



## Willard "Beaver" Bard

January 20, 2014

Willard Raymond "Beaver" Bard, 79, of 3 Myrtle St., Adams, died on Monday, January 20, 2014 at his home.

He was born in Adams on February 17, 1934, son of the late Willard and Exilda (Vanier) Bard. He attended schools in Adams.

Willard served his country in the US Army and the National Guard where he was honorably discharged from both. Willard worked for the Town of Adams for many years in the Parks Department until retiring as parks supervisor. He also served as a longtime member of the Adams Park Commission and a member of the Maple Grove Civic Club. He was a communicant of the Parish of Blessed John Paul, Adams.

Willard devoted his life to the youth of Adams through sports. He was a coach for over 55 years for the Adams Little League baseball, Adams Police Athletic League basketball and the Adams Church League basketball. The town of Adams recognized Willard's dedication to the towns youth in 1989 by dedicating the newly renovated Little League baseball field the Willard Beaver Bard Little League Park. In 2005 Governor Mitt Romney recognized Willard by awarding him the Governors Point of Light Award for his dedication to the youth of the town of Adams.

Willard's wife, the former Jacqueline Bostwick, passed away January 20, 2004.

He is survived by his sister, Shirley Trudeau and her husband Richard of Adams;

His niece, Jacqueline Pedercini of Adams and his nephews, Gary Trudeau and his wife Elizabeth of Cheshire and Charles Bombardier of Clarksburg; His great nieces and nephew, Jennifer Kuczynski, Sarah Pedercini, Michael Pedercini and Rachel Green.

He was predeceased by his sister, Helen Krok.

The funeral will be on Saturday, January 25, at 11:00AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12:00 NOON in the Parish Church of Blessed John Paul, celebrated by Rev. John Gawienowski.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Friday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

Please help continuing Beavers dream of helping the youth of Adams through sports. Memorial donations may be made to the Adams/Cheshire Little League, PO Box 302, Adams MA 01220 or the Adams PAL, PO Box 241. Adams, MA 01220

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ It's an honor to be able to say I knew Beaver. I, like many, played for Beaver in Little League on Val's Variety. I had the pleasure of not only playing for him, but to keep a relationship with him until he passed away. He had a great impact on my life as well as many many others. Heaven got one of the best of them in Beaver. May you rest in peace, Beav. And thanks for everything you've done.

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**Dan Kondel** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JP

“ Uncle...I will never forget the memories that we shared. You are at peace now and with Aunt Jackie and memere and pepere... I love you uncle...

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**Jacqueline Pedercini** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

FS

“ Beaver you will always be in my heart and prayers my son is a better man having played for you

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**fred skiffington** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

BF

“ Coach Bard you have effected a lot of peoples life's with your dedication and your caring of us as kids showing us the rights and wrongs of sports which we carry on in our lives today. Thank you very much Coach you will be always remembered.

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**Bruce Felix** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

BS

“ We all remember the enjoyous times of Willard "Beaver" Bard. As a friend, colleague, boss, and a true Hoosac Valley Hurricane. We also need to remember the dedicative work Beaver did to improve the beauty of Adams. Beaver will always be the heart and soul of the Adams. Goodbye to a very very dear and close friend.

BJ Steigner - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ sorry to hear of "beavers" passing. he was a great friend who I shared great times with while growing up in north adams - we always exchanged xmas cards and glad that I had the chance to visit with him 2 years ago when visiting up there - I will have fond memories of our friendship- again my deepest sympathy to the family

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SC

“ He will be missed alot helped so many kids sorry for your loss

sharon coones - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



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GT

“ Shirley, so sorry to hear about "Beaver" passing away. I will always remember him and what a great guy he was. May he rest in peace.

Gayle Tomaselli - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

TK

“ I have fond memories of Beaver. He was my basketball coach in Church League and I always looked up to him as a role model. Rest in peace my old friend.

Tom Kochanski - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

BK

“ Celebrating a life well lived. We will cherish the memories forever.

Bev, Jen & Kate Krause - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

BS

“ So sorry to learn of Beaver's passing. We were friends in school so many years ago. He was always a nice guy.

Bev Sherman - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ I had the privilege of being coached by Mr Bard on some St Stan's teams in the 60's. I've been a friend since then - what a good man. He will be sorely missed.

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BH

“ To- Family, Just want to tell you how sorry i am to hear about your loss. Beaver was such a good person, and a joy to be around,he will be missed by everyone who knew him.God bless you all.

Barbara Harrington - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



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“ Beaver, you touched the lives of most of the young men who grew up in the town of Adams, Your devotion to coaching youngsters was second to none. I have so many great memories. I am sure there is a team or two waiting for you in Heaven. Rest in peace and God Bless.

**Dave Blanchette** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



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**Barbara Harrington** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ sorry to hear about Beaver. He was always such a friendly guy.

**Dorothy Roulier** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ ShirleyJust read about the passing of your brother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.Joan. (Lefebvre)  
MichalenkoOahu, Hawaii

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PN

“ I recall when in Adams Little League, we used to sell "season tickets" for a buck apiece...One year I was the top seller and Beaver bought me a football (and I'll bet he payed for it himself), which I still have to this day...Thanks Beaver for everything...Say hi to Jack for me...Sam

Paul "Sam" Nowicki - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JR

“ I know of no man who had such a love for his community and whose community loved him in return Stories of Beaver will go on forever because he touched so many generations of kids in such a positive way.may he rest in peace

John Robinson - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ Shirley and familyBeaver was such a wonderful person. He may be gone, but never forgotten. We will always love you.

June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JC

“ I Was Lucky Enough To Grow Up Knowing Beaver As "Uncle Beaver", Thanks To Close Friends,. known as family. From 4 Years Old Now To 26,. Uncle Beaver Was Always a Good Sweet Helpful Man. Everyone knew and loved Uncle Beaver! You Will Be Greatly Missed, & Loved. May You Rest In Piece.

Jenny Lynn Chappell - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

WM

“ i was lucky enough to have beaver as a coach playing basketball and baseball he was an inspiration to me and others he taught me a lot and he will always be remembered and sadly missed my deepest condolences go out to his family and friends may he rest in peace in basketball and baseball heaven he was a hall of fame coach thank you for the memories

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**wayne mahar** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ Uncle Bill you will be missed by many. You are now in the big league!!!!.Chris & Jamie Bombardier

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SF

“ Beaver, thank you so much for supporting me in the 80's when I was playing Adams sports, especially baseball. I have many fond memories of chatting with you after games and your advice and guidance at that time was invaluable to me. Although, we didn't see each other often I am glad that we were able to send best wishes to each other over the years through my mom and dad. Beev, you will always have a special place in my heart. May you rest in peace.

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**Suzi Robinson Fiore** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

PM

“ To the family of coach (beaver) bard. We are sorry for your loss. Coach was a great person and a great coach, he will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. R.I.P. Coach.

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**Paul and Peg Mekdeci** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Beaver's passing. He will be missed by all of us.

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“ I'll always hold you in my childhood memories. Rest easy.

**Kimber King** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ R.I.P. Beaver, you will be missed.

**Pat Callander** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



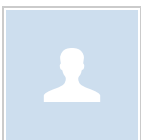
“ Beaver Bard, one of a kind, simply the best. The youth of Adams were blessed by his existence. He did not sacrifice for the kids, it was what he wanted to do. It will be impossible to replace him. Celebrate his life and be glad that you were a part of it.

**Dick Syriac** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family had many good laughs at McDonald,s with him and Pete loved him like a brother.

**Edward P. Whalen** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ Shirley, So sorry to hear of your brother's death. He was such an inspiration to you boys and girls.Nanette Wisnowski

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DL

“Beave” was a friend and coach and true giver to the town of Adams and especially youth sports. He was always unassuming, and thinking about your best interests. He was funny, and could take a joke with the best of them. He will be missed and remembered fondly by all who were fortunate enough to have known him. Heaven has a special team waiting for his arrival so he begin once again his love for coaching.

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**David Lipinski** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

BP

“The legend of Beaver Bard will last forever. He was a great coach. He always talked about the Chet Zabek days when he was a manager for the team. His 80+ game winning streak with St. Stans was remarkable. Always smiled and a good word to say. He encouraged all his players to work hard and do the best they could. A kind gentleman who I will always remember. May He rest in peace. He certainly earned it.

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**Butch Parrott** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

TF

“Dear Bard Family: Our deepest condolences for your loss.

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**The Donald Kruszyna Family** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

DN

“Taught me a lot about baseball but more about life! You will be missed!

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**Darren Noel** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ Beaver was one of the Adams good guys who cared about the youth of the town.

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**Jack (Ruby) Strzepek** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

BE

“ Shirley, so sorry to hear of your Brother's passing..Our Prayers are with you & your Family.

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**Bill & Janet Eichorn** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

CR

“ Beaver, you are one of the best. Very few people in the town of Adams has the honor and right to say that they are Adams! You sir are Adams! I hope other small towns across America have their own Beaver. I can say that we had the man, the myth, the legend, the real Beaver Bard! You have made us all better for knowing you. RIP Beaver Bard and keep blessing us from above as God has blessed us with you!

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**Casey Robinson** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

DD

“ Beaver was my first coach in the PAL.What a great coach and mentor, many fun filled Sat afternoons in the old Adams High Gym. I can still hear him yelling at John Kut to pass the ball. He was just simple the BEST.

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**Dick Didge DeGray** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JL

“ I was about 5 years old down at the Reid field on Sparrow St when beaver went into his trunk and gave me my first baseball mitt. I'd see him occasionally over the past few yrs and man, he was just always in a great mood. Some people walk around like they're defeated, Beaver just smiled about it, and always found time to play, time for sports. I'll never forget such a classic community guy.

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**Joshua Lipinski** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

SL

“ Beaver Bard was a true inspiration to children. My son played little league in Adams a few years back. The children loved him dearly! RIP BEAVER!

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**Shannon LaFrance-Goodell** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

KD

“ "Beaver" was a lifelong friend of my father's. Being so, him and the Trudeau's were my extended family. Shirley, Dick, Gary, Jacqueline and their kids, I am so sorry for your loss. Just know that there is a lot of batting practice and games of horse being played in heaven between old friends. All my love.

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**Kate Krause Delgreco** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

ED

“ Willard "Beaver" Bard

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**Edwin Dabrowski** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

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“ To Willard "Beaver" Bard,

*I wish to extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to the Bard family on Beaver's passing. He was a good man with a good heart and I'll miss him greatly, but I will always remember him and keep him in my heart. I played for and against him in basketball(PAL) (Church league) and baseball (little league). He was a great coach and he shaped my youth sports by teaching me teamwork, fun, friendships and winning. He had a good long life and did a lot for Adams. "A sad good bye", with love God bless you Beaver.*

*From a former player and friend*

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**Edwin Dabrowski** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

AL

“ We were deeply saddened to learn that Beaver had passed on. He was a wonderful man who did so much for so many young people in Adams. We would see him from time to time when we were visiting in town and would always say what a special person he was. May he rest in peace.

*Tom and Ann Lamb*

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**Ann Lamb** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

SC

“ Beaver was a great man. He coached me in PAL in the 60's. He was the greatest with all the kids. He would do anything to help you out. There will never be another one like him. Thanks for all you did for the youths of Adams.

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**Skip Charbonneau** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JZ

“*Shirley and Family: Some thoughts I'd like to share. It's been more than a month since Beaver, my life-long friend, passed away. I was fortunate enough to have visited with him just days before his death, and was able to pay my respects at his wake and funeral. Now my thoughts often return to the early 1950's, the days of our youth, when Beaver and I were neighbors on the banks of the then-unrestrained Hoosic River, living in apartment buildings across the street from each other and adjacent to the Dean Street bridge. In those pleasurable times, he and I led the Spring Street Boys into battle against the Renfrew Gang, North Summer Street Crew, and any other other town pickup teams that "dared" to visit our makeshift ball park on Spring Street, at its intersection with Dean, or perhaps travel to neutral Russell Street Field. Whatever sport was in season, that's what we played, in one situationally modified form or another, seemingly all day, year-round. In those days, prior to his military service, Beaver also was known as the Jet, or the Flash--due to his remarkable speed and quick feet around the bases, down the football field, or on the court. Many years later, when I finished my own military career, I returned home with my family in 1978 to find "Coach Bard" a well-established figure in Adams youth sport programs. Afterward, he coached my son, and grandsons, for many seasons, in Little League, Police Athletic League, and Church League contests. The seasons often culminated in championships and featured long winning streaks--something of great pride to the "Coach" and all his players. After my wife and I moved back to her native NC in 1990, we both maintained contact with Beaver, making it a point to try and visit with him at least once during each return visit to Adams. Now, he is gone, but I'm sure he will remain a part of Adams sports lore for as long as that memorial rock at the Willard R. "Beaver" Bard Little League Field remains in place, and perhaps even well beyond. RIP old friend. Thanks for all the good memories from our youth. MAJ (Ret) Jim Zieba, USA Spec Ops, Sanford, NC*

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**James S. Zieba** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



JR

“ *Now you know why we pushed so hard to have the Adams little League Field named in his honor this is a man that should NEVER be forgotten*

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**John Robinson** - June 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ *To All of Beaver's Family and Friends, my deepest sympathies. I have the fondest memories of Beaver from years gone by. Sad to say I have been out of touch, my loss. God has a good one!*

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January 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM