



## Mr. Richard A. Elwell

August 29, 1935 - October 21, 2022

Richard (a/k/a Dick, Deek, Beepie) Arnold Elwell passed away peacefully last week, after a courageous 15-year battle with cancer.

Richard was born in Pittsfield, MA on August 29, 1935, to Richard and Albina (Arnold) Elwell. He graduated Pittsfield High School in 1953, where he was a standout football and baseball player. He worked as a telephone repair man until his retirement in 1991.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sandra Ann (Garnish) Elwell of Adams, daughter Jackie Kelley of Milford, MA, and sons Tom Elwell of Hamden, CT and Chris Elwell of Edgartown, MA. He's also survived by grandchildren Mike Kelly of Bourne, MA, Patrick Kelley of Wrentham, MA, Sarah Elwell of Washington, DC, Amy Elwell of Frederica, DE, Elizabeth (Elwell) Gebo of West Tisbury, MA and Alexander Elwell of Waltham, MA. His great grandchildren Ty, Drew, Aquinnah and Deacon Kelley, Isabella Gebo, and Richard, Edward and Martha Joy Elwell also survive him.

Dick was an avid skier and softball player, and average golfer.

He is known by a generation of Adams men as "Coach Elwell." In 12 seasons, Dick compiled a 92-7 record and won 10 Berkshire County Football league championships.

Dick was an accomplished model railroader. His Hoosac Valley Railroad is considered one of the top model layouts in the country for its fall scenery and detail.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 28, 2022, at

11:00 A.M. at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams. The family will greet guest at the church beginning at 10:00 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Richard's name be made to Berkshire County Youth Football, 136 East Road, Adams, MA 01220 or The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, PO Box 160, Hatfield, MA 01038.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church  
McKinley Square  
Adams, MA 01220

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard A. Elwell.*



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October 26, 2022 at 11:33 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Elwell family photos*



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**Chris Elwell** - October 26, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Sandy! Dick was a pleasant man to do business with. I bought their house on Bienick Avenue in 2001. Dick told me I would never any problems and he was right. He was honest and caring.. The dog he had would come and pay me a visit and we would have ice cream on the deck. Dick always knew where his dog was.*

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**PATRICIA DUNN** - October 25, 2022 at 08:36 PM



*My condolences to sandy and the entire family. I have such fond memories from childhood and beyond of our family gatherings when we were all happy to be together. May Dick RIP. May his memory always be a blessing to his family.*

*Vicki Iskowitz Ohana*

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**Vicki Ohana** - October 28, 2022 at 11:21 AM

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“ Sandy and family,

*I was so saddened to read of Dick's passing. I have only fond memories of his warmth and outgoing personality. I always enjoyed watching the phone company softball games and talking football with him. He was a true gentleman and kind soul who will be greatly missed by the many people whose lives he touched.*

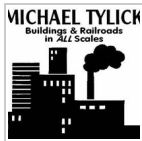
*I hope that time, faith and the comfort of your many friends and family will help you to cope in the days ahead.*

*My heartfelt condolences to all of you.*

*Steve Strange*

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**Steven Strange** - October 25, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *I hadn't seen Dick in years- time has a way of slipping by. But I consider him a good friend and I am very sorry he is no longer with us. He had a good long and happy life and he will be missed. Mike Tylick*

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**Michael Tylick** - October 25, 2022 at 11:19 AM

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“ *Adam, Lynne, Joshua and Heather Sassi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Richard A. Elwell.*



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**Adam, Lynne, Joshua and Heather Sassi** - October 25, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ 23 files added to the album Dick's Hoosac Valley



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**Chris Elwell** - October 25, 2022 at 09:42 AM

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*Beautiful photos! <3*

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**Lauren Donovan** - October 25, 2022 at 11:42 AM



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**Chris Elwell** - October 25, 2022 at 09:21 AM

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**Chris Elwell** - October 25, 2022 at 09:16 AM