



Richard J. O'Connell

May 13, 2017

Mr. O'Connell was born in Fitchburg, June 23, 1934, a son of John and Hannah (Lyons) O'Connell and was a lifelong resident of the city. He was a 1952 graduate of St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School in Fitchburg.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Barbara A. (Taylor) O'Connell; two sons and daughters in law, Mark and Sue O'Connell of Hudson, Kevin and Meg O'Connell of Lunenburg; a daughter and son in law, Erin and Bruce Madden of Lynnfield; a brother, Robert O'Connell of Fitchburg; six grandchildren, Patrick O'Connell, Mary Kate O'Connell, Molly O'Connell, Jack Madden, Lucy Madden and Michael Madden. He also leaves several nieces.

He was predeceased by a brother, John O'Connell of Keene, NH.

For thirty six years Mr. O'Connell worked at New England Telephone, subsequently AT&T and Verizon before retiring in 1995. He was a member of the New England Telephone Pioneers as well as its golf league. Many years ago he was active in the Fitchburg Little League Program. He was a fan of the Boston sports teams and was an avid golfer.

He was an active member of St. Bernard's Church as well as its St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Irish American Club, Friends of the Fitchburg Public Library and Friends of Cogshall Park. During

the 1970's Mr. O'Connell was active as a coach in the Fitchburg Little league Program. In the late 1950's Mr. O'Connell served his country in the United States Army.

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“ *I have many warm and happy thoughts of Richie and his family. Hoping that your happy memories bring peace and comfort to you all at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Donna Stevenson*

Donna Stevenson - May 16, 2017 at 10:50 PM

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“ *Erin, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Joanne Castiglione - May 15, 2017 at 09:18 AM