



Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham

April 4, 1952 - January 20, 2026

ASHBURNHAM/TOWNSEND: Robert F. Lavery, 73, of Ashburnham, formerly of Townsend and Billerica, died Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at Boston Medical Center, Boston.

Bob was born in Billerica, April 4, 1952, one of eight children born to William and Rita (Langley) Lavery and grew up in Billerica. He was a 1970 graduate of Billerica High School, where he played baseball. He started working for New England Telephone immediately after graduation and continued in the telecommunications field for many years proudly working for JCI Communications and FTG Technologies.

He resided in Townsend for over forty years before moving to his Ashburnham lake home in 2021.

Bob was happily married for 42 years to his childhood sweetheart and the love of his life, Nancy, until her passing in 2018. Their relationship was a precious, gorgeous example of partnership, devotion, and enduring love — one that will continue to live on through their family.

He spent much of his free time coaching youth sports in Townsend, where his enthusiastic heart, infectious smile, and warm embrace left a lasting mark on hundreds of children in the community. Coaching wasn't just something he did

— it was who he was. He loved the game, but he loved the kids even more. And the feeling was mutual. That same joy carried over to the sidelines as he cheered on his three sons and five grandchildren in everything they pursued, on and off the field.

He also found peace in fishing and truly cherished the quiet hours spent on the water, especially when they were shared with his sons and close friends.

He leaves three sons, Robert F. Lavery Jr., and his wife, Sandi of Lunenburg, Steven J. Lavery and his wife, Mallory and Brian W. Lavery and his wife, Lael all of Townsend; four brothers, William Lavery of Townsend, Charles Lavery of Nashua, Edward Lavery of Shirley, Thomas Lavery of Billerica; three sisters, Linda Byrnes of Lunenburg, Joma Connors and Dinah Powderly both of Billerica; five grandchildren, Daphne Lavery, Maxwell Lavery, Gwenevere Lavery, Calvin Lavery and Fionnoula Lavery.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery.

Bob's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours from 4-7 PM Tuesday, January 27th in the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ Bill and I were so saddened to hear of your Dad’s passing. He and your mom raised all three of you into kind, caring, and loving adults. You carry their love and support always. Please accept our prayers and condolences during this difficult time.

Bill & Jan Pothier

Bill & Jan Pothier - January 29 at 07:38 AM

JC

“ We were so sad to hear about Bobs passing. He was a wonderful soccer coach, who was always full of encouragement and humor. I’m sure he will be sorely missed, but know you must have wonderful memories to help you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jeanne and Ed Connolly

Jeanne Connolly - January 28 at 08:14 AM

TC

“ The staff at Stephen Gould Corp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Lavery, of Ashburnham Sr..

The staff at Stephen Gould Corp - January 27 at 09:01 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



January 27 at 09:01 AM

PG

“ Patricia G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Lavery, of Ashburnham Sr..

Patricia G. - January 26 at 05:59 PM

PG

“ Patricia G. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



Patricia G. - January 26 at 05:59 PM

TJ

“ Teddy & Barbara Langley, Colleen & Jeff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Lavery, of Ashburnham Sr..

Teddy & Barbara Langley, Colleen & Jeff - January 26 at 03:50 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



January 26 at 03:50 PM

KC

“ Kara C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Lavery, of Ashburnham Sr..

Kara C. - January 25 at 08:57 PM

GF

“ Guy & Chickie and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



Guy & Chickie and family - January 25 at 11:16 AM

BC

“ Brother Charlie, Jen and clan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



Brother Charlie, Jen and clan - January 25 at 10:27 AM

BC

“ Brother Charlie, Jen and clan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Lavery, of Ashburnham Sr..

Brother Charlie, Jen and clan - January 25 at 10:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



January 24 at 05:48 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



January 24 at 05:07 PM



“ Tommy and Michelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Lavery, of Ashburnham Sr..

Tommy and Michelle - January 24 at 12:55 PM



“ Tommy and Michelle purchased the A Full Life for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



Tommy and Michelle - January 24 at 12:55 PM

DR

“ David Razzaboni planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Lavery, of Ashburnham Sr..

David Razzaboni - January 24 at 12:41 PM

DR

“ David Razzaboni purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



David Razzaboni - January 24 at 12:41 PM

CP

“ To the Lavery Family,

We send our deepest sympathy to you all for your loss. All of your family memories will give you some kind of peace, as time goes on.

Thinking of you,
Carolyn and Lou Poirier

Carolyn L. Poirier - January 23 at 08:36 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



January 23 at 06:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.*



January 23 at 03:48 PM



“ *To the Lavery Boys , all of the Family and those many friends. My heart is broken with the loss of your father
You all know what type of father,father in law, grandfather and friend he was. To me he was always that person.
Our friendship began some 30+ years with soccer as it did for many others. Then came The Barton Cove fishing trips. Who new how our friendship would build from this trip. So many great times on the water. His loving friendship is one I'll miss everytime my cast hits the water but he will be in my heart.
Rest easy Bob .
Love Guy*

Guy Penrose - January 23 at 02:14 PM



“ *Ed & Jackie purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.*



Ed & Jackie - January 23 at 02:02 PM

WK

“ With love, The Straub Kids purchased the Sweet est Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



With love, The Straub Kids - January 23 at 12:33 PM

PF

“ Sharon and I have been friends with Bob and Nancy for over 47 years. There are no kinder, loving, and beautiful people in this world than the Lavery family. Our hearts are heavy this day, and we feel a good man has been ripped from our lives. Our deepest condolences to Bob jr, Steve, and Brian; we understand how heartbroken you boys are today. Grief is so painful and so hard to endure sometimes. But remember this: You boys were blessed to be raised by two beautiful people. Most of us are not as lucky as you three. Both will never be forgotten because there will always be a special spot in our hearts where they reside. God Bless you all. - Paul & Sharon Fontecchio

Paul Fontecchio - January 23 at 07:45 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Robert F. Lavery, Sr., of Ashburnham.



January 23 at 06:14 AM