



Mr. Robert B. Duffy

March 7, 1940 - September 9, 2018

ROBERT B. DUFFY

Loving Husband, Father, and Papa

U.S. Coast Guard Veteran

Retired Lowell Firefighter

LOWELL—Robert B. “Bob” Duffy, the beloved husband of Anita (MacLellan) Duffy, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday morning, September 9, 2018 at Lowell General Hospital. He was 78 years old.

Bob was born in Lowell on March 7, 1940, a son of the late Leo and Catherine (Kenefick) Duffy. He was a proud graduate of St. Peter’s Grammar School and Keith Academy, class of 1958. Bob also attended Merrimack College. Bob was proud to have grown up on Whipple St. in The Flats Neighborhood.

Bob served with the U.S. Coast Guard and Reserves from 1962-1970. He married the love of his life, Anita MacLellan, and had celebrated 48 years of marriage, and together raised 4 loving children. Bob Duffy was a man of Faith, Loyalty, Honesty, and Family. These are the principles in which he lived his life, raised his family, and served his country and his city.

He was a lover of music and dancing, and especially loved Irish Music and Culture. He was a weekly listener to the Irish Hit Parade, as well as his many Irish cassette tapes he would play on family trips to Nova Scotia and especially Duffy Hill. Bob visited Ireland in his 20’s and received his Irish Citizenship after tracing his genealogy for two decades. He was a devoted grandfather and attended all of his grandchildren’s sporting events. He enjoyed daily walks around the Belvidere neighborhood, where he would talk to everyone, and his daily trips to Market Basket, where a few quick items could lead to hours of stories. Bob had perfected the art of conversation and could talk to anyone. He loved football, starting back with Keith Academy, and watching Central Catholic for decades.

Mr. Duffy was a field accountant for the New England Power Company for 15 years before joining the Lowell Fire Department in 1975. He worked for most of his career at Engine 9 on Rogers Street.

Surviving Bob are his wife Anita Duffy; his children, Shaun Duffy and his wife Keiko of Andover, Tara Hunt and her husband Rob of Lowell, Sheila Walsh and her husband Daniel of Chelmsford, and David Duffy, LFD, and his wife Kristin of Lowell; his grandchildren, Courtney Duffy, Ryan Duffy, Meghan Hunt, Keegan Hunt, and Delaney Hunt, Liam Walsh, Colin Walsh, Jack Duffy, and Shea Duffy; his brother, Arthur Duffy and his wife Dawn of Woburn; many nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Peggy and Joe Martell, Archie MacLellan, Lewis MacLellan, and Douglas and Lynda MacLellan, all of Nova, Scotia, Canada.

Bob was the brother of the late Shirley Lake and Patricia Creamer, and brother-in-law of the late William Lake.

FUNERAL NOTICE

DUFFY—In Lowell, September 9, 2018 at Lowell General Hospital, Robert B. “Bob” Duffy, 78, the beloved husband of Anita (MacLellan) Duffy.

Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL on THURSDAY from 4 until 8 PM. Mr. Duffy’s Funeral will begin on FRIDAY MORNING at 10 o’clock from the Funeral Home, followed by his Funeral Mass at 11 o’clock at the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 144 E. Merrimack St. Lowell. Burial will follow in St. Mary’s Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Bob’s memory may be made to the Immaculate Conception Parish Building Fund, 3 Fayette St. Lowell, MA 01852.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS

978-459-9222 www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road
North Tewksbury, MA 01876
(978) 851-2248
<http://www.stmarycemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
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Funeral Mass

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church
144 East Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Burial

SEP 14. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert B. Duffy*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *To Anita and the family*

Sincere condolences and our heartfelt sympathy to all the family; know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during your time of grief.

Thérèse and Harold Martell

Harold Martell - September 13, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ *To Anita and the family:*

While we cannot be with you , we share your grief, and send our heartfelt sympathy.

We know that you will miss Bob greatly, but the fond memories you cherish will help keep him in your hearts forever.

Tomorrow morning we will visit Duffy Hill, and recite the Irish Prayer:

*"Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near;
Still loved, still missed, and very dear."*

Love, Lynda and Doug

Lynda and Doug MacLellan - September 13, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to Anita, Shaun, Tara, Sheila, and David, you were all loved very much by your father. He was one of the great ones!*

*Love,
Maura and Gregg Hooper*

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“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert B. Duffy



Sean & Erin Rourke - September 12, 2018 at 08:49 AM