

## John Codey



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1942-2012 New York Life Executive, Football Official

John D. Codey Jr. 70, of 132 Blythewood Dr. Pittsfield, passed away on September 11, 2012 from the effects of pancreatic cancer.

Born in Pittsfield on November 7, 1942, he was the son of J. Donald Codey Sr. and Martha Gross Codey. He was a graduate of Cranwell Preparatory School in Lenox, attended North Adams State Teachers College and served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps.

He leaves his dedicated and patient wife, the former Patricia Michaels, whom he married on September 2, 1967 in St. Mark's Church in Pittsfield, and whom he affectionately referred to as "Mother". Together they shared a passion and zest for life for over 45 years.

John recently retired as manager of the Berkshire County office of New York Life Insurance Company, where he was a registered Rep/Agent for over 38 years. He was a Life Member of both the Million Dollar Roundtable and the New York Life Club. He was previously employed at Union Federal Savings Bank and as a partner in MarCon Distributors.

His dedication to the charitable causes he deeply believed in, especially those involving young people, was both admirable and unrelenting, volunteering an untold number of hours to help others.

He was a major and moving force in the Monday Morning Quarterback Club, a football based group that raises money and provides scholarships to local high school football players through votes to induct former players, coaches and officials into its Hall of Fame. Known as the John D. Codey Jr. scholarships, more than \$80,000 has been distributed since its inception in 1962.

He was a founding member of the local Jimmy Fund chapter, assisting in running golf and youth baseball tournaments that raised money for cancer stricken children. He was a member of the Western MA chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, and a founding member and inductee of the Pittsfield Hoop Club.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, he was a prep school and college athlete, and also participated in local softball, football and basketball leagues before taking up sports officiating. He worked high school baseball and basketball games, but it was in football where he excelled as an official. With a common sense approach and a great feel for the game, John advanced through the ranks from high school to college Division 3, then to the Division 1 level of the ECAC, working college games around New England for over 30 years.

An affable and outgoing individual, fondly nicknamed "The Parrott", he was well versed in a variety of subjects and took great pleasure from his daily "banter" with friends and acquaintances, never hesitant to provide his unique perspective as extra "fuel for the fire" when the embers of discussion cooled.

There was no better friend to have. There in your time of need, there to share your joys and successes, and there to support your causes. A kind and sensitive person lurked beneath that happy-go-lucky, devil-may-care appearance. He was there for you anytime, anywhere. A true friend, who will be missed but always remembered.

But it was his family that he was most proud of, his quiet pride surfacing when discussing the accomplishments of children and grandchildren, although never in a boastful manner.

A great Dad and Grandfather to look up to, and to remember.

He is also survived by his four children, Patrick(wife Pamela), Christine Doyle, Kevin(wife Sharon) all of Pittsfield, Catherine Majka (husband James) of Carver, Mass.: eight grandchildren, Keira, Jenna, Kaden and Jason Codey, Colin and Chase Doyle and Olivia and Addison Majka, twin sisters Anne Mcelwain(husband Hugh) of Chicago, Mary McGurk(husband William) of Somers, Conn., brother Mark of Placerville, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

**FUNERAL NOTICE:** A liturgy of Christian Burial for Mr. John D. Codey Jr. will be celebrated on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 10 a.m. at St. Mark Church concelebrated by the Rev. John Salatino, pastor and Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor of St. Charles Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Calling hours at St. Mark Church will be Sunday, September 16, 2012 from 2 to 5 p.m. The omission of flowers is requested.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following charities, The Monday Morning Quarterbacks Club, the Jimmy Fund, The Pittsfield Hoop Club or to St. Mark Church, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201, in his memory. Please visit [www.dwyerfuneral.com](http://www.dwyerfuneral.com) to leave condolences and remembrances.



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