



Paul R. Murphy, of Townsend

April 23, 1940 - January 17, 2026

Townsend – Paul R. Murphy, 85, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on January 17, 2026.

Paul was born in Boston on April 23, 1940 and after graduating high school, enlisted in the US Army, where he proudly served his country. Upon returning home he began his career in the automotive repair industry, obtaining certification and eventually becoming the owner of The Doctor, Inc. in Acton as well as Paul Murphy, Inc. in Westford. He had extensive knowledge of all vehicles, specializing in both Saab and Volvo; He earned such a reputation for perfection, he was asked to build a car for the King of Sweden.

Amongst his family and friends, he was affectionately known as “Mr. Fix It” or “Uncle Paul”. He loved spending time with his family, and the children simply adored him. He enjoyed woodworking, camping on Cape Ann and taking road trips whenever possible. Paul loved watching movies; he was an avid fan of John Wayne and Star Trek.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cheryl (Allan) Murphy of Townsend; his children, Paul R. “Rick” Murphy, Jr. and wife Jody, Thomas Murphy, both of Billerica, Kristen Saunders and husband Mark of Townsend, and Heather Grise and husband Joe of Nashua, NH; grandchildren, Tom, Amanda, Ricky, Erin, Katelyn, Ava, Maggie, Kyla, Neave, and Keeva; great grandchildren,

Evelyn, Thomas, and Kristina; his sister, Rita Sendowski of Florida and several nieces and nephews.

Paul was predeceased by his siblings Howard, John, Roddy, and Danny Murphy.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, January 23 from 4-7pm in the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend. Paul's funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 24, at 10am in St. John's Church, 1 School St., Townsend. Burial in Hillside Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Mass

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
1 School Street
Townsend, MA 01469

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies for the family, a neighbor 🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️❤️*

Anita Hanna - January 22 at 07:26 PM

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“ *In my younger days. Uncle Dickie lived down the street in Billerica. My memories I have are Uncle and my Dad working on cars fixing, repairing, changing motors. You can see uncle in the photos below. These are on my camera roll. His smile will forever be something that makes me smile! A great man, who will be missed dearly.*



Rod Murphy - January 21 at 06:45 PM

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“ *Rod Murphy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul R. Murphy, of Townsend.*



Rod Murphy - January 21 at 04:03 PM

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

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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul R. Murphy, of Townsend.*



January 20 at 01:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul R. Murphy, of Townsend.*



January 19 at 09:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul R. Murphy, of Townsend.*



January 19 at 09:12 PM



“ *The Grise Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Paul R. Murphy, of Townsend.*



The Grise Family - January 19 at 08:43 PM

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