



## Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft

December 28, 1963 - June 11, 2013

Rye – Joseph R. “Rick” Bancroft, Jr., 49, of Rye, formerly of Lakeville, MA, died Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at Concord Hospital.

Rick was born in New Bedford, MA on December 28, 1963, the son of the late J. Richard Bancroft, Sr. and Eleanor C. (Chase) Bancroft.

He was raised in Lakeville and graduated from Apponequet High with the Class of 1982. As a sales manager for Green Mountain Coffee Roasters for the past eleven years, he put great commitment and dedication to his career, but his first priority and true-love was his family. Rick’s greatest happiness came from spending time with them and supporting their activities and he was absolutely adored by his three children.

Family members include his wife of over 12 years, Jill (Reiter) Bancroft and their children, Jenna, Jocelyn and Patrick of Rye, his sisters, Joanne Gonsalves of Acushnet, MA and Corinne Renker and her husband David of West Hartford, CT, his brother Kevin Bancroft and his wife Kathy of Lakeville, his in-laws, Tom and Donna Reiter of Rye, his brother-in-law Ric Reiter and his wife Jill of Tewksbury, NJ and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be from 5 – 8 pm on Sunday, June 16 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. A Mass of

Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11 am in St. Theresa Church, 715 Central Rd., Rye, NH. Calling hours will also be held on Tuesday, June 18 from 5 – 8 pm in the Dahlborg-MacNevin Funeral Home, 280 Bedford St., Lakeville, MA. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private in the Sampson Cemetery, Lakeville. If desired, donations may be made to the Bancroft Children's College Fund, c/o Peabody Financial, Bancroft Family. Checks can be made payable to Fidelity 529, 484 Lowell Street, Suite 2B, Peabody, MA 01960. Visit [www.RemickGendron.com](http://www.RemickGendron.com) to view the memorial website, sign the tribute wall, or for directions.

# Cemetery Details

## Sampson Cemetery

Lakeville, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Visitation

JUN **18**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dahlborg-Mac Nebin Funeral Home  
280 Bedford Street  
Lakeville, MA 02347

# Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - June 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Dear Jill & family, I spoke to your Mom earlier; we were traveling to NY when your wonderful husband died. I was VERY SAD & SHOCKED about his death. If there is anything that we can do, we will !!!! We are sending a gift for the children's educational fund. I just remember your" beautiful" wedding & how wonderful you both looked together. Rick ALWAYS had a gentle & kind "smile" which made others "feel" comfortable. I'm also sending my deepest sympathy for the death of your Mother-in-law. You, Jill, are a very strong & courageous woman; I know that you will feel this strength as the months pass. God bless U & the children & all of your family & Rick's family.*

*We love you and hope to talk soon.*

*Again, our sympathy to all, in remembering Rick.*

*Shirley & Denny Williams*

*Saratoga Spr, NY*

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**Shirley Williams** - July 22, 2013 at 11:08 AM

SB

“ *Jill, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. The memories can never be taken away and I truly feel blessed to have known Rick.*

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**Sue Bourque** - July 18, 2013 at 09:14 PM

KK

“ *Jill, I'm so sad to hear of Rick's passing. My heart is broken for you and your young family. I can't imagine how you must feel and I am so sorry. Please know I am thinking and praying for you and your beautiful children. Kara Karo*

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**Kara Karo** - June 26, 2013 at 08:41 PM

SB

“ *Rick was a wonderful person...a light in the world has been extinguished...my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

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**Susan Brown** - June 20, 2013 at 10:29 AM

BM

“ *It was my great honor to know Rick Bancroft....he was truly an honorable man.....All that knew him will miss him deeply.....I am a much better person for knowing him.*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, children and family. In you and his friends Rick will never be forgotten.*

*Bill McCauley*

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**bill mccauley** - June 20, 2013 at 06:13 AM



Dan  
Baer

“ Rick's smile continues to light up the world every time I think of him. He was a great friend and true mentor and I'm a better man for having known him. Godspeed to the loving arms on the other side and God Bless Jill, Jenna, Jocelyn and Patrick.  
Dan Baer

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**Dan Baer** - June 19, 2013 at 01:30 PM



BK

“ Jill and family,  
Rick brought such a positive attitude to everything and everybody he came across. I saw him at a show and we laughed about our days at General Foods. The smile was contagious and the spirit was so big and bright. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time.  
Bill Kirchoff

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**Bill Kirchoff** - June 18, 2013 at 07:37 PM



JS

“ Dear Jill,  
My heart goes out to you, my dear friend, and your beautiful children. I've been thinking of you constantly through this very difficult past few weeks. I pray you will find peace in remembering fun and loving times with Rick. If you should ever need a shoulder to lean on or a friend to spend time with, I am here for you.  
With love,  
Jill

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**Jill Salvail** - June 18, 2013 at 06:47 PM

DF

“ So saddened to hear of Rick's passing. His smile, love of his family and the joy in the job well done..all memories I will treasure..Thanks to his family for sharing him with our GMCR family, we were made so much more richer with him.

*Donna French*

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**Donna French** - June 17, 2013 at 06:25 PM



“ I remember Rick being a great friend that was always kind, cheerful, thoughtful, helpful and most of all a genuine caring fellow worker. I would always seek him out at company events, people including myself just loved him and to be around him. I often updated him on the status of my family and we shared stories about his, although I never had the opportunity to meet them, I just saw a picture on this wall, what a beautiful family. I can't imagine how hard it is to lose such a wonderful loving husband and father. My thoughts, heart and prayers will always be directed to his family.

*Smile on Rick, we will meet again someday!*

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**Rod Ely** - June 17, 2013 at 02:52 PM

DB

“ David Blake lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft



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**David Blake** - June 17, 2013 at 10:23 AM

TG

“ Whenever you called Rick, the voice at the other end always said the same thing: "Rick Bancroft....how may I help you ?" ...and the thing was, you knew Rick meant that every single time !

*It has been said the best gift you can give anyone is a smile ! Rick had that gift...Rick was that gift.*

*May the memory of Rick ALWAYS bring a smile.....*

*Tom Gardner*

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**Tom Gardner** - June 17, 2013 at 07:16 AM

BR

“ Love you and miss you uncle Ricky! Love,  
bryan



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**bryan renker** - June 16, 2013 at 02:36 PM

AR

“ Aaron Renker lit a candle in memory of  
Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft



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**aaron renker** - June 16, 2013 at 02:34 PM

DI

“ Rick empowered me to live my life with intention, to make what I do matter, and to surround myself with people who add to the quality of my life. It was a privilege and honor to work for Rick, as he led our team with passion, honesty, clarity, respect, and most of all compassion. He was just as clear with his expectations around our goals and responsibilities to the business, as he was about our personal goals and responsibilities. He would remind us that the job demanded we juggle lots of things every day, but we needed to place the things we treasured most in a crystal ball. That crystal ball was never to hit the ground, and he was always there to support that most important goal.

Rick led by example, keeping his family in his thoughts every minute of every day. His face beamed and his voice welled with pride when he spoke of Jill, Jenna, Jocelyn and Patrick. I recently spent a day working beside Rick. As he opened his computer, his gaze softened and that great big smile passed over his face. I looked over and realized that he began and ended every workday gazing lovingly at a photo of his precious family-- his greatest source of joy.

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**Diane Isaacson** - June 16, 2013 at 12:11 PM

SA

So true!

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**Sara** - June 18, 2013 at 10:25 AM

Jl

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**Jill** - June 16, 2013 at 06:35 AM

Jl

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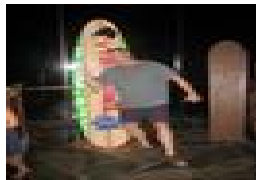


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**Jill** - June 16, 2013 at 06:22 AM

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**Jill** - June 16, 2013 at 06:13 AM

RA

*Love all the photos you are adding!*

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**Raylene** - June 16, 2013 at 06:30 AM

Jl

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Jill - June 16, 2013 at 06:11 AM



What a beautiful Family. I am so sad for your loss, Rick was an incredible, loveable, friendly hard working Dad. Rod Ely - Stowe, Vermont

Rod Ely - June 17, 2013 at 02:44 PM

JB

“ Always considerate and caring, respectful and kind, Rick was a truly genuine person in every respect. The smile, the voice, the way his face lit up when he spoke of his family - Rick made this world a better place for all who knew him. How lucky we are to have had Rick in our lives.

"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again." ~Maya Angelou

Jeanne Benecke - June 15, 2013 at 04:32 PM

JB

“ Jeanne Benecke lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft



Jeanne Benecke - June 15, 2013 at 02:48 PM

SL

“ Dear Jill and Family:

*We are so saddened about losing someone too early in time and with a life so full of love and family. I will always remember when I first met you and Rick , a young couple coming to look at a puppy to add to your life, I remember the joy in your faces as you drove away with the new addition and the stories you shared of Rick laying with the puppy during the first nights home during that time of transition; then your family grew with more love as you welcomed each new child and we saw your family grow in love and strength with each new beautiful smile, ones that came directly from the faces of you and Rick. The Bancroft family is intact, bonded together with so much love and so many memories that tears can never lessen; the memories and love that live on in hearts and eventually in all the smiles. We love all of you and please know that you have our love, thoughts and prayers always; we are here if you ever need anything, anytime, anywhere; with all our love, Susan, Brittany Lemos and Family*

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**Susan Lemos** - June 15, 2013 at 07:50 AM

JH

“ *We will miss seeing the Bancroft family intact. How we loved Rick's optimism and good nature...his enthusiasm for life. Always happy, caring and considerate of others...We will miss you Rick and the happiness you brought to our family. Dave, JoAnn & Taylor Hodgdon*

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**JoAnn Hodgdon** - June 14, 2013 at 07:20 PM

JS

“ *Jim Schuman lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft*



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**Jim Schuman** - June 14, 2013 at 06:32 PM

JS

*Death is nothing at all...*

*Death is nothing at all ... I have only slipped away into the next room ... I am I, you are you ... whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone, wear no solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effect, without the ghost of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Do not put me out of mind because I am out of sight. Look to your heart ... I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner ... all is well with me and you until we meet again.*

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**Jim Schuman** - June 14, 2013 at 06:36 PM

DC

“ *Rick was the genuine article. A great family man and a great friend. He made me smile every single time I saw or spoke with him. I miss him dearly already. May he rest in peace.*

*Dan Cignarella*

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**Dan Cignarella** - June 14, 2013 at 06:01 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft.*



June 14, 2013 at 05:52 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft.*



June 14, 2013 at 05:49 PM



“ *Mary Leonard Davis lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft*



**Mary Leonard Davis** - June 14, 2013 at 05:37 PM



“ *"Only time moves on to the next scene. Memory remains part of the heart forever" - Unknown. Rick was one of those people who once you met him, you'd never forget him. His personality was huge and he knew how to make you smile in any situation. My sincerest sympathies to his wife and children, to Kevin, Joanne and Corrine. Jacki (Roberts) Dooley*

**Jacki** - June 14, 2013 at 01:03 PM

SM

“ I didn't know Rick well, but I will never forget his amazing smile. I feel fortunate to have met him briefly while working at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. My prayers and well wishes go out to his family; may they find solace in the joyful memories shared by everyone who knew him.

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**Serenity Maxwell** - June 14, 2013 at 01:00 PM

DT

“ *"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."*  
~Author Unknown

*Rick was someone to treasure...He will always be watching over his children from the sky above.*  
*Dave Turgelsky*

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**Dave Turgelsky** - June 14, 2013 at 12:49 PM

JM

“ *My favorite Rick story. On my first day in a new job, I met my new boss to have my job explained to me. When we were done, he told me I'd be interviewing a candidate for Regional Manager in 10 minutes. I had no real idea what my job was, nor about the job I was trying to fill. In walks Rick. I fumbled for questions to ask him, and then we just started talking. I think we talked for around 2 hours. I liked him. I just liked him. Rick joined the company and has been an important part of my life ever since. What a fortunate day that was for me. I met a great man and a true friend.*

*My heartfelt sympathies to Jill and the kids and all of Rick's family and friends. Thanks for sharing Rick with us. What a gift.*

*Jim Martin*

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**Jim Martin** - June 14, 2013 at 12:43 PM

BD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Rick and his family. I had the privilege of working for Rick on our Specialty Team at GMCR. He was a great person to work for and an even better person to be around. He was a man who loved his family above anything else. This is a tragic loss and he will truly be missed. May he rest in peace.

*Brian DePaul*

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**Brian DePaul** - June 14, 2013 at 10:04 AM

JL

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**Joyce Bancroft Lavoie** - June 14, 2013 at 09:50 AM

JL

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**Joyce Bancroft Lavoie** - June 14, 2013 at 09:42 AM

MB

“ This is devastating & beyond words but I want to try to write something. I loved my cousin Ricky...The thing I will miss most about Ricky is his ability to light up a room with his smile and his excellent personality. Most recently I witnessed his incredible love and affection towards his children that touched me so deeply I told him so. The kids were his world, his everything, and he spoke of them with deep love & great pride! I am losing a wonderful cousin whom I personally will never ever forget. My other cousins (Joanne, Corinne, & Kevin) have lost so much in the last couple of weeks that I don't even know what to do about that, and his wife and kids have lost such a great husband & father that there simply are no words! Ricky of course, & all of you, will forever be in my thoughts & my prayers. I am so very sad, very sad, & sorry & I love you all. Love, Margaret Ann & Jim

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**Margaret Belden** - June 14, 2013 at 09:10 AM

 Linda Brezinski

“ Joe - you were my best friend in High School as you were to many others. Your smile and positive attitude will always be stuck in my memory. I will always think of you when making those chocolate chip cookies you loved so much! Rest in peace good friend and watch over your loving family, wife and children. We will all meet again someday. Love You!  
Linda Elliot - Brezinski  
Lakeville



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**Linda Brezinski** - June 14, 2013 at 08:50 AM

JR

“ Jackie Rios-Torchia lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft



Jackie Rios-Torchia - June 14, 2013 at 08:18 AM

LC

“ Love You Rick, Your Sister, Corinne lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft



Love you Rick, Your sister, Corinne - June 14, 2013 at 07:17 AM

RZ

“ Ryan, Jessica, And Zoey lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft



Ryan, Jessica, and Zoey - June 14, 2013 at 07:10 AM

JB

“ Actually he was born in New Bedford MA where he came home from his first day of school complaining that those stupid sisters kept calling him "Jofus" instead of his name and he wasn't at all happy about it. At age 5 he charmed my future mother-in-law when we stopped by the house to pick up my girlfriend on the way to Franklin Park Zoo. He was, from the start, the ambassador of good will.--  
Uncle Jim

Jim Bancroft - June 14, 2013 at 04:59 AM



“ *Ricky's amazing smile and genuine warmth have always meant a lot to me. My life is better having known him. He was a great man with an amazing family. Thanks Ricky, I'll miss you.* ”

D - June 14, 2013 at 02:32 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft.* ”



June 13, 2013 at 07:30 PM



“ *Lynn Lovley lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. "Rick" Bancroft* ”



Lynn Lovley - June 13, 2013 at 06:51 PM



“ *Rick was kind, caring and dedicated to his family, coworkers and friends. May God Bless Rick's family and may Rick rest in peace.* ”

Daniel Berger - June 13, 2013 at 06:33 PM

AP

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. +May his memory be eternal. I will cherish the memory of seeing Rick and the kids waiting for the bus every morning as I drove to work at Rye Elementary School.*  
*Andrea Papoutsy*

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**andrea papoutsy** - June 13, 2013 at 04:57 PM

MR

“ *I will never forget your smile or your passion as you bragged about your family and beamed as you shared pictures or family stories. I count myself as one of the lucky ones who had the pleasure of your friendship in business. Your ability to see through life's challenges and find the positive in each situation is something that I admire and strive for. Where there was an opportunity, you were always able to find the solution.*

*The world has lost a good man, trusted colleague, valuable friend, son, brother, devoted husband, and loving father. You will be missed by all that you touched on your journey. Eternal Peace and Happiness my friend, you will be missed.*

*- Matt*

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**Matt Russo** - June 13, 2013 at 04:14 PM

SA

“ You were such a tremendous mentor. Allowing us to own our work and lead! You became instant friends with so many along your journey. You valued your family above all. You spoke of Jill as a true Super Woman and were so proud of her strength & passion. You always did what was right. Thank you for being such an amazing boss/friend during our time together. We've all got so many things we need to share with each other about our great times with you. Sit back and enjoy the show!  
Sara

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Sara - June 13, 2013 at 03:41 PM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 13, 2013 at 02:02 PM

BR

“ May the road rise to meet you my friend. I will always remember how kind you were to all the neighbors, and your infectious grin. How bummed out you were when we told you we were selling our house; your love for Jill and the kids, and what a proud father you were. I will never forget the advice you gave Aaron as he was entering the world of work. Jill, you know we will always be there when you need us. Wishing the family peace at this very difficult time.  
with love,  
Bridget, Tom and Aaron

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Bridget - June 13, 2013 at 12:48 PM

SS

*I didn't have the opportunity or privelege to work with Rick as often as some did, however the time I spent with him was always very positive and encouraging. Rick had a natural way of making everyone feel like part of his team. My thoughts and prayers are with Jill, the kids and Rick's entire family. Scott Saltiel*

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**Scott Saltiel** - June 15, 2013 at 10:59 AM