighbors, particularly Vicky, Jim and Ralph, as well as Pat and his caregivers from Porchlight, including James and Lenore.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Mr. James J. Ferris will be held Thursday, July 6th at 10:00am at Sacred Heart, with Father Michael Bernier officiating. Burial will follow in St. Ann's Cemetery in Lenox. Calling hours will be Wednesday, July 5th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Roche Funeral Home in Lenox. In lieu of flowers, donations in James' memory may be made to the Sacred Heart Rosary Sodality or the donor's preferred organization in care of the funeral home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Burial

JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Cemetery
1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr James J Ferris.*



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