



## Robert R. Findlater

February 2, 1947 - September 29, 2024

Robert R. "Bobby" Findlater, 77, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 29, 2024 after a hardfought battle with cancer. He faced this battle head-on without self-pity, consistently hopeful and optimistic. Born in Springfield on February 2, 1947, son of the late Robert S. and Irene (Doyle) Findlater, he was a graduate of Classical High School, Class of 1965. Bobby was an outstanding hockey player at Classical, where he was a 1st Team All Western Mass pick his junior and senior years, setting the state record for goals and points in 1965. While in high school he was also an All-City pick for baseball in 1965. Bobby continued his education at American International College, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969, the same year his hockey team won the ECAC Division II title. Bobby was also a youth hockey coach for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Springfield. From 1967 to 1973 he served in the MA Army National Guard, and was an avid Boston Bruins and Red Sox fan. He worked for the State Welfare Department and Conservation & Recreation Department, retiring in 2010. Bobby is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 44 years, Louise (Lapierre) Findlater; loving daughter, Jennifer Armstrong and husband Pete of Twin Lake, MI; two cherished granddaughters, Kate Armstrong and husband Adam, who are expecting their first child later this month, and Grace Armstrong of Ann Arbor, MI; caring sisters, Nancy Manning and husband Chris, Maureen Charron, and Peggy Shea; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Danny Shea. Bobby's family wishes to thank Dr. Iyer at the Sr.

Caritas Cancer Center and his wonderful nurses, Becky, Katie and Cindy L. in the Infusion Department, and for the care and comfort given by Beacon Hospice. Funeral services for Bobby will be held Monday, October 7th, from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30AM in St. Cecilia's Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. Please meet directly at church. Committal service will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield. Calling hours are Sunday from 3-6PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sr. Caritas Cancer Center, 271 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

# Cemetery Details

## Gate of Heaven Cemetery

421 Tinkham Road  
Springfield, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
(413) 592-9256  
kozikowskifh@gmail.com

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 7. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Cecilia Church  
42 Main St.  
Wilbraham, MA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Robert was a very nice guy he was a patient at the dental office i work at he used to always come in a with a smile on his face and would always ask how i am i and my family doing a very caring guy may he rest in peace .

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**Vanessa** - October 05, 2024 at 06:43 PM