



## Mr. Walter "Jerry" Dockett

October 3, 1941 - August 26, 2023

Walter "Jerry" Dockett

Loving Husband, Father and Grandfather

Walter "Jerry" Dockett, 81, of Tewksbury, MA passed away on August 26, 2023 at Lowell General Hospital surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife Mary (Sousa) Dockett, the love of his life, with whom he would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 5, 2024.

He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts on October 3, 1941, a birthday he shared with his son. He was the son of Walter and Margaret (Teague) Dockett. He lived in Lowell, MA for over 70 years before moving to Tewksbury, MA in 2014.

He was a graduate of Sacred Heart School, Keith Academy, attended Merrimack College, received his ASEE and later received an Honorary Bachelor's Degree from Wentworth Institute.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Parish his entire life until its' closing in 2004. He was then a member of Holy Family and more recently the Immaculate Conception Parish. He served as the President of the Parish Council and was a Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart Parish.

For over 50 years he was involved with the youth of the parish and the community serving as Director of Youth Activity at Sacred Heart Parish and Director of Confirmation at both Sacred Heart and Holy Family Parishes.

Outside of his parish activities he was the North Middlesex Director of CYO Basketball for the Archdiocese of Boston and President of the Oliveria Little League in Lowell, MA. Two honors which he was extremely proud of was being recognized with the "God and Youth" Award from the Archdiocese of Boston and being inducted into the Archdiocese of Boston CYO Hall of Fame. He truly enjoyed watching and attending Celtics, Patriots and Red Sox games with his family. His passion for travel included taking cruises with his wife Mary and friends to Bermuda, Florida, and the Eastern, Western and Southern Caribbean. In his retirement he took cruising to the next level and worked for Cruises, Inc. selling cruises to family and friends.

He began his professional career at Mathatronics, the first desktop computer company, and then moved to other electronic and computer companies before finally joining Raytheon Company in 1973. He retired from there 33 years later after rising through the ranks and completing his career as the Reliability Manager at the Lowell Plant. While at Raytheon he travelled extensively throughout the United States.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Sousa) Dockett of 59 years, his three children and five granddaughters: Karen and her husband Michael Dumont along with their daughter Ashley Dumont of Tewksbury, MA whom he lived with for the last ten years, his son Bryan and his wife Kerry (Haughey) Dockett and their daughters Brenna (Alexandria, VA) and Bridget Dockett of Valhalla, NY and his daughter Kim Peirce and her daughters Jacqueline and Riley Peirce of Lowell, MA.

His granddaughters were the love of his life and he enjoyed everything he did with them from picking them up at school, attending sporting events, family trips or just having them all together at his house. He even wore all their college and high school shirts everyday to show how proud he was of all of them.

He is survived by many relatives both locally and across the United States. The family wishes to thank the staff at D'Youville Senior Care for their compassionate care over the past nine months taking care of their Dad and

Grandfather.

Family and friends may call at THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET IN LOWELL on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023 from 4 until 8 PM.

Jerry's FUNERAL will begin on THURSDAY 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 take place in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lowell.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in Jerry's memory to the Oblates Novitiate Infirmary Fund, 486 Chandler St. Tewksbury, MA 01876. If flowers are sent, please omit lilies due to allergies.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE  
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 458-8464  
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

**AUG 30.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

**AUG 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

## Burial

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AUG **31**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ Jerry was a champion for our youth in the parish at Holy Family for many many years.... he was the "Grumpy" we all loved !!



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**Clinton** - August 31, 2023 at 09:34 AM

JW

“ Mary and family, so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. May he RIP

*Judy n Jim Winters*

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**Judy Winters** - August 29, 2023 at 04:27 PM

TN

“ To All ~ we are so sorry for your loss. We are all so blessed to have known Jerry. He was a wonderful friend and great man. We are grateful for the support he had for our extended family & for the many laughs we shared. May all your happy memories get you through the sad days. Much love, Norm, Tracy, Justin, Corey and Logan xoxo

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**Tracy Nadeau** - August 29, 2023 at 05:13 AM

JB

“ So very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing.  
*Judy and Joe Burns*

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**Judy Burns** - August 28, 2023 at 07:39 PM

JE

“ Dear Dockett family. I am really sorry for your loss, my deepest condolences.  
May your family be close and caring towards each other at these times when you need it most.  
Losing a parent is a milestone that we all have to pass, there is a before and after all of a sudden, but you will cope I am sure.  
Sending you all our love, Jered and Heiko

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**Jered** - August 28, 2023 at 06:36 PM

MV

“ Gerry, the voice of reason and a role model for me when I was a young person at Raytheon. Hard to describe how he made me quake and made me laugh all at the same time. One of a kind, as far as I am concerned. He was like a "dad" figure to a young girl in her introductory phase in the "real world"...He was special!

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**Mary Vigeant** - August 28, 2023 at 05:00 PM

BR

“ So sorry for the loss of your husband, father, father in law and grandfather. Wishing you strength and love to bear this together. I remember him as a friendly man with the greatest love for his family.

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**Birgitte de Regt** - August 28, 2023 at 02:24 PM

JO

“ My deepest condolences Karen and all the Docket family, Jerry was an all around great guy, he will be sorely missed, RIP.

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**Joany** - August 28, 2023 at 02:09 PM

SC

*My deepest sympathies for Mary and the family Jerry was a great guy. Great man of the church. He taught so many people, so many different things about wife and about Jesus, he will be sitting at the table with God and his family.*

scott - August 28, 2023 at 02:25 PM

MD

“ *Jerry was always a gentleman and professional! RIP!*

Mary D - August 28, 2023 at 02:03 PM

KN

“ *To all the Dockett family, a wonderful man has passed. He really was a gentleman and a gentle man long devoted to his family. He gave of himself to all who were lucky enough to have known him. We are all the richer for having him as a friend. Say hi to Matthew for me. ❤️*

kate northrup - August 28, 2023 at 02:01 PM

BG

“ *Jerry & Mary Fondest memories of Good Times. Lots of Fun and Laughter and church things, too. I still laugh when I think of the Grand Caymans or should I say the most romantic stop in the Caribbean for you & Mary... I wonder if Phil will still tease you when he sees you in Heaven. So many fond memories. You are one of those people who made a difference. ❤️*

Betty Guy - August 28, 2023 at 01:52 PM

AM

“ *Mr .Dockett was  
A very kind man who taught CCD to my  
Granddaughter. Also a past member of our  
Sacred Heart Church.*



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**Adeline Murphy** - August 28, 2023 at 01:17 PM

SR

“ *Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Walter "Jerry" Dockett*



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**Sean & Erin Rourke** - August 28, 2023 at 12:17 PM