



## Richard A. Martin

August 7, 1959 - July 1, 2019

Conway, NH – Richard A. Martin (also known as Dad, Uncle Ricky, Papa, and Rick), was welcomed into heaven by his daughter Desiree on July 1, 2019. He was predeceased by the two strong women who raised him- his mother, Theresa Perry, and his grandmother, Irene Silva. He was survived by his children Alisha, Anjelica, Richie, and Michelle, his grandsons Caleb and Jackson, sister Donna, nieces and nephews Cheri, Samantha, Al, Andy and Hera, loving pets Lizzy, Bruschi, Molly, George, and Bling Bling, and many more cousins and friends. In every situation, Rick managed to collect friends and memories wherever he went.

Rick deeply admired nature and the outdoors and spent as much time as possible being surrounded by it, in any capacity. His passion stemmed from his youth, where he and a group of friends would often hitchhike from Cambridge, MA to the Kancamangus Highway in Conway, NH to backpack and camp in the White Mountain National Forest. Though he no longer hitchhiked, his love for camping, bonfires, and long nature walks never faded. As he grew older, he got his nature fix by spending several hours a day filling up his many bird feeders and sitting on the back deck, watching them be enjoyed. In the winter time, he loved to take long car rides in blizzards to watch the trees pile up with snow, and in thunderstorms, he loved to sit in the screened in porch to watch and listen in complete fascination.

Rick had a childlike wonder. He was amazed by small things, some that many of us look past in our day to day lives. Hanging strawberry plants, smooth sea glass washed ashore, fallen bird feathers, and Hostess cherry pies were a few things that could always bring a smile to his face. Born and raised in Cambridge, MA, Rick was also a very passionate, diehard Boston Red Sox and Patriots fan. The only time he ever raised his voice out of frustration, was when either a close Red Sox or Patriots game was on the tv (or when squirrels were trying to steal bird seed out of the feeders).

Most important of all, Rick was a peaceful warrior. During the final months of his life, he was diagnosed with metastatic cancer. The thought of these evil, mutated cells taking over

his body scared his family and friends down to the core. Throughout the many appointments, medications, and panicked phone calls, Rick stayed strong, like a hearty oak tree. He began every day with a positive outlook, always telling them to send out “positive vibes.” And that was just the kind of man Rick was – always focused on making the best of the day you were given, never about tomorrow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider rescuing your next pet from a shelter, donating to a cancer research organization, hanging up a bird feeder, or planning a camping trip with your family.

# Comments

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“ Hi daddy... I miss you so much... Every day I leave work I always go to call you. I don't think It'll ever feel real that you are no longer here on earth with us. So much has happened in the last 4 months and you are always the first person I think of sharing the news with. I have been trying my hardest to keep busy and not be sad but the sadness is always there, the lump in my throat, the pain in my chest. I am just thankful that this time around, it is only me who is hurting, not you anymore. You deserve a break! I love you so much and I hope you are eating all the fried clams and rootbeer your heart desires :) <3 love always, your little girl



**Alisha Martin** - November 01, 2019 at 10:43 AM

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“ Ricky I will ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU RUNNING thru Nanas house yelling MA can I go play ball, go to the park , get an ice cream her answer was ALWAYS yes! She adored you! Ricky ,I love you little cousin and I am saddened that I will never get to hear your laugh again BUT I remember it! I also remember your love of music but most of all your Love for your children Fly high little cousin till we meet again

**marianne** - July 23, 2019 at 06:03 AM

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“ So many memories...just the past year spending time w you and caleb was amazing 3 generations in the same space playing lazer tag or "trying" to body surf at the beach, greatwolfledge ,bowling, escape room, movies out eat to eat or just hanging out on the porch makes me think of putnagardens, CB @ night fishing down the river, taught me to ride a bike play baseball, took me to my baseball football games sox games, canobie lake ,play land, old orchard, HBO and pizza ring me you and nanna, many talks on the Franklin st porch. Everybody knew me as lil Rick and always felt incredibly proud because everyone in our area of Cambridge gave me respect that knew you.. wakefield lynfield quincy leominster fitchburg... didnt matter where you were or who you was with I always felt at home and I always had fun. thank you dad love you..

**Richie martin** - July 21, 2019 at 09:42 PM

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“ My cousin Ricky and I shared so many memories with our Nana...i know they are together now.

**annie** - July 20, 2019 at 03:16 PM

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“ What a beautiful write up of his life.  
Although I never met you, I know how close you and Donna we're by her posts. Rest easy with the Angels now.  
Sending prayers and strength to your family

**Roseann** - July 19, 2019 at 09:06 AM

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“ I am Ricky's cousin a few years older. Our families spent many Thanksgivings together when we were growing up. I teased him every year by predicting that he would be the first one to rip the paper turkey table cloth. He was usually true to form. I didn't get to know much of the man Ricky turned out to be. It seems Ricky was surrounded by many love ones and enjoyed life. I am sorry to hear of his passing, May God Bless Ricky and family. I plan on filling the bird feeder tomorrow.

**Dianne "Deede" Bartalamia** - July 18, 2019 at 09:07 PM

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“ I am forever grateful to you for the gift of Alisha Martin... you raised a strong, beautiful, loving and amazing woman that will carry your spirit until she meets you and her dear sister again. Thank you Rick Martin, may you and Desiree rest in eternal peace together

**jackie jones** - July 18, 2019 at 07:12 PM

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“ I was fortunate enough to know Uncle Ricky through my sister in law. He was such a nice man. So nice, that I hoped to see him at every function. He was fun, funny and just a great addition to our family. I will miss him So sorry to all close family for their loss. Thank you for sharing him

**Leeanne Kelly** - July 18, 2019 at 06:38 PM

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“ I met his daughter through my son, then briefly met Rick once or twice. Having spent much time in the company of Rick's loving, thoughtful, compassionate daughter I know that he was a Great Dad and a Great Man (he had to be to raise a young lady like that) - who will be dearly missed but his memory will be most definitely lovingly cherished by many. Godspeed.

**Kelley Parker** - July 18, 2019 at 05:17 PM

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“ Rick, I can't thank you enough for always believing in me. You took me in when I was at my lowest, you supported me and made sure I knew my potential. I'll never forget the laughs, the jokes, the hard times, and the good. The world lost one amazing man, we'll miss ya

**Kaitlyn** - July 18, 2019 at 12:52 PM

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“ Ricky was a special guy that we got to meet and enjoy watching the Pats with my wife Gail, daughter Melissa ,and myself at Al and Cherilee's. He always had a smile and how he dealt with his situation was humbling,he will be missed dearly but never forgotten by those who were lucky enough to get to know him.

**Russ Govertsen** - July 18, 2019 at 12:21 PM

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“ ricky when i was a teen we hang round together i will miss you my friend love you  
jeanette

**jeanette wackrow** - July 18, 2019 at 11:35 AM

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“ The world is a little darker without you in it Rick, thank you for always believing in me, and never judging me.. the world didn't deserve a man like you!

**aliza drouin** - July 18, 2019 at 10:20 AM

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“ I am so grateful to have had Rick and all of his daughters in my life. Rick and the girls were right by my side trying to help me get through my mothers passing at nearly 15 in any way possible. The doors were always open as were his big bear hugs and constant laughter. I am so thankful that after years had passed I saw this beautiful girl walk into my work looking for a job, ALISHA?! Reuniting with you and Dad was the best!! We had a great couple years again, going out to Chinese food and the frequent visits from him at the penguin. My heart is so sad, but I try my hardest to think of him dancing around singing to what a wonderful world He has always been an Angel. I love you all so very much. Love always, Shauna

**Shauna Hewitt** - July 18, 2019 at 10:14 AM

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“ Thank you for being a great papa to caleb he absolutely adored you! Greatful for the time you had together.. Rest in paradise!



**Kathleen Keefe** - July 18, 2019 at 10:02 AM