



Mr. Jeffry Harrison Kittross

May 24, 1932 - March 31, 2022

Jeffry Harrison Kittross died March 31, 2022 at home, while on hospice care. He was born May 24, 1932 in New York City to Lucile (Vossen) and John Howard “Kit” Kittross and grew up in Jackson Heights, Queens. His happiest memories were of summers spent in Sandy Hook, CT. Jeff attended the College of William & Mary, interrupted by two years of service in the 82nd Airborne, and then Cornell Law School. He married Emily Cecilia Wade in 1960. Jeff held a variety of legal and financial positions including Corporate Secretary at Martin Marietta in New York City and Vice-President, Secretary and General Counsel at the Okonite Company in Ramsey, NJ. In 1976 he orchestrated an employee buy-out at Okonite, making the company the largest employee-owned corporation at the time. After his children were grown, he shifted to the non-profit sector. He ran the Episcopal Church Foundation as Executive Vice President, was the Special Projects Coordinator at Episcopal Community Development in Newark, NJ and Acting Executive Director for the New Jersey Council of Churches. After many years living in and around Ramsey, NJ, Jeff and Emily relocated to Lenox, MA in 2006.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Emily of Lenox, his two children, Laura of Lenox and Andy (Carol) of Candia, NH, and his three grandchildren, Sarah (LeeAnne) of Washington, DC, Thomas (Rachel) of Brookfield, CT and Cecilia of Lenox.

Jeff was an active member of St. John's, Ramsey and Trinity Church, Lenox, and a long-time board member of the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire.

Funeral services will be held at Trinity Church, Lenox on April 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM, followed by internment in the Trinity columbarium and a reception.

Donations may be made in Jeff's memory to Hospice Care of the Berkshires, Trinity Church, Tanglewood or a housing or land trust organization.

Previous Events

Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Trinity Church
8 Walker Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Hornby and I met the Kittrosses soon after joining St. John’s in Ramsey, NJ over 40 years ago. Mary was raised in the Catholic Church and Jeff was born into the Episcopal religion. They quickly formed a bond and vigorously debated the Christian religion. Socially our relationship grew as we got to know Jeff’s wonderful wife Emily. We enjoyed many weekends with the Kitrosses in their various houses in Ramsey, Suffern, Vermont, and Massachusetts. We joined them at Tanglewood for World class musicians, Garrison Keeler and many other events. Jeff loved to play poker and would donate part of the night’s pot to the Church. The first time I played with him I lost an embarrassing \$150. (Ah well all in a good cause). We all know Jeff as one of the driving forces at St. John’s. The Hornby’s knew him well, respected him and will remember him always. Our sincerest condolences to Emily and the entire Kittross family.*

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