



L. Russell MacDonald

April 28, 1949 - July 6, 2018

North Hampton – L. Russell MacDonald, 69, of North Hampton, passed away peacefully July 6, 2018 at the Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover.

He was born April 28, 1949 in Milton, MA a son of the late Lawrence Woodrow MacDonald and Marjorie (Nichols) MacDonald Perrine.

Russ graduated from Weston, MA High School and Keene State College. He taught industrial arts, auto shop and driver education at Winnacunnet High School from 1971-1978. He also owned and operated MacDonald Home Construction 1979 to present, performing multiple carpentry skills building and remodeling homes.

Russ had a passion for all things “explosive” and this was exemplified as a professional fireworks technician for Atlas Display Fireworks for over 40 years. He would take time off from his construction business to shoot fireworks during the Fourth of July, for multiple cities and towns; New Year’ Eve Celebrations, at various ski mountains in New Hampshire and Maine; the Ritchie McFarland Fashion Show/Fundraiser; and multiple requests from area residents to celebrate birthdays, graduations, weddings, etc., with a personalized display.

Additionally, Russ would spend many hours in his barn creating over 30 working replicas of Civil War cannons. He was a member of the New Hampshire Pyrotechnics Association and enjoyed setting off his multiple cannons and remote boats rigged with fireworks, at the club shoots.

He was a member of the Seacoast Corvette Club, enjoyed all water activities on his 3 boats “Purple Panda,” “Marjorie” and “Run Around Sue”, Hobie Cat Sailing, snowmobiling, snow skiing, and riding his Goldwing motorcycle

He shared 44 years of marriage with his wife Susan Sallee (Rader) MacDonald. They were friends at Weston High School, dated when each was home from college and he

married the girl over the hill in 1974. They lived in Hampton while Russ taught until he built their home of 42 years in North Hampton.

In addition to his wife, family members include his son Robert MacDonald and his wife Elizabeth of Portsmouth, his daughter, Sandra Prenger and her husband Jonathan of Newfields, four grandchildren, Claire and Susie MacDonald, Jackson and Bradley Prenger, his sister, Joyce Endee and her husband Charles of Gilford, mother-in-law Sallee Rader; sister-in-law Sandra Manshel and her husband David; brothers-in-law Thomas Rader and his wife Stacie; James Rader and his wife Holly; 6 nieces and 4 nephews.

Visiting hours will be from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Friday, July 13, 2108 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Celebration of Life Services will be held at 11 A.M. Saturday, July 14, 2018 in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. The family asks that if you attend the visiting hours or Celebration of Life services and you have a picture of Russ that you would like to share, that you bring it and it will be posted on a display board. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hyder Family Hospice House(<http://friendsofhyderfamilyhospicehouse.org/donate>) 285 Country Farm Rd., Dover, NH 03820 or Transportation Assistance for Seacoast Citizens TA SC(<https://www.tasc-rides.org/donate>) 200 High St, Hampton, NH 03842.

Events

JUL 13 **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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JUL 13 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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JUL 14 **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the MacDonald family. I have great memories of Russ as a neighbor and at the high school. He was a great guy!
Alison Coffey Janvrin



Alison Coffey Janvrin - July 22, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ I met Russ as Mr. MacDonald, my automotive mechanics teacher in 1974. He helped the class do a ring job on his corvette- I can't believe he even let us touch it! Our paths crossed many times over the years as our kids grew up together in town. Susan, Bob and Sandra, I am so sorry for your loss. He was truly a special soul.
Joan Hutchinson Bauer

joan Bauer - July 15, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ Russ was the quintessential “good guy”. We have many fond memories of him. He will be missed.
Love, Jeff and Kathy

jeff little - July 13, 2018 at 08:17 AM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - July 13, 2018 at 07:59 AM



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Mark Chamberlain - July 11, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ Russ was a great friend who participated in my wedding party in June 1972.

Mark Chamberlain - July 11, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ We relied on Russ for many things. His excellent carpentry and for lighting up our sky. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.



Norm and Sandy - July 10, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ Brother of my dearest friend, Joyce, there are so many memories from years back. But one of my favorites is of Russ and I dancing in their parent's living room. At the end of the dance Russ dipped me and then just let me go--flat on the floor. We all laughed to much. It was typical of the kind of humor, practical jokes, and love of life Russ always had. Always a twinkle in the eyes and a smile. Russ, you will be missed by so many. Sending love to everyone in the family. Wish this candle was a firecracker being set off by him.

Sue and Frank McGowan



Sue and Frank McGowan - July 10, 2018 at 04:39 PM



“ Was so lucky to know Russ for many years, but my favorite memories are of a sailing trip we took in the Grenadines with Russ, Sue , Helen, Wayne, Peter and me. First Mate Russ kept the boat afloat with his sailing knowledge, his constant jokes and general good humor, and the occasional expletive when things went scarily wrong. His wry smile and twinkling eyes always made him a good dinner party companion, and one could all learn the many ways there are of how to blow things up. A great father to Bob and Sandra, wonderful husband to Sue, and good friend to us all. We will miss him dearly. Our love and condolences to the family. Peter and Cindy McArdle

Cynthia Lee - July 10, 2018 at 07:17 AM



“ So glad I had the chance to see Russ and Sue again at Cindy and Peter's going away party... What a wonderful person. So sorry for your loss.

Nancy Burke - July 07, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ Mark Mawson lit a candle in memory of L. Russell MacDonald



Mark Mawson - July 06, 2018 at 10:24 PM



“ Russ!! Gosh...I have so many memories of you....coming to the house for supper, giving me rides in your Corvette, you and my dad involved in Gad Mac Construction!!! I can not believe you are gone!!! Know that I hug you, love you, and wished my Gadwah family could have been more in touch with you after you and my dad had that business together. You were a significant part of my teen age life, back in the day. May God bless you and hold you close and know that you will be missed by so many whose lives you touched. Xxxoo

Diane Gadwah - July 07, 2018 at 12:03 AM



“ Russ and his whole family were an important part of Busy Beaver pre school. Sandra and Bobby were the first students. Sue was such a worker always doing what was best for the family. My sincere sympathies

Barbara Preston - July 06, 2018 at 08:12 PM