



Philip Anderson Towle

November 24, 1944 - February 10, 2016

Hampton Falls – Philip A. Towle, 71, of Hampton Falls, formerly of the Towle Farm in Hampton, died on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at the Portsmouth Hospital.

He was born in Newburyport, MA on November 24, 1944, a son of the late Samuel A. and Margaret (Stevenson) Towle.

Phil was a graduate of Winnacunnet High School Class of 1963, of Bates College in Lewiston, ME in 1967 and did his graduate work at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

He served with the US Army for two years in the research and development of serotonin in Aberdeen, MD before starting his teaching and coaching career at the Shamrock High School in Decatur, GA.

In 1972 he was hired as a biology and math teacher and football coach for the North Andover, MA High School where he remained for 31 years, retiring in 2003. He then was employed by ESI Environmental Systems, Inc. as a research assistant until 2006.

Family members include his son, Austin Towle and his daughter, Sydney Towle both of Stuart, FL; two brothers, Allan Towle of Lee, MA and Dr. Murray

Towle of Greenville, PA as well as several nieces and nephews. Philip's greatest joy in life was his two children, Austin and Sydney, whom he was incredibly proud of and loved immensely.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 pm on Friday, March 18, 2016 at the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Rd., Hampton. Family and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Philip A. Towle Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Sydney Towle, 5084 SE Mariner Garden Circle, Stuart, FL 34997.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church
127 Winnacunnet Road
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ Philip Anderson Towle

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ My wife & I stopped by and talked to Philip last Fall. I was looking for ancestry connections since my family also came from the Philip Towle line. We had a brief, but wonderful talk about our family history with the intention of continuing that discussion this year. I am so very sorry to read of the passing of Philip! He seemed like a wonderful man with much to offer. If any of his family is interested, I would love to continue the family discussion OR just lean more about Philip! God Bless you Philip !

Sincerely,
Michael Towle
22 Hillview Rd.
Gorham, ME 04038

Michael Towle - April 03, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ He was an awesome teacher. My prayers are with the family, I hope they know how much our class loved him, he will always be remembered.

Sharon Sanborn
NAHS
Class of 76

Sharon Sanborn - March 31, 2016 at 07:02 AM

PL

“ Was deeply saddened upon hearing the news of Phillip's passing. Mr. Towle was one of the coolest teachers in the history of NAHS! Although I was not a very good student, his was the only class in my four years that I received an A+, only because he made biology fun and interesting for all of us. I'll never forget his wit, humor and caring, even taking the time to attend some of my wrestling matches. So thankful and fortunate to have had him in my life, my heart goes out to you. God bless.

Paul Luciano NAHS class of '75

Paul Luciano - March 11, 2016 at 01:34 PM

DW

“ He was my high school biology teacher; everyone loved him he made learning fun! You knew he cared about you both in the classroom and out. Always one of my all time favorite teachers. RIP Mr. Towle, you were one of a kind and I was lucky to have you as one of my teachers.

*Dianne Barcellona-Wright
Class of 1975 NAHS*

Dianne Wright - March 10, 2016 at 08:48 PM

Tom
McCarron

“ *Sad news....Mr. Towle was my biology teacher in 1974-75. He was also one of my football coaches. What a great sense of humor and out look he had. He was the "cool" teacher that was effective in teaching and reaching 17 and 18 year old boys and having a Datsun 240Z, I believe it was green if I'm not mistaken, made him even cooler than most.*
RIP Mr. Towle.....thanks for being a great guy and teacher.



*Tom McCarron
Class of 75
NAHS*

Tom McCarron - March 10, 2016 at 12:33 PM

SB

“ *Susan Balsamo lit a candle in memory of Philip Anderson Towle*



Susan Balsamo - February 17, 2016 at 06:45 PM

ER

“ *My brother John Riley, was a good friend of Philips' growing up. The Farm was Johnnies' second home. I am sure they have been reunited and telling stories about the old days. May Philip rest in peace-God Bless. Elaine Riley*

Elaine Riley - February 16, 2016 at 11:32 AM

JC

“ I started kindergarten with Philip and we graduated from WHS together in 1963. He was intellectual and had a quick wit. Thanks for the memories, friend. May you rest in peace.
Judy Panaccione Curtis

Judy Curtis - February 15, 2016 at 12:16 PM



“ Mr. Towle was the embodiment how a gifted educator can transform lives. I still remember my first assignment in his biology class was to memorize the meaning of 300 most common medical prefixes and suffixes. Mr. Towle used to count the number of known doctors who graduated in his class (over 80 when I had him), the lesson being that he had confidence in us his students. I hope that these remembrances are a comfort to his family, amidst missing a great man.

Matthew Fowler - February 14, 2016 at 06:04 PM

EM

“ 1 file added to the album Austin and Sydney



Elizabeth Morrow - February 14, 2016 at 05:00 AM



“ I had Mr. Towle for biology at nahs and he was one of my favorite teachers. He had a great manner of connecting with his students. He will sadly missed but remembered fondly forever.

Jeannie Perna Mickel - February 14, 2016 at 12:27 AM

KF

“ I was lucky to have Mr. Towle as a science teacher when he first came to NAHS. He was a wonderful and innovative teacher and mentor. His methods were fresh and new and we all loved his class. May he rest in peace.

katherine furneaux - February 13, 2016 at 07:05 AM



“ Mr. Towle was my science teacher in 1986? He had a different style, and told my mother I had a mystique that commanded respect. He would eat gummie worms in the winter, but would eat healthy snacks in the spring to get ready for the beach. I always liked him, and I haven't forgotten him. I hope he was at peace, and that his family is also at peace now. If it's true he was a member of the silver family, Towle, than I also have that collection in my family to remember him. Rest in Peace, dear science teacher.

Amy Bailey - February 12, 2016 at 08:50 PM

JP

“ I worked with Phil in North Andover. He was a teacher who was receptive to trying new ideas in his classes. We had many discussions about new research on how people learn and he adapted to try new methods. He continued to grow as a teacher and was interested in learning as much as he could to pass on to his students. In my mind, this is a trait necessary to be an effective teacher. I remember our conversations and experiments fondly.
Jane Potsaid

jane potsaid - February 12, 2016 at 08:46 AM

SN

“ *Phil kept me hopping. It was a good and challenging last few months. Rest in comfort and peace. Know that promises will be kept. I will miss you.*

Sheila Nudd - February 12, 2016 at 06:29 AM

SM

I had Mr. Towle for a science teacher in 1977....He was my favorite teacher then and I still think of the impact he had on my life now. He will be truly missed.

Sharon McHale - February 13, 2016 at 09:02 AM

SC

He always had a clove in his mouth, love the man. We went to his farm once and I think it was Conway, but someone broke his tractor, fun times. RIP Sir.

shawn carney - February 13, 2016 at 05:39 PM

WK

I remember his 240 z. He was a great teacher

William Kent - February 13, 2016 at 07:09 PM

CH

I am so sorry for your loss. I had Mr. Towle back in the 80's. I have fond memories of his class. He made us laugh a lot. Peace to your family.

Christine - February 13, 2016 at 09:28 PM

KB

Phil and I grew up together since first grade. He was always kind and will be truly missed. Ken Bishop

Ken Bishop - February 15, 2016 at 03:20 PM

WQ

*One class I'd never skip was his in 1976. And I skipped some. RIP Mr. Towle
Wm. Quinlan*

William Quinlan - February 16, 2016 at 11:18 AM

MM

My son Dr John Mascola Director of Infectious Diseases at the NIH, credits Phil for his enthusiasm and dedication teaching biology/advanced biology as one of the reasons that sparked his interest to persue his career in medicine.

Mary Mascola

Mary Mascola - February 16, 2016 at 12:33 PM

SB

Philip was a great teacher and a wonderful man. He adored his children, they meant so much to him. He had a generous and loving heart. I will miss you, you will be in my heart always!❤️

Susan Balsamo - February 16, 2016 at 08:43 PM

BE

Great teacher, inspiring mentor ... Left a legacy to be admired without a doubt.

beth - April 06, 2016 at 08:42 PM

PA

I taught with Phil at Shamrock High School. We shared a planning period. Phil was charming and brilliant. Rest in peace, Philip.

Pat Allison - July 26, 2016 at 07:33 PM