



## Mr Leslie G Rathbun

October 16, 1937 - October 11, 2018

Leslie G. Rathbun, 80, of Stockbridge died Thursday, October 11th at Fairview Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Born on October 16, 1937 in Pittsfield, MA to the late Walter and Irene Shepard Rathbun, he attended the former Williams High School, graduated in 1955 and then went to UMASS and received a bachelor's in history in 1959. He worked at the New England Telephone Company and retired as an award-winning sales manager. With good friend, Sam Dellea, they started and ran Berkshire County Cellular for many years.

Les was a lifelong resident of Stockbridge, but did not abide its winters. He became a Florida snowbird in later years. He also took on various civic duties in his beloved hometown. He was an avid sports fan (especially of the Yankees and Patriots) and coached and umpired Little League baseball for many years. Les continued to study history (especially WWII) and excel at Jeopardy on a regular basis. His generosity and sense of humor are his foremost lasting legacies.

Les married Christine B. Valenti on October 24, 1969. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Stockbridge.

Besides his wife, Les is survived by his children; Elizabeth I. Rathbun of New Haven, CT., and Patrick W. Rathbun, and his wife Naomi G. Bliss, of Northampton, MA.

Les was pre-deceased by his parents and brother; William E. Rathbun.

The funeral mass for Leslie G. Rathbun will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 10am at St. Joseph's Church in Stockbridge. Callings hours will be held on Monday evening from 4p-7p at the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Soldier On in care of the funeral home.

To share memories and stories please visit [rochefuneralhome](http://rochefuneralhome)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 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

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's  
11 Elm St  
Stockbridge, MA 01262  
(413) 243-0275

## Burial

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Cemetery  
Church Street  
Stockbridge, MA 01262

# Tribute Wall

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“ *An honorable man*

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**stockbridge resident** - October 23, 2018 at 01:35 PM

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“ *With love, Steven, April, and Will purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr Leslie G Rathbun.*



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**With love, Steven, April, and Will** - October 14, 2018 at 04:04 PM

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“ *I have known Les and his family since 1990 when I first moved to Stockbridge. As a neighbor he was always the best to be around. His children, both Elizabeth and Patrick, are friends with my children. I have always been impressed with the way Les was able to express himself with others in Stockbridge. Always supportive of others and tolerant of others differences made him an expletory member of the community. I would sometimes ask him about the history of Stockbridge and the Berkshires. He was always a wealth of knowledge.*

*I pray for only the very best for his wife Christine, daughter Elizabeth, and son Patrick during this trying time. I hope that I can be helpful as Les and his family have been helpful to me over the years.*

*In Him Always,  
Captain Mark Maloof USMM*

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**Mark T Maloof** - October 14, 2018 at 03:23 PM

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“ *Many memories of fun times and numerous Elm St. Market conversations with a wonderful guy. We and all will miss him. You were very fortunate to have had this good man as husband and father.*

*John and Lynda Morse*

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**john Morse** - October 13, 2018 at 04:47 PM

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“ *Jack Mills purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr Leslie G Rathbun.*



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**Jack Mills** - October 13, 2018 at 12:18 PM