



Charles Richard Murdoch

September 18, 1938 - November 5, 2022

Hampton - Charles R. (Dick) Murdoch, 84, of Hampton NH, formerly of Beverly and Reading, MA died Saturday November 5, 2022 after a sudden illness. He was born in Medford, MA September 18, 1938 a son of the late Craig and Priscilla (Spinney) Murdoch.

Dick was raised in Reading and graduated from Reading Memorial High School with the Class of 1956. A member of DeMolay, he attended Lawrence Academy, Colby College, received his bachelor's degree from Babson College and his M.Ed from Salem State University. Mr. Murdoch taught at Robin Hood Elementary, Central and Stoneham Middle School in Stoneham, MA from 1966-2000.

A defining quality in Dick's nature was his love for people. He made friends everywhere he went. He volunteered for many different organizations from the Parks and Rec in Stoneham to coaching JV and Varsity baseball in Reading. He served as the Boosters club president, volunteered at Portsmouth Regional Hospital and coached his three sons in several sports. After a long day teaching Dick had various side jobs from a rug cleaning business to a chain of laundromats. He was a voracious reader and an avid runner. Consuming crime and mystery novels and running everyday, sometimes twice. He could never sit still, everything he did was in service to another and his family. He had boundless energy right up to his last hours.

Dick shared 61 years of a loving marriage with his wife Pamela (Swain) Murdoch. Every Saturday night Pam and Dick would dress up and go out dancing. They would dance to anything, the faster the better. He loved music ranging from the Beach Boys to Nat King Cole. His children will remember the impromptu dance sessions that would break out on Sunday mornings with the Beach Boys and Elvis Presley playing on the stereo. Dick and Pam spent their last years in Hampton, near the beach where they would walk the sands and swim in the cold Atlantic. He was loved and will be missed by many.

In addition to his wife he leaves three sons, Richard Murdoch and his wife Caroline of Derry NH, Timothy Murdoch of San Diego, CA, Stephen Murdoch and Kristin Grunzweig of Monson, MA, four grandchildren, Craig and Dylan, Grace and Thomas, four great grandchildren, Colyn and Maya, Elias and Eleanora, two brothers, David Murdoch of Port St Lucie, FL, Robert Murdoch and wife Karen of Naples ME.

Visiting hours will be from 1 - 3PM, Thursday November 10 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton NH. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

Previous Events

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sad to hear of Dick's passing. We were best friends, summers in Duxbury Ma in the early 50's. I did get talk to him about a year ago a bit about the past. RIP Dick.*

Alan Hughes - February 12, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Richard Murdoch.*



November 10, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Richard Murdoch.*



November 09, 2022 at 08:36 PM

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“ *I worked with Dick at Stoneham Middle School in 1994-95 and he was legendary in the building. What humour he had - loved by students and staff alike. One of his side jobs was working at the liquor store in Reading and I would stop in to just chat and shoot the breeze. He always made time for me and it was wonderful growing up with the Murdoch family in my life. Thank you Dick Murdoch for the time you gave me - you touched many. Teddy Hall, Reading MA*

Ted Hall - November 09, 2022 at 05:03 PM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - November 09, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Dick’s passing. It was a pleasure working with him at the Stoneham Middle School for many years. He made teaching there so enjoyable with his humor and kindness. My deepest sympathy to Pam, their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and his siblings.
Pat Poole Fallon

Pat Fallon - November 08, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ Elizabeth Surette and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Richard Murdoch.



Elizabeth Surette and Family - November 08, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles Richard Murdoch.



November 08, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Charles Richard Murdoch.



November 07, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Our condolences to Dick's family. He was a long time friend and classmate who will be greatly missed by all, especially his group of "Rockets", with whom he spent many happy times. May he Rest In Peace. Jim and Helen Sellers*

jim sellers - November 07, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *Absolute Machinery Corp purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Charles Richard Murdoch.*



Absolute Machinery Corp - November 07, 2022 at 09:28 AM