



Ward Francis Strange

February 17, 2019

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that Ward Francis Strange, beloved husband of Violet (Lamarre) Strange died on February 17, 2019, after a long illness with Parkinson's Disease surrounded by his family.

Ward was born at home in Manchester, CT on September 19, 1927, son of the late Frances (Boudreau) and Ward B. Strange. He attended St. James Parochial School and Manchester High School, graduating in 1945. After graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and served in the South Pacific aboard the USS Topeka.

Upon discharge, he then went on to enroll at Boston College, graduating class of 1950. During his time at Boston College, Ward broke running time records for cross-country. Ward eventually joined Pratt and Whitney, West Hartford and was selected to their first apprentice program. After completion of the course, he was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio where he became the top salesman of Manufacturing Equipment, winning many awards.

He returned to CT and in 1965 founded Pamco Inc., a Manufacturing Sales and Service Co. He also served on the Board of Directors for Comtorgage and Pneumatic Applications. Upon retirement, Ward joined the "Old Guard" and volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels, which he did for several years as well as serving as a mentor. He also volunteered as a worker for Habitat for Humanity. Ward as an avid tennis player, skier, and hiker. He was an enthusiastic gardener, growing flowers and vegetables for many years until Parkinson's Disease curtailed that activity. He was a devoted parishioner of

St. Timothy Church for 56 years where he served as a reader and usher. Besides his wife of 70 years, Ward leaves his four children: Michael Strange and his partner Paul Goodin of VT, James Strange of Canton and his special friend Claudia Lampert of Farmington, Kathleen Dolen and her husband Michael of Ellington, Jenna Grimaldi and her partner Brett Kerinan of NH. He also leaves eight grandchildren, Brian (Katie) Dolen and Sean (Nicole) Dolen of MT, Shaelyn (Danny) Bagley of MA, Emma Dolen of Ellington, LT Colonel Jeffrey (Doughty) Strange of CO, Megan (Jody) Fellows of VA, Ryan Grimaldi of SC, Brianna (Jim) McGowan of MA, and seven great grandchildren, his sister-in-law, Vivian English and many nieces and nephews. Ward was predeceased by his sister Barbara and her husband Edward and their daughter Lorraine as well his daughter-in-law Marian Strange and brother-in-law Ronald Lamarre and nephew John Lamarre. We wish to thank with much gratitude the numerous kind and caring nurses and aides at the Seabury Skilled Nursing Brewer Unit. We are also grateful to the McClean Hospice service for their excellent care and comfort for Ward and his family.

Calling hours will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main St., West Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Donations in his memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, 111 West 33rd St., NY, NY 10120. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd.
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mon père, Jean-Charles Bossé (feu Yvette Lamarre) se joint à moi et notre famille pour vous offrir Nos Plus Sincères Condoléances Chère Violette et toute votre famille,
Bon Courage*

*Lise Bossé
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Lise Bossé - February 22, 2019 at 05:21 PM

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“ *A Violet et sa famille, nous sommes désolé d'apprendre cette triste nouvelle. Je veux vous offrir nos sincères sympathies. Nous pensons souvent à toi Violet.*

Ma mère Laurette Lamarre, ta cousine se joint à moi pour vous offrir nos condoléances.

*Diane Berger
Pont-Rouge, Québec, Canada*

*Laurette Lamarre
Sayabec, Matapédia, Québec, Canada*



Diane Berger - February 22, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ward Francis Strange.



February 20, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to Violet and the family. What a wonderful life to be celebrated! Connie & John Dowd - parishioners at St. Tim's.

Connie Dowd - February 20, 2019 at 07:22 AM



“ The Carey Family - John, Kristin & Children purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ward Francis Strange.



The Carey Family - John, Kristin & Children - February 19, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ Godiva Dark Chocolate Truffles Gift Box (24 pc) was purchased for the family of Ward Francis Strange.



February 19, 2019 at 04:25 PM

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“ To my dear friend Jenna and her entire family, I know your hearts are heavy. Losing a cherished parent is one of life's hardest events. What a wonderful dad, husband and grandpa Ward was. I so enjoyed when he and Violet would come to NH and we'd sit in the backyard, share a meal or beverage and gab. The fact that Ward lived a long life is testament to his character. He was a fighter right to the end. I see now where Jenna and Mike get their tenacity! Violet, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear Wardie. 70 years of marriage is an amazing journey. I wish you solace in knowing that he's at peace. Ward and I shared the same birthday, so every September 19th, I'll send a little birthday wish to heaven.
Patty and Rick Novia
Derry NH

Patricia Novia - February 19, 2019 at 10:10 AM



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February 19, 2019 at 08:36 AM