



Gregory R. Murphy

February 8, 1960 - September 26, 2023

Gregory R. Murphy, 63, of Lunenburg, MA passed away at home on September 26th after a long, courageous struggle with cancer. His family was by his side.

He is survived by his partner in love and life, Sue Paradis and their combined family of five children: Laurie (Murphy) Hirsch, Jennifer (Murphy) Fisher, Gregory Murphy, Kevin Paradis and Kayla Paradis; nine grandchildren: Avery, Ash and Nick Hirsch, Caden, Jaxon and Cara Fisher, Mia and Lily Murphy and Dax Paradis; siblings: Karen (Bill) Condon of Denville NJ, Maggie Murphy (Allan) of Shelburne MA, David Murphy of Marlborough, MA, Paul (Debbie) Murphy of Franklin MA and several much-loved nieces, nephews and cousins

Greg was preceded in death by his parents, David and Marie Murphy of Franklin, MA, brother Stephen Murphy and niece, Kristin Forget.

Greg grew up in Franklin, MA, the youngest of 6 children, with strong family values. His tremendous love for his children and grandchildren was ever-present and always the brightest part of his day. Some of his most cherished moments were the times spent enjoying their smiles & laughter in the backyard together, and the photos and videos of activities sent to "GrampaGreg".

One of his fondest childhood memories was of riding down his grandfather's fire road on a homemade trailer with his siblings cutting Christmas trees to be sold in the family's front yard.

He graduated from Franklin High School 1978 and went on to earn his Master Electrician's License.

His phenomenal drive and old-school work ethic followed him through life, always juggling his careers of Building Manager and Electrician along with his own landscaping and snowplowing businesses. Greg truly loved all of his work.

Greg & Sue made their home in Lunenburg, MA, always surrounded by family, friends and neighbors ~ enjoying hockey and football games, concerts, cookouts, backyard fires, or exploring restaurants. Greg had a special place in his heart for the Island of Barbados where he & Sue spent several vacations making lifelong friends.

Greg's enthusiasm for motorcycle riding was an important part of his life, whether a solo local ride, participating in fundraising event, weekend away, or just a day trip with friends – Greg loved his bikes, loud pipes and scenic winding roads.

His diagnosis of cancer was devastating, but Greg did not allow it to define him. He courageously looked it in the eye and, with the help of an amazing medical team found the strength to find normality and something good in each day. Through 16 months of tests, treatments and trying times he remained determined and optimistic that he would beat the disease.

His kindness, generosity and caring nature were a force of their own. Acutely aware of those around him, Greg's radar was always 'on' with his sincere "pay

it forward” spirit, always making time to help friends, family, neighbors (or a stranger) in need.

Greg’s quick smile, generosity, wit and sincerity ~ as well as his amazing hugs ~ are what his family would like carried on for him and to be his legacy.

Classic “Murphisms” include spontaneous gestures of dropping off coffee, muffins or pizza to local small businesses he frequented to show his appreciation for their work. Friends and neighbors would open their door to find a bag with a dozen ears of fresh corn or package of freeze-pops on the doorstep. Restaurant staff would find a lottery ticket folded in with the tip. Greg & Sue enjoyed “dates” of a random ride to bring an ice cream or soup to family or friends who needed a smile. When they traveled, they enjoyed remaining invisible while finding a way for a service person in uniform to enjoy a coffee or lunch “on the house”.

Calling hours will be held in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer, on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 2:00 - 5:00pm. Words of remembrance will be held at 4:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, please keep Greg’s spirit alive by sharing “Murphisms” with acts of kindness and generosity in his memory.

His special respect and honor for veterans can be carried forward with a donation to help sponsor a Service Dog for Veterans through Clear Path https://clearpathnewengland.formstack.com/forms/sponsor_a_dog or NEADS <https://support.neads.org/give/218255/#!/donation/checkout?designation=76928>

His deep appreciation for the outstanding medical care provided by the entire

Oncology team can be supported via the Pan-Mass Challenge “Bikers Dozen” team, which includes his Medical Oncologist Dr. Jon Dubois <https://profile.pmc.org/JD0288>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Words of Remembrance

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Tribute Wall

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“ Greg Murph was my Brother, Friend, Neighbor, Classmate and Work Buddy!!! I will always the good times at FHS and Tech HiFi!! Rest in peace my old friend and brother!!! Love you Man!!!
Mike “Murph” Murphy

Mike Murphy - January 14, 2024 at 04:39 PM

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“ I'm yet another person who Greg made a difference for.
And it was a very big difference:

If I hadn't met Greg in my late sixties, the dozen years through most of my seventies would have been anxious and burdened.

He took the lion's share of responsibility for the twenty businesses at the Appleworks building off my shoulders.

After Greg joined us I never had to worry about getting right to an emergency or thinking head to keep that complicated building looking good and working smoothly.

So many times Greg was called in the middle of the night. It always seemed to be late on a weekend night, and twice he cancelled his rare vacations to be there when a serious storm was predicted. He got everyone back in business within a day after major troubles like the roof collapse during the snowmagedon winter and the test-battery fire in a tenant's lab. He even figured out temporary spaces for the tenants on either side while we rebuilt.

Greg understood me enough to be patient while I learned to recognize that deadpan humor of his.

And how much he packed into life!

All through those years of working together I kept finding out new aspects of his life that he had never mentioned, like when he told me that he was off to Las Vegas because his billiard team had won regionally was going to a national competition. He played pool? Really well? Yes.

I will always wonder how he could pack into life all the work he did and so much play.

With gratefulness for Greg's life, and sadness that it was cut short.

Nick Deane

Nick Deane - October 07, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Gregory R. Murphy.*



October 07, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gregory R. Murphy.*



October 05, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *Sharon M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory R. Murphy.*

Sharon M. - October 03, 2023 at 09:16 AM



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October 02, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory R. Murphy.

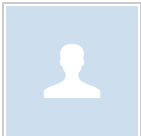


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September 29, 2023 at 01:42 PM



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“ Greg will always be remembered as an easygoing guy who enjoyed people and loved life. We are so saddened by his passing, and send love and prayers to Sue, his children, grandchildren and siblings. Rest In Peace Greg.

Oxy and Lisa

Lisa Oxford - September 28, 2023 at 09:23 PM

SM

“ We are so sad and sorry to hear of Greg’s passing. He will be missed by so many and always remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time. R.I.P. Greg ❤️

All his friends from Tiny’s Restaurant

Sharon Mauro - September 28, 2023 at 02:55 PM

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“ Greg and I worked indirectly together however, I work directly with his one and only Sue. Greg and I were at a meeting together where they were gifting random things and throwing them in the air so people had to catch them. They threw a box of crackers, and Greg almost tackled me to the ground to get them. I will miss your kindness. I will miss the love that you gave to my friend Sue and I will miss your smile and that wonderful laugh. Kristin Lynch

Kristin Lynch - September 28, 2023 at 02:04 PM

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Dear Sue and family so very sorry for the loss of your beloved Greg. May God stay close to you all at this very sad time. R.I.P. Greg

Bobbie Toohey - September 29, 2023 at 06:38 AM