



Mr. Martin "Jack" Mullen

January 18, 1925 - January 22, 2016

Martin John Mullen, 91, died on Friday January 22nd, at Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center, where he resided. The cause of death was complications from Lewy Body Disease.

The only child of the late Martin Thomas and Gertrude Ryan Mullen, Mr. Mullen was born in Adams, Massachusetts January 18, 1925. Mr. Mullen was President of Mullen Bros., Inc. of N. Adams, an interstate trucking company established in 1880 by his grandfather.

Mr. Mullen was a founding agent of the Aero Mayflower Transit Company, and served as President of the Mayflower Warehousemen's Association. In this capacity, Mr. Mullen was instrumental in building the Mayflower brand into the most recognizable name in long-distance moving.

A business and civic leader for more than 40 years, Mr. Mullen served on many boards often in the capacity as an officer. Among those boards were The Agricultural Bank, The Massachusetts Movers Association, Berkshire County Development Corporation, The Massachusetts Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Children, The Berkshire Traffic Association, and the Greater Chamber of Commerce of North Adams.

Mr. Mullen was a member of the Elks and a past Exalted Ruler, a member of the North Adams Country Club, Pittsfield Country Club, Lions and Rotary. He also served on the Committee to Build and Operate Charles H. McCann School of Vocational Education, as well as serving on the Original Committee for the Flood Control Project under then-President Truman.

Mr. Mullen enjoyed politics throughout his life and attended President John F. Kennedy's Inauguration and often visited Congress on matters concerning the Transportation Industry and his community. He held many political functions at the family home on South Mountain Road including a reception for Presidential Candidate Birch Bayh.

Mr. Mullen enjoyed parades, often having large, well-produced, floats in the Fall Foliage and 4th of July Parades, accompanied with his collection of antique moving trucks and cars, and recruiting as many family and neighborhood kids to ride along.

Jack enjoyed grilling steak in the back yard on South Mountain with his family, and a good football game often at West Point watching Army, or at the then Boston Patriots in Boston, having season tickets for both.

Mr. Mullen was graduated from Drury High School in North Adams where he captained the football team and lettered in three sports for three years. He attended Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia on a football scholarship.

Mr. Mullen, at 18, then enlisted in the Army Air Forces and served with the 494th Fighter-Bomber Squadron of the 48th Fighter-Bomber Group. During WWII Mr. Mullen fought in the air offensive in Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. Mr. Mullen is a recipient of The Soldiers Medal, awarded for rescuing Airmen from a crashed and burning aircraft while the plane's ordnance exploded.

Just before going into the service, Mr. Mullen met Geraldine Shaw of Adams in the Crest, the town's most popular ice cream parlor. They were married Feb 18, 1945, just after he was discharged from the service, and made their life and their family's home in The Berkshires. Mr. Mullen spent his early life in North Adams. In 1967, he moved the family to South Mountain Road in Pittsfield. In their later years, Jack and Gerry would spend winters in Marco Island, Florida.

Survivors include children Barbara Devine (Jack); Shannon Kirby; Mary Mullen (Laurence Oberwager); and Martin (Denise), seven grandchildren, and

eight great-grandchildren. Mr. Mullen was predeceased by his wife, Geraldine Mae Shaw, who died on November 1, 2012 and by his daughter, Sheila Ryan Uccellini, who died on August 10, 2011. Mr. Mullen was also predeceased by sons-in-law Thomas S. Barnes, Walter F. Uccellini, and Thomas F. Kirby.

FUNERAL NOTICE:

There are no calling hours. Memorial and Burial Services for Martin John Mullen will be Thursday January 28th and are private for the family. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to an Educational or Charitable Organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *just a great person to know, but also, he had a great family that he can be proud of.*

joe gusmerini - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

SD

“ *So sorry for your loss. I will always have fond memories of the Mullens on the corner of Church and Porter. Thoughts and prayers to all.*

SERGIO DEMO - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

DP

“ *Dear Marty and Denise,*

We are very sorry for your loss.

Diane and Chuck Pero - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JV

“ *Jack was a top-notch, classy person with a great sense of humor and a great businessman. My sympathies to Marty and the whole Mullen family. I will always have fine memories of Jack and Marty working on advertising the Mayflower and Allied Moving Companies. Fine people.*

John Van der Veer - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

RL

“ *Our condolences on the loss of your father. He was a man of more than some consequence and achievement. Marty -- our best to you and Denise.*

Robert and Rita Lindberg - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

SF

“ Dear Mary,
I went to visit Kimball Farms recently and was sad to see that your father was not in his usual chair. My condolences ; you and I are classmates in a very sad school.

Steffi Fletcher - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JE

“ Dear Marty and family; So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He was a remarkable man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now as always. John, Luisa and Katerina Economou

John and Luisa Economou - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

CM

“ Shannon and family we are so very sorry for your loss but you have been bless to have him in your life so long. God bless thinking of you all.
Love
Ceal (Slattery) and Jim Marko

Ceal Marko - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

DF

“ To the family of Martin J. Mullen,
I was saddened to learn of Jack's passing. I dated Sheila while in high school and worked at his business for two summers. Whenever we met in later years, he was always so cordial and interested in how things in my life were. He was a wonderful man....whose life was successful in many different ways. I will miss him. David Fiedler

David Fiedler - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

RC

“ *Marty,
Sorry for your loss. After reading "Jacks" Obituary You can be very
proud of your Dad's accomplishments. He was a great man.*

Robert E. Cartier - June 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM