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Loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Wally Cahill, 87, of Lowell, MA, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2026 after spending his last days expressing his love for and being surrounded by all of his children and grandchildren. Born on June 13, 1938, in Lowell, MA, to Joseph and Marcella (McInnis) Cahill, he was the 13th born and last surviving of 15 children.

A lifelong resident of Lowell, MA, Wally was educated at St. Peter's School and Lowell High and spent time serving as an altarboy. He put in years of hard work as a union laborer with the local 429 before taking a position as a building inspector, a role he would fill until his retirement. In order to keep social, he continued to work for Kazanjian until last year. Always happy to spark conversation, he was a favorite patron at many Lowell establishments, and many referred to him as the unofficial mayor of Lowell.

Family was everything to him, and so it's no surprise that he wasted no time in starting one of his own. After getting married in 1959, Wally and AnnMarie spent the next 30 years watching their kids play at Shedd Park and many

other fields and gymnasiums around Lowell. The love for his family truly shone through when his children started having children of their own. His greatest joy was spending time with his children and grandchildren, and watching them achieve many great accomplishments.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and loving wife, AnnMarie (Whalen) Cahill, and five children: Walter Cahill and his wife Janet of Nashua, NH; William Cahill and his wife Donna of Methuen, MA; Kevin Cahill and his wife Laurie of Dracut, MA; Donna Barrows and her husband Robert of Nashua, NH; and Gregg Cahill and his partner Chris Barber, of Los Angeles, CA. He is also survived by Sar Chhom, who was like an “adopted” son to Wally and AnnMarie, and his beautiful family, Amy, Ella, and John. He will be dearly missed by his nine grandchildren, Sean and Emma (Bauman) Barrows, Casey (Cahill) and David Gardner, Meaghan Barrows, Brian Barrows, Ryan Cahill, Timothy Cahill, Kevin Barrows, Molly Cahill, and Hannah Cahill, and two great-grandchildren, Bentley Gardner and Quinn Barrows. He will also be remembered by many nieces and nephews, and untold numbers of friends, all of whom he loved like family. Wally was predeceased by his son, James J. Cahill, and his 14 siblings: Edward, John, Julia Keenan, Thomas, Helen (Gentile) Zousimas, Teresa Gonsalves, Joseph, Paul, Gerald, Hugh, Dorothy Scott, Elizabeth Murphy, Henry, and Joseph.

Visitations will be held at Fay McCabe Funeral Home in Lowell, MA on Wednesday January 21 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Dracut, MA on Thursday January 22 at 10:00 AM. A committal service will follow the funeral at the chapel at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Tewksbury, MA.

The family would also like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of Wally’s friends and caretakers at both Lowell General Hospital, especially the team on floor D4, and Billerica Crossings. The love and care you showed him over the

years is something he never took for granted, and is endlessly appreciated by all of us.

As an expression of sympathy, donations in Walter's memory can be made to the Lowell General Hospital Cancer Center. Lowell General Hospital Donations.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS
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Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis Church
155 Wheeler Road
Old Parker Road
Dracut, MA 01826

Committal Service

JAN 22. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter Joseph Cahill.



January 28 at 10:37 AM



“ Debbi Shelvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Joseph Cahill



Debbi Shelvey - January 21 at 11:56 AM



“ To Bob & family, my condolences on your dad's passing.

Gary Hargreaves (Ret.NFR)

Gary Hargreaves - January 21 at 10:37 AM



“ Derek Gendron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Joseph Cahill



Derek Gendron - January 21 at 06:53 AM

DG

“ I grew up on river road with all the Cahills and have great memories with them all. Everytime i saw Mr. Cahill he would always yell out to me a Hi and wave. He was a great man. May god bless you all in this difficult time. Rest in peace.

Derek Gendron - January 21 at 06:52 AM

KS

“ *Cahill Family*
Mr Cahill was a person who after talking to him that you felt better about yourself. He was a pleasant and positive person and Always had a smile. I met him thru Shedd Park Baseball. Mr Cahill loved the game and would walk to Shedd or Alumni to enjoy the game of baseball at the local levels. My encounters were always positive and he always gave an informative and helpful advice. Heaven just became a friendlier place. May the memories of him be strong and frequent. May God Bless you all at this difficult time!!

Kevin Sheehan - January 20 at 07:03 PM

MB

“ I have fond memories of him, always with a smile and a story told with an abundance of enthusiam, especially when talking about his family. My heart goes out to all of you. May your memories get you through the hard days.

Meg Bennett - January 20 at 07:00 PM

MB

“ Meg Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Joseph Cahill



Meg Bennett - January 20 at 06:56 PM

DB

“ *It was such a pleasure and a great blessing to know Wally! He was a kind human being and fly high Wally!* ”



Diane Bujnowski - January 20 at 11:57 AM

EM

“ *Wally and Family,
So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad, may he rest in peace.
You will all be in my thoughts and prayers* ”

Eddie Mack - January 20 at 07:26 AM

SR

“ *Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Walter Joseph Cahill* ”



Sean & Erin Rourke - January 19 at 04:22 PM