



John P. Deshayes

February 3, 1930 - May 19, 2021

FITCHBURG & Ocala, FL: John P. Deshayes, 91, of Fitchburg, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, after being treated for a brief illness. His wife of 61 years, Irene E. (Bourgault) Deshayes, predeceased him in March of 2013.

Mr. Deshayes was born in Lacolle, Quebec, Canada, on February 3, 1930, one of ten children born to Wilfred A. and Bertha (Boulerice) Deshaies, and moved to Leominster in the late 1930's. He and his wife, Irene, were married at St. Joseph Church of Fitchburg in 1952, and lived in Fitchburg before moving to Ocala, Florida in 1995 where they resided together for nearly twenty years.

From 1947 to 1950, Mr. Deshayes served his country in the United States Army, attaining Private First Class and also was a paratrooper.

Mr. Deshayes was a member of St. Joseph's Parish and Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church in Fitchburg. He enjoyed golfing and was a former member of the City of Gardner Municipal Golf Course. He was also a member of bowling leagues while in Ocala, and enjoyed playing cards.

For most of his career, Mr. Deshayes worked as truck driver and construction worker over the years, including Fairway Construction in Fitchburg, O'Leary

Transportation and F&H Trucking both in Worcester. He also worked on the I-190 project as a heavy equipment dump truck operator, then at Star Container in Leominster, and retired at age 62 as a member of the New England Teamsters.

Mr. Deshayes leaves two sons, Steven R. Deshayes of Ashburnham, John G. Deshayes of Shrewsbury; four daughters, Debra A. Croteau of Lunenburg, Patricia A. Maguy of Fitchburg, Karen A. King of Ashburn, VA, and Michelle A. LeBlanc of Buford, GA. He also leaves a sister, Ginger Kolb of Goffstown, NH; thirteen grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

He was the father of the late Richard L. Deshayes of Fitchburg who died in 1980, was the brother of the late Henry Deshaies, Cecile Gordon, George Deshaies, twins, Louise Nelson and Louis Deshaies, Julie Cross, Albert Deshaies and Carmen Deshaies.

Services will be private per request of the family. If you wish, you may leave an online condolence at www.andersonfuneral.com.

As a thank you to all the EMT's, Paramedics, Doctors, Nurses and other emergency and health care workers, that assisted Mr. Deshayes over the past few years, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, at <https://t2t.org>. Our sincerest thanks.

Tribute Wall

PM

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Pati Maguy - May 24, 2021 at 11:44 AM

KT

So sorry to hear of your Dads passing. Sending my condolences to your entire family. Will keep everyone in my prayers

Kenny Therrien - May 28, 2021 at 08:24 PM

PM

Thanks Kenny

Patricia Maguy - May 29, 2021 at 07:27 PM

AL

“ *Helen and I were saddened to learn of John 's passing. Although we haven't seen John in many years, we have fond memories of our times together and wish to offer our condolences to the family in your sorrow.*

Al and Helen LeBlanc

Al and Helen LeBlanc - May 22, 2021 at 10:35 AM

PM

Thank you so much.

Patricia Maguy - May 22, 2021 at 02:52 PM

RA

“ To the Deshayes family, my deepest sympathy. As a child growing up in North Leominster the Dehayes family was a big part of my life. My family consisting of 7 and your lg family did a lot of things together especially during the summer. I have many fond memories. The neighborhood has certainly changes but my memories will remain with me. May John rest in peace. Ruth Wyman Anderson

Ruth Anderson - May 21, 2021 at 06:10 PM

PM

Thanks Ruth! ❤️

Pati Maguy - May 22, 2021 at 08:28 AM

DG

Love this man and his elvish smile 😊 Uncle John will be sadly missed but very happily remembered. Our hearts go out to all of you and prayers being said to help you through this difficult time. Love you guys
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Diane and Bob Gaudreau - May 25, 2021 at 10:53 AM

PM

Thank you Diane & Bob

Patricia Maguy - May 29, 2021 at 07:27 PM

AR

Extremely sorry to hear of you family's loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. -Matthew 5:4

Archie - June 01, 2021 at 12:02 PM

PM

Thanks Archie

Patricia Maguy - June 11, 2021 at 06:25 PM

DE

Where is John G.Deshayes?

denese eastin - July 24, 2021 at 02:22 PM