



Mr. Michael J. Girard

June 7, 1950 - December 17, 2024

Mr. Michael James Girard, 74, of Windsor Locks, CT, a native of Adams, MA and former resident of Cheshire, MA, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, December 17, 2024 at UCONN John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington, CT, following a bout with Alzheimer's Disease. He was born in Adams MA on June 7, 1950, the son of the late John A. and Carmen M. (LaFramboise) Girard. In his youth, Michael was an altar boy at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Cheshire and was a Boy Scout. A graduate of St. Joseph High School in Pittsfield, Michael received technical training in the GE Apprentice Program, studied at Berkshire Community College, and at UMASS-Amherst. Michael launched his career as a mechanical designer at Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks. His career included Litton Laser Systems and Triumph Engine Controls. He enjoyed playing the drums, golfing, snorkeling, carpentry projects around his home, and geology. He is survived by his devoted wife, the former Virginia M. Sawyer, whom he married on February 14, 1996; his cousin Jane Girard, whose cookout invitation reunited Michael and Virginia, who were classmates at Cheshire School; his brother- and sister-in-law, Frederick and Donna Sawyer of Savoy; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews from the Sawyer family. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Carmen Girard, his brother, Jack Girard, and a brother-in-law, Edward A. Sawyer. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 28th at 11:00 AM in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 25 Hoosac St. Adams, MA. Burial will take place in the Spring in St.

Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Adams. Calling hours in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, MA are Friday, Dec. 27th, from 4 to 6 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Wildlife Federation, PO Box 1583, Merrifield, VA 22116-1583; the Alzheimer's Association, 320 Nevada St. Suite 201, Newton, MA 02460 or the Sisters of St. Joseph, 577 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104.

To leave a message of condolence, or for directions, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home
13 Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220
(413) 743-0815
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Liturgy of Christian Burial

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220

Graveside

MAY **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Cemetery
Orchard St.
Adams, MA 01220

Tribute Wall

DH

“ To the Girard and Sawyer families,
I am so sorry to learn of the passing of my classmate, Michael Gerard. I remember Michael as a real happy and friendly kid. Always pleasant always smiling. My deepest sympathies to all of you. May he rest in peace.

David Hinkell
Class of 68 SJHS

David Hinkell - December 27, 2024 at 07:58 PM

GW

Ginger I just received your card today and learned about Mike. I was so sorry to hear that and my heart breaks for you because I know exactly what you're going through. Now Mike has joined his good friend Pete in heaven. Please give me a call when you can and I'm sending you all my love. Please give my condolences to Mike's family. Love you.

Gail Wojciechowski - December 28, 2024 at 09:15 PM

RB

So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I knew him many years ago. We worked together at G.E. and Hamilton Standard. He was a good friend (always funny) and in our wedding party. Our sincere sympathy to his family. Rest in peace Mike.

Ron & Janet Brodalski

Ron Brodalski - January 06, 2025 at 10:45 AM

K6

My condolences to the family of Mike. We were classmates at St. Joe's. Mike "carried" me (as probably the smallest kid in the class) to the badminton championship one year in gym class.

Wish I had known he lived only a few miles from me, I would've enjoyed seeing him and reminiscing with him.
May he rest in peace.

Kevin Ringie, class of 68 - January 22, 2025 at 01:06 AM