



Mr. John "Ticker" Gelheiser, Jr.

June 21, 1938 - July 14, 2020

Mr. John W. "Ticker" Gelheiser, Jr., 82, of Adams, died on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

He was born in Adams on June 21, 1938, a son of the late John and Helen (Hanlon) Gelheiser. He attended schools in Adams.

Mr. Gelheiser was a Veteran of the Vietnam Era, having served with the United States Air Force until receiving his Honorable Discharge as Airman Second Class on July 26, 1962.

Ticker worked for many years as a machine operator for the former Pfizer Co., Adams, until his retirement. Earlier he had worked for the former Arnold Print Works, Adams.

He was a communicant of the Parish of St. John Paul II, Adams. He was a member of the Mountain Club and Adams Post 160 American Legion. He was the "King of the Pranks", playing pranks and jokes on everyone. He had been a longtime coach for Babe Ruth Baseball and the Adams Church League Basketball and was an avid softball player and Boston sports fan. He and his wife enjoyed many trips to Lake George, NY.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, the former Margaret "Peg" Balardini, whom he married on June 23, 1962; his son, John W. Gelheiser, III and his wife Penny of South Glens Falls, NY; his daughter Lisa Albareda of Adams; three grandsons, Stephen and Zachary Albareda and Charles Gelheiser and by many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Stephen "Yumpa" Albareda and by his

siblings, James "Jigs" Gelheiser, Judith Adamczyk and Jean Ryan.

The family would like to thank the staff of Williamstown Commons Unit 2 for the wonderful care they provided.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, July 20th at 10:00 A.M. in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Sunday from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams. Due to current state and local regulations, all attending 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. These restrictions also apply to the cemetery service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Adams Post 160 American Legion, 160 Forest Park Ave., Adams, MA 01220.

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Cemetery

Bellevue Ave.
Adams, MA 01220

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bellevue Cemetery
Bellevue Ave.
Adams, MA 01220

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Carol, Nicole & Sarae purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. John "Ticker" Gelheiser, Jr..



Carol, Nicole & Sarae - July 19, 2020 at 08:34 AM

SC

“ Our prayers go out to Ticker's family. I was fortunate to work with at Pfizer in my early days. He was always a bunch of laughs. He was a big part in the youth sports in Adams and I remember coaching against him in Babe Ruth. He will be truly missed by all.

Skip Charbonneau

Skip Charbonneau - July 18, 2020 at 09:39 AM

AG

“ Peggy and Lisa we are so sorry deepest condolences Ticker was a great guy . R.I.P. Ticker



Andy and Debbie (Parrott) Gigliotti - July 17, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MT

“ Mike Tanguay lit a candle in memory of Mr. John "Ticker" Gelheiser, Jr.



Mike Tanguay - July 16, 2020 at 05:07 PM

MT

“ Lived on Burt st for most of my childhood. Spent a lot of time with Tiker, Peggy, John, Lisa, Jean and Jigs. Back then most people on the street were all like family. He was indeed a prankster. Many good memories from those days. Probably wont be able to make service but you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mike Tanguay - July 16, 2020 at 05:06 PM