



## Mr. Richard P. Ouellette

May 12, 1928 - July 18, 2021

Richard P. "Dick" Ouellette, 93, a lifelong resident of Adams, passed away peacefully on July 18th, 2021. Richard was born on May 12, 1928, to the late Lucien and Pauline (Jordan) Ouellette. He was the loving husband of 70 years to Joan (Lahey) Ouellette. Richard leaves his daughter Laura Jeanne and her husband Michael E. Videtta, formerly of Canton MA; his sisters Claire M. Tremblay of Adams and Shirley A. Kosche of West Barnstable MA. He was lovingly known as "Poppy" to his three grandchildren, Jennifer Elizabeth and her husband Nathan Fraser Cannon of Salem NH, Tracy Ann Videtta NP formerly of Canton, MA, Michael Richard Videtta of Allston, MA and his great grandson Henry Fraser Cannon III. He also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews. Richard graduated from Adams High School in 1946. Two days after graduation he enlisted in the Navy and was stationed on the submarine USS Sea Poacher as a Torpedoman 3rd Class. Shortly after his return he married the love of his life, Joan, in 1951. Richard and his brother Donald took over their family business, Ouellette Brothers Plumbing, founded in 1923 by Lucien and Joseph Ouellette. He was available morning, noon, and night to help his customers. No job was too big or too small. He semi-retired in 1993, yet continued working well into the 2000's. In addition to his family. Richard's proudest achievement was his service as a volunteer firefighter for the Alert Hose Company No. 1. For over 60 years his dedication to the Alerts was timelessly valuable. He served as a trustee of the Alert Hose Company from January 3, 1961 to August 4, 2020. He was the longest serving member in the

history of the Alerts, as well as one of the longest serving volunteer firefighters in the state. Richard was a well-known and respected businessman in Adams as well as a longtime member of the Adams Lodge of Elks and will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and community. Richard was predeceased by his siblings Donald L. Ouellette, Roma I. (Ouellette) Brooks, Robert B. Ouellette, Paula M. Ouellette, Joan F. Ouellette and Gerald A. Ouellette. The funeral will be held on Monday, July 26th, at 8:45 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams. Reflections will be offered at 9:50 AM in the church, prior to the mass. Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams. Calling hours are Sunday from 2 to 5 PM at the funeral home. Those who have not yet been vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus are respectfully asked to wear a face covering for all services. Memorial donations may be made to the Alert Hose Company, 3 Columbia St. Adams, MA 01220.

# Cemetery Details

## Bellevue Cemetery

Bellevue Ave.  
Adams, MA 01220

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25**. 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/>

## Liturgy of Christian Burial

JUL **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ I've know Richard and his wife Joan from the library in Adams. I retired in 2017 but I never forgot them and Dick always had a smile and a cheery word each time he came in. So sorry for your loss Joan. I will never forget you. Lyn Wilson

Lyn Wilson - July 26, 2021 at 05:43 PM

BE

“ Joan and Family, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You 🙏🌹

Bill and Janet Eichorn - July 25, 2021 at 08:21 PM

JK

“ Condolences to Joan and family : When a submarine sailor has passed away it is said that He has gone on Eternal Patrol. Dick was a crew member of USS SEA POACHER SS406 1947-1948. God speed Dick Ouellette. Sailor Rest Your Oar. From : John H. Keating

John Keating - July 24, 2021 at 07:28 PM

LK

“ Love, Theresa Kennedy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Richard P. Ouellette.



Love, Theresa Kennedy - July 23, 2021 at 03:35 AM

LS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Linda Silvia** - July 22, 2021 at 01:07 PM

SM

“ We have lost a very special person. Dick was loving, giving, and caring to all. He will be sadly missed.

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Joan and family.*

*Sincerely,  
Sally & Gordy*

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**Sally & Gordon Mercier** - July 22, 2021 at 08:00 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard P. Ouellette.



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July 21, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Laura Videtta - July 21, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Laura Videtta - July 21, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ Marilyn Monsen and Larry Turner purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. Richard P. Ouellette.



Marilyn Monsen and Larry Turner - July 21, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard P. Ouellette.



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July 21, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard P. Ouellette.



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July 21, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard P. Ouellette.



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July 21, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard P. Ouellette.



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July 21, 2021 at 03:28 PM

KM

“ *One of the kindest men you will ever meet A true gentleman. He will be missed by our entire family. RIP, Dick aka Poppy.*



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**karen videtta mcdougall** - July 21, 2021 at 03:01 PM

JE

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Jennifer** - July 21, 2021 at 02:51 PM

BF

*Dick was always such a pleasant man whether you met him on the street or he was coming to your house for a plumbing job. He was always so kind and polite. My deepest sympathy to Joan and to the entire Ouellette Family*

*May he Rest in Peace*

*Barbara Favreau*

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**Barbara Favreau** - July 26, 2021 at 11:49 AM