



## Michael W. Roy

March 4, 1958 - April 23, 2024

Shirley – Michael W. Roy, 66, of Shirley passed away on Tuesday morning, April 23, 2024 surrounded by family at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston from complications of a recent surgery.

Michael was born on March 4, 1958 in Berlin, NH, the son of Lucien and the late Jeannette (Malloy) Roy. He was a 1976 graduate of Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, NH and has resided in Shirley since 1988.

Michael was currently working in the office at Shirley Fuel and Gas, prior to that he had worked in several different fields including computer networking at Digital Equipment Corporation, Data General and Bell Atlantic, production supervisor at CPF, sales and service for Sloan Valve Company, warehouse manager at J.H. Pokorny Associates, and teaching. While teaching in the Shirley School District, he also took pride in coaching the basketball team.

Michael enjoyed staying active, especially outdoors, including hiking, biking, kayaking and tai chi. He spent many years teaching CCD at St. Anthony's Parish in Shirley, along with serving as Lector and volunteering to prepare the fried dough at the annual Bazaar.

Michael was a long standing Trustee on his condominium board, and was an elected member of the Shirley Board of Assessors. In addition to serving his

community, he had a great love for reading, good food, and most of all loved to spend time with his family.

Michael leaves his wife of 35 years, Debra J. (Gahagan) Roy of Shirley; three daughters, Sarah A. DeCarteret and her husband, Greg of Pelham, NH, Kathleen M. Roy–Cullen and her husband, Derrick of Shirley, and Christine E. Roy of Shirley; a sister, Sandra (Roy) Goddard and her husband Rand of Hampton, NH; four grandchildren, Nathan and Lia DeCarteret, Aubrey and Clairra Cullen; nieces Stacie (Goddard) Mahair and Melody Goddard; and great niece Amelia Mahair.

Alongside his late mother, Jeannette, who also passed on April 23, 2024, he is preceded in death by his son, Master Sergeant Robert L. Roy, who died in 2018, and his daughter, Jacqueline D. Roy, who passed away in 2023.

Calling hours will be held in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer on Sunday, May 5th from 2-5 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hazen Memorial Library Endowment Fund, via the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts site: <https://cfncm.org/donate-now/hazen-memorial-library-endowment-fund>; Michael would have encouraged you to support your own local public library wherever you live, as he loved and supported the Shirley library.

For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

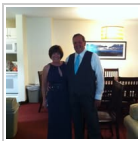
# Tribute Wall



“ *Jill Jaluvka lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Roy*



Jill Jaluvka - June 26, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ *My condolences to Katie and her family on the loss of her father and grandmother. I hope we will see you soon. Cecile Tousignant*

Cecile Tousignant - May 03, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Debra, I am so saddened, such a sudden and tragic loss for your family and for our community. Mike helped me out on a few occasions, lending a sympathetic ear and offering excellent advice. We saw him at church regularly and he also taught and truly cared for our kids at CCD- I trusted his messages to them as they grew up. I will miss our regular exchanges while he was at Shirley Fuel, always a familiar smile (even over the phone) and super helpful. Deepest sympathies to the whole family on both your losses.*

tmlr Richards - May 03, 2024 at 09:26 AM



*From Theresa and Matt Richards*

tmlr Richards - May 03, 2024 at 09:26 AM

DD

“ Crossing paths with you over the years from French class freshman year at Bishop Guertin HS to your numerous visits to our BG get-togethers in recent years.... Mike was always a courteous, friendly, caring Man amongst men.... you will be missed, my Friend....

David  
BG '76

David Dionne - May 02, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael W. Roy.



May 02, 2024 at 04:28 PM

LS

“ Love, the Hazen Memorial Library Staff purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael W. Roy.



Love, the Hazen Memorial Library Staff - May 02, 2024 at 04:18 PM

VJ

“ Vielka J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael W. Roy.

Vielka J. - April 30, 2024 at 02:13 PM

ND

“ *I cannot imagine a world without Mike. More than anyone I have known, Mike had a sense of what was truly important in life and that's where he focused his energy. I always felt more grounded when I was with him. He carried an aura of contentment that just always made me feel uplifted. There is the old saying that people make plans and God laughs. In this case, Mike used to laugh right along with him. I miss him already and I am beyond grateful for his friendship.*

*I'm thinking of times we hiked together and did so many really stupid things that would make us laugh for hours. Best if I don't list specifics, but it was easy to laugh with Mike.*

*Goodbye my dear friend.*

*Neil*

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**Neil Duval** - April 29, 2024 at 10:07 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Activities*



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**Neil Duval** - April 29, 2024 at 09:56 PM

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“ I am stunned and deeply saddened to learn of Mike's passing. Mike's positive and constructive contributions to the Board of Trustees and our condo community over the past 30 years cannot be over-stated. Mike's willingness to always help others was a superb reflection of his personality and high ethical standards. I am going to miss Mike's wonderful friendship and offer my deepest condolences to Debra and family members.

Roger Ryder - April 29, 2024 at 09:33 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sherwin lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Roy



Nancy Sherwin - April 29, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Mike was a beacon of light whenever I saw him at a family event. He could make anyone smile. Rest easy, Mike. You'll be missed.

Arlene Cullen - April 29, 2024 at 11:15 AM

RG

“ Debra and Family, I'm shocked and saddened to learn of Mikes' passing. He was there after my mom's passing to lend a hand a few years ago. Please accept my condolences and prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.

Rich Gendron - April 29, 2024 at 09:38 AM

RG

“ *Rich Gendron lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Roy*



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**Rich Gendron** - April 29, 2024 at 09:34 AM