
IN MEMORIAM – ROBERT “BOB” CROWLEY JR.

On October 16th, 2018, Robert “Bob” Crowley Jr. passed away following a courageous battle with cancer. Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Susan Mary, their three children, and nine grandchildren.

Bob was born in Winthrop, MA on December 25, 1940, the first of six children born to Robert Edward and Margaret (Entwistle) Crowley. He graduated from Boston Cathedral High School and joined the printing industry, working first as a stock boy at Relief Printing in Boston, where he eventually became company president. He then became an executive with New England Business Service, which brought him to Peterborough. It was here that he established his own printing business, CPI Printing, in 1989, which he operated with his sons. Bob was grateful to have his children and grandchildren raised in Peterborough.

Bob was appointed to the Recreation Committee in 2002, and served as interim director until current Recreation Director Jeffrey King came on board in April of 2003. In a letter he wrote nominating Bob for the 2007 Tufts Distinguished Citizen Award, Jeff said Bob was of “great assistance” to him early in his tenure, and Bob collaborated with him on multiple occasions over the next few years to ensure the Recreation Department remained strong, even in challenging times. Bob was elected to the Recreation Committee again in 2004, and the rest of the committee promptly elected him as chairman. Even while self-employed full-time, Bob continued to show his commitment by working tirelessly on numerous projects, including the renovation of Adams Park, the accessibility project at Cunningham Pond, and the creation of Recreation Committee by-laws to ensure new members would have a thorough set of procedures to follow, and would share a clear vision of the Committee’s purpose and goals. The by-laws, the first the Recreation Committee had ever had, were adopted by the Committee approved by the Select Board in 2007.

Bob also served on the Board of Directors of the Monadnock Country Club, and sponsored the sports teams of his many grandchildren. Bob was active in the community on a continuous basis, and was especially enthusiastic about sports and recreation opportunities for young people. In 2015, he founded the Cougar Youth Sports Association to encourage youth sports for children in the ConVal school district.

It should be no surprise that Bob Crowley was granted the Tufts Distinguished Citizen Award that Jeff nominated him for in 2007. The Award is designed to recognize a “volunteer citizen whose efforts...have improved the quality of leisure opportunities,” which Bob certainly did for many years, to the benefit of Peterborough.

The legacy of Bob’s commitment and efforts remains, though his presence is greatly missed.