



## Phil Cote

January 25, 1942 - March 26, 2026

Hampton - Phil Cote passed peacefully on March 26, 2026, surrounded by his beloved family. Born on January 25, 1942, in Manchester, New Hampshire, Phil lived a life defined by dedication, loyalty, and an ever-present sense of humor.

Phil proudly served his country in the United States Navy aboard a minesweeper, The USS Adroit, a chapter of his life he carried with great pride and allowed him to see the world. After his service, he built a life rooted in hard work in the customer service industry. He loved the building trade and working with contractors for many years at Grossmans Lumber and Diamond Lumber to name a few.

For 35 years, he served as Manager at Hampton Hardware in Downtown Hampton, where he could continue his passion for customer service on a more personal level. He simply loved going to work and the interaction with the customers and the community. He became a friend to anyone that walked in the door and was always willing to help.

Beyond his career, He had a lifelong passion for model railroading and could often be found attending train shows with the enthusiasm of someone who never lost his sense of wonder.

He enjoyed the simple things life had to offer, a good card game, going out for dinner, Sunday morning breakfast and sitting on the front porch on warm summer evenings.

Phil is survived by his devoted wife, Denise (Barringer) Cote; his sister, Suzanne (Cote) Sullivan; his children, Stephanie Kelly, Jennifer Gordon, and Keith Barringer ; as well as several cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents, Germaine and Elphege Cote and his daughter Kerry Cote.

In keeping with his wishes, Phil will be cremated, and his ashes will be spread quietly in a place that brought him great peace and joy.

A private celebration of life will be held in the near future.

Memorial donations in Phil's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *My deepest condolences to Phil's family! He will forever be missed by so many that he has helped at Hampton Hardware! May he rest in peace and deepest condolences to his family!* ”



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**Laura Sagalski** - April 19 at 03:51 PM

MA

“ *Dear Denise and the Cote Family... I remember with joy each time Phil would come into Marelli's especially on Thursdays to purchase his lottery tickets for the week. Sometimes he would leave his lottery picks, I would fill them on Thursday mornings, and he would pick them up on his way to the hardware store. He was always full of energy and ready to win! I don't know if he ever hit a large winning, but I don't think it mattered to him as much as just interacting with anyone who was in the store... Which was sometimes just me. He was a good friend to everyone and we spoke of his family and how proud he was of everyone... His wife was the love of his life and he always praised her for everything she did. He was a blessing to all of us... May he rest in peace in the arms of God. Marcia at Marelli's.* ”

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**marcia** - April 04 at 10:02 PM

JH

“*Kathe and I send our sincere condolences to Denise and family. We were "around the corner" neighbors and could always recognize the sound of his accelerating Subaru as he turned on to Mill Rd in front of our house. He always waved if we were outside. I also enjoyed visiting with Phil on my visits to the hardware store. He was a very likeable and he always seemed happy to see his customers as they stopped in. Thank you for your service, Phil, and may you rest in peace.*

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**Jay Halloran** - April 04 at 09:38 AM

CJ

“*Phil gave me a job at Hampton Hardware when I was just out of highschool. I loved working with him, he had great stories and taught me so much. I will always think of him fondly and have always thought about him anytime I see a train setup, his was awesome. My heart is with you Denise and Jenn and everyone who loved him.*

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**carrie J** - April 03 at 09:41 PM

SA

“*I will miss seeing him at dunkins, rest easy sir*

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**Sandy** - April 03 at 06:55 PM

SJ

*Keith,  
May your father forever rest in peace and may you and your family be blessed during this time of sorrow and always.  
Sharon Jones*

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**sharon Jones Jenkins** - April 04 at 09:10 PM

DW

“ *Phil was a great storyteller and conversationalist. We shared many memories of our time in the military and our common interest in model railroading and everything trains. We would show each other our latest train model acquisition and talk for a long time. I would bring small repairs to him and he fixed them on the spot or showed me how to fix them. He typified personal service, a trait almost gone today. He was always a bright spot in the day. Phil was one of the good guys. All of us will miss him and my family and I offer our condolences to his family. Phil - see you along the tracks; have a smooth ride, mon ami.*

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**David Weatherby** - April 03 at 06:52 PM