



Mr. James R. Bush

August 25, 1953 - September 9, 2020

Mr. James R. Bush, 67, of Adams, died on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

He was born in Pittsfield on August 25, 1953, a son of the late Gerald and Carol (Genovese) Bush. He attended schools in Adams and graduated from Hoosac Valley High School with the class on 1971.

Mr. Bush worked as an analytical chemist for the former Pfizer Company in Adams, then for Specialty Minerals until his retirement in 2009 after 35 years.

He was a communicant of the Parish of St. John Paul II at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams. At the time of his death. Mr. Bush was serving as a selectman for the Town of Adams, a position he was elected to in 2018.

He served as the Vice Chairman from 2019 to the present. As selectman he served on many subcommittees for youth programs, the department of public works, economic development and green energy and was the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District Alternate Commissioner. He was very active with the Fallen Hero's Flag Project and had served as the liaison to the Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste, Adams Arts Advisory Board, Board of Health, Cemetery Commission, Council on Aging, Friends of the Ashuwillticook Trail, Berkshire Scenic Railway, Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, Parks Commission, Prudential Committee and the Traffic Commission. He was a member of the Adams Sportsman for Youth, the Cheshire Rod & Gun Club, the Secretary for the Northern Berkshire Retirement Club, past president and member of the Adams Turners and the

Berkshire Scenic Railway, where he was a conductor. He was a volunteer at local food banks in Adams and North Adams as well as a volunteer instructor for the “Matter of Balance” classes and was well known for playing Santa Claus at many local events, but especially on the Tinseliner Train. He was also the 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Peacemaker Award recipient.

He is survived by his wife, the former Patricia L. Bieniek, whom he married on May 10, 1975; his daughter, Amy Pratt and her husband Edward of Adams; his son, James R. Bush, Jr. and his fiancé Erin Lenski of Hinsdale; two brothers, Gerald Bush and his wife Nancy and Keith Bush and his companion Danielle Ballard, all of North Adams; a sister, Kimberly Long and her husband Pete of Salem, VA; five grandchildren, Hunter and Connor Pratt and Aiden, Mason and Elliot Bush; his beloved dogs Lexi and Buddy and by many nieces and nephews.

A graveside committal service will be held on Monday, September 14th at 11:00 A.M. in Bellevue Cemetery.

Calling hours at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, are Sunday from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Due to current state and local regulations, all attending the calling hours or graveside service must wear a face mask and practice social distancing. We kindly ask anyone attending to be patient, as admittance to the funeral home may take a bit longer than usual.

Memorial donations may be made to the Adams Council on Aging, 3 Hoosac St., Adams, MA 01220 or to Pop Cares, P.O. Box 482, Williamstown, MA 01267.

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Cemetery

Bellevue Ave.
Adams, MA 01220

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home
13 Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220
(413) 743-0815
jspaciorek@gmail.com
<https://www.paciorekfuneral.com/>

Graveside Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bellevue Cemetery
Bellevue Ave.
Adams, MA 01220

Tribute Wall

LA

“ hey grandpa i miss you a lot i wanna hear you call me jelly bean and im sorry for taking you for granted and not wanting to go over you shouldve told us u had cancer we couldve helped you love ya bud.~mason bush

lauren - April 08, 2024 at 08:53 AM

JD

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you.
Love, John and Elaine Daniels

John and Elaine Daniels - September 13, 2020 at 08:25 AM

RP

“ Big Jim, we will miss you so much. We are so glad we met via Family Connections.
You quietly lived by being always "Humble & Kind". This was the theme song of a Country Husband and Wife Duo...Joey & Rory. Joey was the wife, Rory a songwriter.
They were very Christian and so were you by how you acted and did so many things to better the Community.
God Bless You.
Jim & Rose Picard

Rose Picard - September 11, 2020 at 10:29 PM

MC

“ To Jim's family and friends,
Our deepest sympathies. Such a civic role model for others,
committed to his family, friends, town and country in a humble way.
We appreciate all the hard work in the Fallen Heroes Project, and all
the other works as well, truly the best one we've seen.! The train
whistle will have a different meaning now- you've made the last call
to board your train to heaven. God speed, peace and mercy.
Dave will miss exchanging waves at the gym, goodies too and
hellos at church.

Peace,
Maureen Clark & David Gilman

Maureen Clark - September 11, 2020 at 04:16 PM

KL

“ Oh my dear dear brother..you always made me laugh and
sometimes even cry. I truly will always miss you. I just cant think
straight about all this..I will be thinking of you everytime I go hunting
and thinking " what would jimmy do".. I will always remember how
you would laugh so hard your belly would roll. Hmm maybe you
really were santa..I know you've touch many lives and changed a
few also..give everyone hugs and kisses for me..until we meet again
bro " I love you". Live ya, sis

Kim long - September 11, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Mr. James R. Bush.



September 11, 2020 at 02:34 PM

ML

“ Thanks for the good times and laughs. You were a great guy Jim. Sending my condolences to every member of the Bush Family. Rest In Eternal Peace Jim.

Martin Lagowski - September 11, 2020 at 10:32 AM

SG

“ Pat and Family,

My children and I are very sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. He was a wonderful human being - caring, compassionate and certainly a funny guy!! He will be greatly missed. Sending our thoughts, prayers and love to you.

*Sue Gancarz
Eric Gancarz
Brandi Gathy*

Sue Gancarz - September 11, 2020 at 07:25 AM

TT

“ Family of James,

I am sorry for your loss of James. He was a great man. May God bless you all throughout this most difficult time of sorrow. May he rest in peace!

Timothy Therrien - September 11, 2020 at 07:18 AM

JE

“ Jim, it has been my pleasure knowing you and sharing so many laughs with you over the years. I can't believe you are gone. I know you are at Peace now and made whole again...like God promises. You have left behind some big shoes to be filled. We will love and miss you always. Until we meet again at our final resting place. Godspeed friend. Christmas won't be the same without our Santa. But boy Heaven surely is going to have an amazing Christmas now. We love you Amigo!



To the Bush family,
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you know just how much Jim loved and adored you all. I have no doubt he will be leaving you signs that he is still here. May God bless you and hold you in His arms.

With deepest sympathy,
Jess

Jess - September 10, 2020 at 09:42 PM

LC

Jim, we never actually met, but that didn't stop developing a friendship. We shared life's wisdom, wit, and lessons. In recent months we shared prayers. You were, in the words of Louis L'amour, "a man to ride the river with." Godspeed, amigo! Grace and peace to your awesome family.

Lawson Cadle - September 10, 2020 at 09:49 PM