



Dana K. Shields

February 10, 1953 - August 22, 2018

Dover - Dana Kirk Shields was born on Feb. 10, 1953 in Salem MA but called New Hampshire home from the age of 7 on. He went to North Hampton Elementary and, in 1972, he graduated from Winnacunnet High School where he played football and basketball. Dana was a union bricklayer for many years, working mostly on the seacoast. He was a free spirit who loved surfing, classic rock, and exploring meditation and other forms of spirituality.

In the course of his 65 years he also knew hard times and had his struggles with homelessness and alcoholism. A kind and authentic man and a spiritual searcher, he was always willing to help others. He greatly appreciated the community he found in AA Meetings, where he shared with candor, and at the Hampton Soup Kitchen, which was a warm and reliable source of support.

Dana was pre-deceased by his mother, Mildred Durham; his step father, Gene; and his father, Bob, who died when Dana was 8 years old. He is survived by his 3 siblings, Bob of Bedford, NH; Karen of Concord, NH; and Marty of Palm Bay, FL, along with a niece, Katie; and a nephew, Jake. He is also survived by his good friend Jim Pelletier.

Dana was a resourceful and resilient survivor. Admitted to Portsmouth Hospital with a devastating illness nearly 9 months ago, he was unable to recover, despite his remarkable efforts. He died on August 22 at Hyder Family

Hospice in Dover, where he received excellent, compassionate care in his final days.

A good soul, big-hearted, cooperative and generous, Dana will be well-remembered and sorely missed by those who knew and loved him.

A celebration of Dana's life will be held at 4 PM September 28, 2018 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton. Donations in his memory may be made to the Hampton Beach Soup Kitchen www.svdphampton.com or Hyder Family Hospice House, 276 County Farm Road, Dover, NH 03820.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **28**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dana K. Shields*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest condolences to the Shields family. Dana was married to my mom for a number of years and helped her through many hard times even after they divorced. I will be forever grateful for his love for her and how he continued to care for her during the last years of her life. Dana had a kind heart for all.*

Elyse Cookson - September 28, 2018 at 05:56 AM



“ *MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. RIP DANA.
MARGE DIGNAM*

MARGE DIGNAM - September 25, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *Many memories of good times with Dana and his beloved dog, Spewey. Sending condolences. -Amanda (Cookson) Armstrong*

Amanda Armstrong - September 24, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ *I was so sorry to read of Dana's passing. I will miss running into him around town. Best wishes to Karen and the entire Shields family.
Glen Webb*

Glen Webb - September 23, 2018 at 11:39 AM

Tracy
Burke

“ Tracy Burke lit a candle in memory of Dana K. Shields



Tracy Burke - September 18, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ Not only did I graduate with Dana he was on my debate team. Imagine the two of us against any subject. We were good. The last few years we reconnected at the soup kitchen. He was so easy to wait on and thankful for everything. He still was up on all current events so the conversation was unending. He would always stay to the end to help us clean up.

You were a strong soul with a journey and a half that made you better with each turn after you negotiated the bumps. You will be missed by many.

Rest well my friend until we meet again.

Deb Kiernan

Deb Kiernan - September 11, 2018 at 04:51 PM

JB

“ Dana's robust laugh is etched within my mind's eye and heart. RIP Dana...

John Bajowski - September 08, 2018 at 12:01 PM

PO

“ *My house will stand as a continuous memorial to Dana. He pointed the brickwork of its foundation! What a gentle soul he was. Took each day as it came and lived it to the best of his ability. May he be well and happy in his new place. Thank you Karen for taking such good care of him!*

Peg O'Neil - September 08, 2018 at 08:57 AM



“ *Dana was an awesome friend in AA and a great human being. May God rest your soul brother... I know you'll catch my brother, Bill, in the Kingdom! See you again when I get 'home'.*
Jane (Fisher) Kirk

Jane Kirk - September 08, 2018 at 07:34 AM

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“ *Karen so sorry about dana he was a great classmate and a great friend,i am glad to have known him all these years,i will miss seeing him coming in to Hannaford and talking with him about the good old days at school and fellow classmates,i wish you lots of love,you are a good friend as well,take care,i will not be able to make the service,have to work,but my prays are with you*

allen mosher - September 07, 2018 at 08:37 PM