



## Roger F. Avery

May 4, 1939 - February 11, 2020

Salem, NH-- Roger Fremont Avery, 80, of Salem, NH and former longtime Methuen resident died peacefully, with loving family at his bedside, on February 11, 2020 at High Pointe House in Haverhill, MA.

Mr. Avery was born on May 4, 1939 in Bangor, Maine, the only child of the late Fremont and Lottie (Soucy) Avery. After his father died when he was a child, Roger and his mother moved to Lawrence, MA.

He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1957. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1959 and served four years with the 8th Air Force Strategic Air Command until his honorable discharge in 1963. He worked in data processing, banking operations and security and retired from Pentucket Bank in Haverhill in 2003.

Roger was a long-time member of St. Monica's Church in Methuen, MA. He was active in the Knights of Columbus Council 4027 in Methuen and The Father O'Donnell Assembly in Lawrence. He was involved with several special needs programs and served on many committees. After retirement he continued to do bookkeeping for SJE Landscaping and Nevins Nursing Home. He served on the condo board of Kensington Place in Salem, NH. He loved music and played the organ.

He enjoyed family life and was a loving husband to his wife of 43 years, Elaine (Eddy) Avery of Methuen. Quite unexpectedly both Roger and Elaine lost their first spouses to cancer in 1973—Roger's wife, Lorraine, and Elaine's husband, James. Both spouses were in their 30s. Roger and Elaine were neighbors in Methuen at the time. Cooperation and friendship grew into love, and they were married in 1976, resulting in a beautiful blended family with six children ages 8-16. Theirs was an enduring romance proving that life does indeed give us second chances.

He is survived by his wife: Elaine; five children: Kimberly Avery and husband, Michael Pelland, of Fitchburg, Michelle Avery of Andover, Rhonda (Cote) Reynolds and husband, Dr. Owen Reynolds, of Haverhill, Steven Eddy and Jodi Callahan of Haverhill, and David

Eddy and wife, Donna, of Methuen. He was predeceased by his son, Wayne Eddy, and is survived by Wayne's wife, Liz Eddy, of Louisville, KY. He was the proud grandfather of Jennifer, Daniel and Kristin Eddy, Matthew and Candice Cote, Vanessa and Nicole Eddy, Kammarie and Michael Pelland and Claire and Sara-Grace Reynolds. He was honored to be the Papa of 15 great grandchildren.

Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Christopher Ip, Jill Francisco NP, Dr. Pedro Sanz, Katie Mitchell NP, Dr. David Goff and all their support staff for their extraordinary care and compassion over the last the last three years. Thanks also to the caregivers at Dana-Farber, Lawrence General Hospital, Merrimack Valley Hospice and High Pointe House. Roger and his family were enormously touched by the love, kindness, concern, home-cooked meals and prayers from their friends and neighbors.

Family and friends will honor and celebrate Roger's life by gathering for his calling hours on Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 2-5 pm at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM on Monday, February 17th at St. Monica's Church, 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Cremation will follow funeral services. Interment will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made online to [stjude.org](http://stjude.org) or mailed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Please include memorial ID# 11935650 with your donation. For directions or to send an online condolence, please visit [www.pollardfuneralhome.com](http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com). The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to serve the Avery family.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home  
233 Lawrence Street  
Methuen, MA 01844  
<https://www.pollardfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass

FEB **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Monica's Church  
212 Lawrence St.  
Methuen, MA 01844

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ *I went to High school with Roger and he was just a great kid at the time, later in life he was still the same, just a great person.*  
*Al DeLuca*



Al DeLuca - June 26, 2020 at 12:40 PM

Michael  
Lussier

“ *Dear Avery and Eddy family; Please accept my deepest condolences. I remember a car trip to the mountains with Aunt Elaine and Roger and David and myself. My favorite stop was the lower falls on the Kancamagus highway where we all spent a couple hours relaxing and having a great time. I'll miss you Uncle Roger.*



Michael Lussier - February 19, 2020 at 09:13 PM

JH

“ *Dear Elaine, Kim, and Michelle,*

*So sorry to hear about Uncle Roger, our thoughts and prayers are with you always...Love Jake and Steven*

Jake Huddleston - February 18, 2020 at 05:41 PM

AF

“ *Dear Elaine and Michelle, We will always remember Roger's friendly smile and generous heart. He was a very special man, We will miss seeing him, Jack, Alice and Bill Flynn*



alice flynn - February 16, 2020 at 09:07 AM

CH

“ Dear Mrs. Avery and Michelle,  
Thinking of you and all your family. Mr. Avery was a true gentleman whose kindness will be missed. Sincerely, Christine Harrington

christine harrington - February 15, 2020 at 09:53 PM

JH

“ Being a friend to Roger since the late fifties I have a lot of good memories of good times shared. I will miss his phone calls as a way of keeping in touch. My sincere condolences to Elaine and the family.

John and Sharon Huddleston

john & Sharon Huddleston - February 15, 2020 at 02:34 PM

JS

“ Joan And John Salvo lit a candle in memory of Roger F. Avery



Joan And John Salvo - February 14, 2020 at 09:27 AM

KH

“ Kellie Hayes lit a candle in memory of Roger F. Avery



Kellie Hayes - February 14, 2020 at 08:43 AM

PB

“ Pauline Belanger lit a candle in memory of Roger F. Avery



Pauline Belanger - February 14, 2020 at 06:20 AM

DL

“ Roger and I were good buddies while living on Middle Street in Old Town Maine. Unfortunately, Roger moved after his father died when I was in six grade and Roger 7th. We had many good times together. My sincere sorrow is extended to Elaine and family.  
Dick and Rosemary Leonard

Dick Leonard - February 13, 2020 at 10:34 PM

FB

“ Roger was such a sweet man, a loving family man with such a wonderful family. I've observed over so many years the true love between a husband and wife. They were a joy to be around and enjoyed life to the fullest. Roger always had a smile on his face. He will be missed but we were all so blessed just because we knew him. May he rest in peace, free of pain and illness. Sending heartfelt prayers to Elaine, Michelle and the rest of the family.

francine belluardo - February 13, 2020 at 10:31 PM

CP

“ Elaine,  
I'm so sorry. My prayers to you and your family. Roger was such a wonderful and kind soul. I'm very blessed to have known him.  
Love to you and your family.  
Chris

Christine Pelletier - February 13, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ Dear Michelle I'm sorry your father passed away. He's in heaven now.  
From your friend Jesse Colbert

Jesse Colbert - February 13, 2020 at 08:20 PM

 Kathy Lee

“ Elaine, I am so sorry to hear of Roger's passing. He was a such a nice man.  
Kathy Lee

Kathy Lee - February 13, 2020 at 05:09 PM

CG

“ One of the friendliest, kindest men we knew. Our love and condolences to Elaine. Heavenly Father is by your side. We will miss Roger. Used to love meeting you both at the ice cream stands💕 Love you Elaine 😊



Carroll and Barbara Goodwin - February 13, 2020 at 12:42 PM

PG

“ Michelle...sending condolences to you and your family. Your father was a very nice man, very kind and always caring about others. He will be missed.

Pam

Pam Gurrisi - February 13, 2020 at 10:21 AM

CT

“ CREST Skyworks Team lit a candle in memory of Roger F. Avery



CREST Skyworks Team - February 12, 2020 at 01:37 PM