



Robert J. Gourdeau

December 5, 1934 - June 10, 2020

Robert J. Gourdeau, 85, of Leominster formerly of Townsend, died peacefully on Wednesday morning, June 10, 2020, in his home in Leominster.

He was born in Salem, MA on December 5, 1934, a son of the late Wilfred and Veronique (Morin) Gourdeau. He was a 1952 graduate of Holten High School in Danvers, MA and attended Newman Preparatory in Boston and Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, CT

Bob was a U.S. Navy Veteran having served from 1952 to 1955. He also served in the National Guard as a teenager and was very proud to be a veteran.

He was a product marketing manager for the Arrow Electronics Company in Billerica for several years prior to his retirement in 1991. Following his retirement Bob worked as a custodian at the Spaulding Memorial School in Townsend until 2000.

Bob served on the North Middlesex Regional School Committee for many years and was active in the MIAA and the North Middlesex Booster Club. Bob was an avid sports fan and especially loved football. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren playing their many sports and was always there to cheer them on with a thumbs up.

In 2001 he and his wife moved to Georgia and lived there for 10 years. Robert was a devoted husband to his wife Sondra. His greatest love was his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family wishes to express their deep gratitude to Dr. Amy Pratt, Dr. Dennis Tighe and Dr. Nancy Skehan for their care, concern and support of Robert and his family. In honor of Robert's love of this Country, guests are invited to wear red, white and blue or any patriotic symbol.

His wife of 59 years, Sondra (Torrey) Gourdeau, died in 2019. He leaves a son, Robert P. Gourdeau and his wife Susan of Townville, SC; a daughter, Lee Cordaro and her husband John of Worcester; three sisters, Mary Gorman of NH, Theresa Brown of Peabody and Linda Moore of NH; six grandchildren, Paul Gourdeau, Megan Stowe and her husband Justin, Robert Gourdeau, Alyssa Gourdeau; Kyle Cordaro and Matthew Cordaro and his wife Kaitlyn; four great-grandchildren, Hayden Gourdeau, Easton Stowe, Camden Cordaro and Ernest Stowe and many nephews and nieces.

He is predeceased by his two brothers, Wilfred Gourdeau and Raymond Gourdeau and two sisters, Rita St. Pierre and Dianne Gourdeau.

His funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 16, at 11 AM in the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend. Burial will be in the Hillside Cemetery. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Monday, June 15, from 4 to 7 PM.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to MDS Foundation, www.mds-foundation.org/donate/ or to the Notre Dame Hospice, Development Office, Notre Dame Health Care Center, 555 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 01605

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ I’m so sorry for your loss uncle Bob was always the funniest person in the room certainly kept us laughing for a lot of years you will be missed love you Debbie Ryan



deb ryan - June 14, 2020 at 08:06 PM



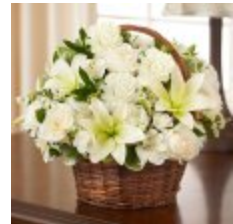
“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gourdeau.



June 14, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gourdeau.



June 13, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gourdeau.



June 12, 2020 at 10:43 PM

KW

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. The world lost a great human being. Loved his laugh, sense of humor and friendliness. I only knew he and your mom through endless softball games but he always made things fun. He was just one of those special people who drew people to him. Truly a positive light and wonderful example for us to follow. Your family is a tribute to the light he exuded!

Kim Pulliam Woody - June 12, 2020 at 12:04 PM

ST

“ Lee and Robbie and your families

So sorry for your loss, hope you find peace in knowing your parents are together now. I will miss connecting with your dad on facebook. His quick wit and knowing what a true Patriot he was. It was certainly a blessing to have known him.

He certainly will be missed!

Your cousin
Stephanie

Stephanie - June 12, 2020 at 11:48 AM

LI

“ To my wonderful brother! I'll miss you and all our memories! RIP you will be in my thoughts every day. I know you are at peace in Heaven with Sondra, friends and family. Love you to the moon and back. Your baby sister!!!



Linda - June 12, 2020 at 11:37 AM

SA

“ My condolences to all of Bobs family. I’m going to miss “my boss”.
RIP my friend. Until we meet again.
Love Ya,
Steve

Steve Aylott - June 12, 2020 at 11:14 AM

DL

“ I have lots of great memories of my Uncle Bob(Frog), he always found a way to make you laugh. My favorite memory is the times when my Uncles would get together and play cards at my house. I use to sit on the basement stairs(family room) and listening to them all having a good time. Uncle Bob was always smiling & joking. The best part was waking up in the morning to find that they left all the coins on the floor after the card games. I always loved seeing him! I’m going to miss him and his smile and hearing him laugh! He was a great husband, Dad & grandpa! R.I.P. Uncle Bob, till we all meet again! ❤️😭

Donna Loiacano - June 12, 2020 at 09:58 AM

ST

Same great memory!

Stephanie - June 12, 2020 at 11:49 AM

LC

I think we all have that memory of the card games and finding money under the table! Uncle Willie and Uncle Ray always slipped me a \$10 or \$20 too!

Lee Cordaro - June 13, 2020 at 10:18 AM