



Ralph J. Lambert

June 14, 1930 - December 19, 2019

SHIRLEY: Ralph J. Lambert, 89, of Shirley, died peacefully with his family on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at University of Massachusetts - Memorial Hospital, Worcester.

Mr. Lambert was born in Shirley, June 14, 1930, a son of Ralph A. and Cecile F. (Boisvert) Lambert and was a lifelong Shirley resident.

In the mid 1950's, Mr. Lambert served his country in the United States Army.

Mr. Lambert was a 1952 graduate of St. Anslem's College, receiving a Bachelors Degree in Chemistry. He continued his education at Boston College where he received a Masters Degree in Chemistry and in 1959 received his teaching degree in education from Loyola University in New Orleans, LA. He continued his postgraduate education studies at WPI in Worcester and Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

For 20 years, Mr. Lambert taught chemistry in the Gardner, Groton and Ashby school systems, retiring in 1979. He then spent thirteen years as the food service supervisor at the Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps in Lancaster.

He was a daily communicant at St. Anthony's Church in Shirley and a member of the Holy Name Society there. Recipient of the Cheverus Award medal, he

was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Lambert was a Golden Anselmian - 50 year graduate. For nearly 20 years, he served as a volunteer at Fallon Clinic in Leominster.

He leaves his wife of 64 years, Patricia (McVey) Lambert; a son, James Kevin Lambert of Dracut and his wife Colette; daughter, Twyla M. Lambert Clark of Nashville, TN, and her husband Mike; daughter, Karen J. Dorval of Shirley and her husband Mark; daughter, Paula J. Perkins of Columbus, OH, and her husband Michael; daughter, Donna L. Crowe of Lunenburg and her husband Richie; daughter, Lynda H. Casey of Leominster and her husband Sean; two brothers, Donald A. Lambert and Edward P. Lambert both of Florida; two sisters, Dorothy M. Esposito of Florida and Sylvia A. Callahan of Leominster; nine grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild and four step-great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Monday, December 23, 2019 at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. There are no calling hours. Burial will be held privately in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony's Church, PO Box 595, Shirley, MA 01464.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA

Tribute Wall

LT

“ I am just seeing this now as some friends and I were talking about some of the wonderful things about Gardner High School, and we all agree that Mr. Lambert was one of the best. Someone asked if he was still alive...I see that God must have needed a great chemistry teacher, so He called Mr. Lambert home to Heaven. Thanks for being an amazing teacher and it was an honor to be a lab assistant in my senior year.

LuAnn Thibodeau - March 25, 2025 at 10:56 PM

KD

“ Unc--hard to believe it's been almost 3 years since you left us here on Earth....and are now watching us from Heaven. I miss you my "funeral buddy". I miss you squeezing my side when you hugged me....even though I dreaded it each time. Your baby sister misses you too. Please watch over her----she's having quite a struggle with Dad...sure wish God would bring him home. Luv you-Kathy

Kathy DiRusso - December 08, 2022 at 01:02 PM

JD

“ Mr. Lambert was a wonderful man and teacher. When I was a Freshman in HS he saw that I liked science and was very interested in the experiments he was setting up before school. I did not know it at the time, but he then got me special access to the labs and he setup equipment and challenges just for me before school. He never told me until about 10 years later when I was asking about it. I eventually became a Chief scientist and am now running the Artificial Intelligence project at CVS/Aetna. My eyes are filled with tears now as I am typing this realizing how much his insight, care, consideration, great humor, brilliance and love will be missed. My brother Mark was fortunate enough to marry his daughter Karen who is another wonderful way he made the world a better place for us all. He will truly be missed.

Jim Dorval

Jim Dorval - December 23, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Ralph J. Lambert.



December 23, 2019 at 12:18 AM

JF

“ *I am so happy that Ralph and I were able to connect over the last several years at church. I will forever hold cherished memories of him standing in the sun of the southernmost window providing tidbits of philosophy and wishing God's blessings on me. It is now my turn to offer those same wishes upon you and you family. He will be sorely missed. Hugs and prayers for all of you.*

John L French - December 22, 2019 at 08:41 PM

ME

As I said to Donna, I am sure Ralph is continuing the ongoing conversation with God that he has been having one daily basis only now face to face. If ever there was a man who loved his faith it was your dad as can be seen in each of you - your (and his) kindness, humility and honesty steam example for all of us. God has truly blessed you. With love and light, Melanie

melanie - December 22, 2019 at 08:56 PM

BS

“ Thinking of you, Paula, and holding you in my heart. My condolences to you and your family. Losing a parent is a loss like no other. Sending love.

Barbara Sabol

Barbara Sabol - December 21, 2019 at 05:04 PM

NT

“ Nancy Tarbell lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Lambert



Nancy Tarbell - December 21, 2019 at 12:50 PM

JE

“ Pat and family, Im so very sorry to hear that Ralph has passed. Such a kind, loving and very funny man. I'll miss seeing him walking around town and our many conversations. Lovely man.

Jackie and Frank Esielionis - December 21, 2019 at 12:03 PM

RG

“ Donna and families, I'm so sorry to learn of your dad's passing, he was a true light of God in this world that desperately needs Him. I know it's a difficult path to walk but let your faith and memories of your dad guide you to peace.



Rich Gendron

Rich Gendron - December 21, 2019 at 09:30 AM

SN

“ My heart goes out to you all during your time of sorrow.

Sally (Seamans) Navis - December 21, 2019 at 08:48 AM

DS

“ Pat, my deepest sympathies to you and the family. Ralph was a walking (literally) Shirley history lesson and my Dad, as well as my husband and I, loved to see him walking up our long driveway knowing that a great conversation was coming our way. May he rest in peace and God bless.

Deb Jurga Seeley

Deb Jurga Seeley - December 21, 2019 at 07:59 AM

LW

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. My family, children and grandchildren, have all benefited from knowing Ralph. He showed many of us the hidden trails and history of Shirley. Ralph spent many hours through the years on our back deck, solving the world’s problems. We will miss his wise and loving presence. Please extend our love to his brother, Donald, as well.. love, Lorraine and Paul Wilson. Xoxo

lorraine wilson - December 21, 2019 at 02:22 AM

LW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



lorraine wilson - December 21, 2019 at 02:13 AM

PW

“ My friend, always going to be missed . So sorry to family . Can’t be there for your mass Ralph. I am out of town. I will be sending prayers from a church in Prague on the 23rd. With great sadness. From the Wilson family .

paul wilson - December 21, 2019 at 02:04 AM

KW

“ Paula and family, my deepest condolences to you from me and my siblings. Your father was such a kind man and I hold fond memories of seeing him at church. When you and I got together in Shirley a few years back, it was so nice to see both your parents again. Much love to you.

Karen Williams - December 21, 2019 at 01:26 AM

MM

“ I'm sure I will still see his gentle spirit walking down Chapel Street on his way to morning mass. He was one of a kind.

Meredith Marcinkewicz - December 20, 2019 at 10:16 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ralph was one in a million. He always had a smile and a wave. He also knew exactly which one of " Vicky's girls" we each were. He had the best Dad jokes and was always so patient with everyone. I am truly blessed to have known him. RIP Ralph

Maria (Elcevich) Milliner - December 20, 2019 at 09:33 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to you and your loved ones, Paula, during this time of loss and grief. I'll be keeping you in my thoughts.

Mike Stout - December 20, 2019 at 09:24 PM

SP

“ Paula - Prayers and love for you and your family
Sue Perry

Sue Perry - December 20, 2019 at 09:14 PM

LS

“ Pat and family we are so sorry for your loss we will miss our inspirational conversations with him when he stopped by on one of his many walks around town

Leslie and dick slocumb - December 20, 2019 at 08:18 PM

SL

“ Miss Pat & family, I'm so sorry for your loss of Ralph, he was the best neighbor and friend I could ever have. I would love talking to him and he could always put a smile on our face. I will surely miss "Hi Sally" I will keep you all in my thoughts and Prayers

Sally (May) Lindsay - December 20, 2019 at 03:29 PM

 John May

“ Ralph was a good friend, great neighbor and fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers go out the entire Lambert family and extended relatives and friend.

John May - December 20, 2019 at 03:23 PM

LW

“ Twyla...I am so sorry to hear this. Sending hugs and prayers for you and your family.

Lindy Wyant - December 20, 2019 at 03:15 PM

ND

“ Paula, the love your father gave you will be with you always. We are thinking of you. Nancy and Dick Dunham

Nancy Dunham - December 20, 2019 at 12:47 PM

KK

“ I'll miss seeing Mr. Lambert at Church each week and shaking his hand while he told me that "We are blessed and God is Good". A true gentleman in every sense of the word.

Keith Keady - December 20, 2019 at 11:45 AM