



Mr Sean K Raftery

November 16, 1957 - September 15, 2020

Sean K. Raftery, 62, of Lenox died Tuesday, September 16th at Berkshire Medical Center after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Pittsfield on November 16, 1957 to the late Frederick and Dorothea Brancazzu Raftery, he attended Lenox High School and was a 1976 graduate. After high school, Sean worked as a chef for many years for various local restaurants and found great enjoyment cooking for others throughout the years.

Sean's favorite thing was playing hockey and watching the Bruins. He was a great artist, very creative, and enjoyed watching crime shows and history with his cat, Chunks.

Sean was a communicant of St. Ann's Church.

Sean is survived by his wife Brenda Raftery of Pittsfield and their children; Julie and Patricia Chamberland both of Pittsfield, Kristina Raftery of Pittsfield, and Ashley Raftery of Lenox, Kevin Raftery of Lee, Jessica Raftery of Ware, Jennifer Raftery of Lee and their mother, Mary Bienvenue, seven grandchildren; Carina Squires, Emily and Sean Sackett, Steven Woodard, Matt and Will Mairo, and Victoria Thresher, siblings; Brenda Hall and her husband John A. of Lenox, and his brother Patrick Raftery and his wife Theresa of Hull, Ma., several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents Sean pre-deceased by his two brothers; Daniel G. and Brian D. Raftery.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 11am in

Church on the Hill cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Friday, September 18, 2020 from 4p-7p at the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sean's memory may be made to Berkshire Medical Center's Hematology Oncology Department or Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center both in care in the Roche Funeral Home.

Due to Covid 19, masks are mandatory to all attending calling hours and social distancing is required.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

Housatonic Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 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

Burial

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Church on the Hill
Main Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

JK

“ *My condolences to the Raftery family*

Jim Kirby - September 20, 2020 at 09:11 AM

MN

“ *I remember Sean as a strong person who would really stand up for a friend. I saw him step in without hesitation and defend a friend who was being attacked. He won the fight with ease. I was a few years behind him in high school. He was impressive. He seemed very focused and knew what he liked. He had character, was honorable and talented. Sorry for your loss.*

Marc Nolan - September 19, 2020 at 05:42 PM

CW

“ *One time during the winter my car slid off the road into a snow bank and was stuck pretty deep into it and couldn't get out. It was on the road that goes behind High Lawn Farm. Sean saw it happen and came out and brought g.jt some others with him. They tried digging me out but I was in too deep. Sea then left and came back with a backhoe and a chain and proceeded to pull my car out of the snowbank and saved the day. Would have been in big trouble if he had not seen it happen and rescued me. Such a great guy.*

Chris Winston - September 18, 2020 at 07:51 PM



Ashley Raftery

Thank you for making me smile on such a hard day. I love this story ❤️

Ashley Raftery - September 18, 2020 at 07:54 PM

MG

“ Pat and Brenda,
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
I have fond memories of high school hockey and the many drawings
he created.
May God bless you Nd your family.
Mike and Marty Gardino, Lenox

Mike Gardino - September 18, 2020 at 11:48 AM

LG

“ Sending sincere condolences to you all. Sean brought to this world
his own brand of wit and creativity. Hopefully funny photos and fond
memories will eventually ease the sadness you're feeling today.
Laurie Gaherty

lauren gaherty - September 18, 2020 at 10:30 AM

TF

“ Our sympathy at Sean's passing. May he rest in peace. Our prayers
& thoughts are with you.

*The Sheehan family
Lenox Dale*

The Sheehan family - September 17, 2020 at 12:21 PM

TT

*I never got to meet Sean but he worked with my husband at the
Wheatleigh Hotel. He offered to paint a picture of our toddler son at the
time and its hanging in our house still today. I love it so much! We are
both so sorry to hear of Sean's passing. We are thinking of his family at
this difficult time.*

*Sending love,
Jeff and Tracee Thompson*

Tracee Thompson - September 17, 2020 at 08:59 PM

SM

Pat - My sympathy and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. Sue Maslanka

Suzanne Maslanka - September 18, 2020 at 03:33 PM