



James Richard Gard

September 19, 1967 - May 4, 2013

North Hampton – James Richard Gard, 45, of North Hampton, died Saturday, May 4, 2013 peacefully in his bed while reading.

He was born September 19, 1967 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Raised in Rye, he graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy with the class of 1985 and spent his Senior year abroad in Rennes, France. He graduated from Carnegie–Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA with the Class of 1989 as a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Jim was employed as a sales manager in the technology field. He was passionate about spending time with his “Tiffy”, his family, as well as tending to his garden, fishing his local favorite spots, voraciously reading and cooking for those he loved. “Bean” had tremendous affection for his two nieces, Madeleine and Sylvie, and nephew Shea, and was much loved by them in return.

Jim was a true gentle man who was adored by all those who knew him. His legacy will live on in so many fantastic stories and in many, many hearts.

He leaves his beloved fiancé, E. Tiffany McCann of Rye Beach, his mother, Michelle (Chateauneuf) Canty and her husband Jack of Rye, his father, James

T. Gard and his wife Pat of Durham, two sisters, Carrie Gard Winter and her husband Michael of North Hampton, Amy Gard Green and her husband Jamie and their three children Madeleine, Shea, and Sylvie of Rye Beach, three step brothers, Jason Canty and his wife Moira and their two children, of South Berwick, ME, Aaron Canty and his wife Stephanie and their two children of Exeter, Michael Ridlon-Gard and his daughter Deborra Wilson of Durham, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends whom he cherished.

A celebration of his life will be held and announced at a later date, the burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's name to The Library at Phillips Exeter Academy, 20 Main Street, Exeter, NH 03833 Attn: Bonnie Weeks, and Goss Farm, Rye Conservation Committee, 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870 and The SPCA of NH, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Richard Gard*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Christopher Smith - February 28, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Have known Jim since grade school,I ran into him at North Beach B&G last year and caught up after many years.He was still the same person and we had many laughs that night,I know he will be missed by all!!My sincere condolences to his family. Matt Hartley*

Matt Hartley - June 06, 2013 at 05:53 PM



“ *Jim was such a positive guy and it was always an honor and a privilege to hang out with him and Don Hart in their cool corner "balcony room" when I was new at school and at Kappa Sigma and throughout the years we were there. His attitude and energy made the place better and I'm sure he had the same impact on all of his friends and family. My condolences those he left behind. While we can't go back in time 25 minutes any more than we can go back 25 years, we will all carry the good memories forever.*

Dave Freedman - May 25, 2013 at 09:04 PM

SB

“ After having been fraternity brothers at KappaSig, Jim and I got reacquainted when I moved to Boston. Not knowing anyone else in the city, Jim was the best friend a guy could have. He showed me around some great places to eat and drink (of course!), introduced me to REAL crab cakes, and even helped me move in.

I'll miss you Jim - we'll keep the "Gard House" ready for you in case you ever come to visit again...

Our condolences to the Gard family, especially including Tiffany.

Sheri & Mike Boncaldo - May 24, 2013 at 04:27 PM

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Kristine Stringer - May 24, 2013 at 07:50 AM

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Kevin Duggan - May 24, 2013 at 07:42 AM

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Roger and Helen Duhamel - May 24, 2013 at 07:42 AM

LG

“ My memories are of family, cousins, and uncles laughing, eating together, always joking. Cousin Jimmy always with a big smile and golden brown curls. I send my love and heartfelt sorrow to my family, cousins and uncles. Our time is so short and it seems like the most special ones are just a brief moment of time in our lives. The next journey has begun and they will be ready to help us when it is time to join them in the light. - Lisa Gard

Lisa Gard - May 23, 2013 at 06:09 PM

KE

“ I remember Jim so fondly from our time at CMU. That smile in the picture above perfectly captures him! He had a terrific good nature and loved life. I'm sure his family and friends miss him terribly, and will pray for you all. - Kenny

Kenny - May 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

RR

“ Jim was a wonderful man, and I remember him as someone I would commonly go to for advice, or just to talk. He was always open, and willing to give of himself for those around him. I'm proud to have known him, and have him as a fellow Kappa Sig brother. He will be sorely missed, and my condolences to his friends, family, and fiance.

Rich Robinson - May 21, 2013 at 05:26 PM

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AA

“ Family is our strength, our parents taught us that. We will miss you "Jimbo" that big welcoming smile. It is oh to soon for you to leave, I know you have many special loved ones to welcome you home. Remember, the sun always shines behind the clouds! Our love and blessings are extended to all our cousins and family members.
Love, Mary, Alan, & Steve

Alan & Mary Atwood - May 16, 2013 at 02:18 PM

CS

“ My daughter is 8 and my son just turned 7. I met Jimmy when I was about 7. I remember the big hole being dug for the home on Dow Lane. I'd go throw the big rocks into the hole. Then the home was built and a new family moved in. They were really nice. I'd play all day with Jimmy and Lantz and Brett. Then we built a house on the other side of town and I had new friends but I always missed those good old days on Dow Lane. I hope my kids make great memories like I did with those guys. See ya Jimmy. Take care. Chris

Chris Smith - May 16, 2013 at 02:17 PM

"G

“ To my cousin. It just seems like yesterday I was giving you piggyback rides. Then watching you grow into the fine man you became. Where did the time go ? The last time we met at the family reunion we shared some beer together and reminisced about our younger days. I'm glad we spend the time and will cherish the memory forever. Rest in Peace my cousin. You will be always remembered and very missed. Tad Gard

"Tad" Gard - May 16, 2013 at 02:17 PM

BG

“ Jim was a classmate and fraternity brother of mine at CMU. His infectious personality, great sense of humor, and appetite for adventure made Jim someone we always wanted to be around. He will be greatly missed by all. My sincerest condolences to Jim's family.

Bryan Garrett - May 16, 2013 at 02:17 PM

PO

“ With sincerest condolences for your loss. The thoughts and prayers of your GE family are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Patrick O'Mahoney - May 16, 2013 at 02:16 PM

NM

“ Heartbreaking news! I am very sad. I knew Jim at CMU....he will always have a special place in my heart, he was a very loving guy...my deepest sympathies to his family, fiancée and friends!!!

Nicole M Miller - May 16, 2013 at 02:16 PM

DM

“ I have had the pleasure of working with Jim professionally and the great pleasure of working with Carrie on a daily basis. Words cannot express how sorry I am for what you are all going through. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Dan

Dan Martin - May 16, 2013 at 02:16 PM

JD

“ ¿Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.¿ Jacquie DeFreze Rye Elementary

jacquie DeFreze - May 16, 2013 at 02:16 PM

RD

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your son. Sincerely, Ron and Bernadette

Ron & Bernadette DeNeve - May 16, 2013 at 02:15 PM

MW

“ Our deepest sympathies to you all. They are never truly gone, when you least expect it a wisp, a hint, a subtle reminder and Jim will be there.

Mim and Seely White - May 16, 2013 at 02:15 PM

JC

“ Jim was a wonderful guy. The last time we spoke we were discussing what a shame it was that Paul Conti had died so young. We said that we would definitely make a better effort to stay in touch, and he said I would be seeing an invitation to the wedding soon. It is still on our counter, and I remember my wife remarking on what a beautiful invitation it was, and how I should return it soon because she hated it when she didn't get the invites back right away. I am rambling here because I just can't believe he is gone. I feel terrible for his fiancé, and even more terrible that I haven't met her yet. I guess the lesson to learn is to hug your family more often, hug your friends more often, because you never know what the next day will bring. But I don't want lessons. I just want Jim back. It's way too soon. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family, and especially his fiancé. Sincerely, John Considine

John Considine - May 16, 2013 at 02:15 PM

BB

“ My deepest sympathies to all in the family. Jimmy was one of the greats of all time. I will miss him and promise to pray for him always. With love and prayers, Brian Buckley

Brian Buckley - May 16, 2013 at 02:14 PM

CW

“ Jim, I was in the garden yesterday planting the seeds we bought together; I stepped back and thought I can't wait for you to stop by so we can talk through this years strategy. How can we avoid the bunnies eating the peas and lettuce, how can we keep the raccoons from taking the corn just moments before it is ready to pick, the new plan for the tomato plants to avoid the blithe. Then I remembered. I miss you already.

Carrie Gard Winter - May 16, 2013 at 02:14 PM