



Joseph M. "Mike" Dymon

March 1, 1939 - May 23, 2023

Joseph Michael Dymon (Mike), age 84, of Amherst, MA, passed away peacefully at home on May 23, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Ware, MA on March 1, 1939, to the late Andrew and Ruth (Holm) Dymon.

Mike attended Barre High School where he excelled in both Basketball and Baseball and received Most Valuable Player in 1955/1956. After high school, he went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University in 1961 and continued his schooling with a Master in Education. While in college he continued to play in various baseball leagues.

In 1962 he started his career path, working at East Corinth Academy in Maine, where he taught Science and Physical Education. In 1963-1967 he became the Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director for Wilmington High School in Vermont, where he became a baseball and basketball coach, his baseball team won the first state championship, the only one ever won by the school. He went on to teach at Quabbin Regional High School in Barre, MA. He was not only responsible for the Physical Education Department but became also involved with the coaching of Varsity Basketball and Baseball, leading his teams to many championships throughout the years, including a State Championship. He started the first Project Adventure Program sparking many students' interest in the outdoors. He taught determination, grit, and hard work and mentored many young men to play their hardest, even having two players drafted by the Major Leagues.

Throughout his career, he had coached numerous student-athletes; baseball, boys', and girls' basketball, cross-country, and soccer teams. He had received many awards and honors, including Resolutions by the Town of Barre, the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and the Massachusetts State Senate congratulating the Quabbin Regional High School Baseball team and Coach Dymon for winning the State Championship. He received Coach of the Year (Wachusett League) in 1987 and was inducted into the Mass. Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1988, he received the achievement award for 300 Quabbin Varsity Baseball Victories, and the 300 Victory Club by the Mass. Baseball Coaches Association. In 2006, he was inducted into the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was a member of the Mass. Baseball Coaches Executive Committee, Clinician at Mass. Baseball Coaches annual clinic, Central Mass. Board of Baseball Umpires, United States Soccer Federation, Western, and Central Mass. Board of Soccer Officials, and past President in 1972 of the Central Mass. Board of Soccer Officials.

Mikes unwavering passion for athletics and the great outdoors was infectious, and his daughter was captivated at an early age, together they explored the vast mountains and serene trails forging a bond that transcended the ordinary. With each adventure, he nurtured her sense of wonder and instilled in her an appreciation for the beauty and power of nature. He embraced the lessons imparted by sports, perseverance, teamwork, and a competitive spirit, he encouraged her athletic pursuits by coaching her, cheering her on from the sidelines, and celebrating her victories. His unwavering support and belief in her abilities fueled her passion for sports and provided the foundation for her drive and determination in all pursuits.

After his retirement, he and his wife Ute of 54 years spent their days enjoying traveling the world, exploring new places, and learning about different cultures. Keeping active hiking and bicycling all over Western Mass and beyond. He was an avid Red Sox fan even rooting for them until his passing. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Mike is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ute J. Dymon of Amherst, his loving and devoted daughter Rachel Dymon and her husband Roger Morin, his two grandchildren, whom he adored, Ryder and Rayne Morin Dymon all of Easthampton. Mike was predeceased by his sister Margaret Dymon.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday June 25th, 2023, from 11 AM - 2 PM at the American Legion Post 2, 450 S. Barre Rd., Barre, MA 01005.

DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton has been entrusted with his services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Quabbin Regional High School, Attn. Press Box Donations, 872 South St., Barre, MA 01005. For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com