



Richard Merrill Blake

June 9, 1971 - December 9, 2024

Boston, MA - Richard Merrill Blake, of Boston, passed away surrounded by his loving family and friends, on Monday, December 9, 2024, at Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, MA. He fought his cancer with incredible courage and unwavering hope. He was 53 years old.

Born in Portsmouth on June 9, 1971, Richard was the son of the late Merrill Hollis Blake and Joyce Lynn Greenwood. Richard was raised in Colebrook and Hampton, NH, he attended Winnacunnet High School and graduated in 1989. He studied at Tulane University before moving to Laguna Beach, and later San Francisco, CA. He worked for the Kimpton Hotel Group for many years before returning to the Northeast, settling in Boston, where he has lived for the past 25 years. He was fascinated by history and would often use resources from National Archives to local libraries to explore the Blake family's ancestry, and enthusiastically report his findings to family and friends. Richard was very proud to be a descendant of Jasper Blake who fought in the Revolutionary War. He had a great love for animals, particularly his beloved dogs, Kayla and Grace, whom he cherished and spoiled at any opportunity.

Richard was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Kelly Blake Cass. He is survived by his sister, Lisa Washburn and her husband Craig of Colebrook, NH, his brother Merrill Blake and his wife Leanne of Westminister, MA, and his nephew Jeremy. He also leaves behind his aunts, uncles, and many loving

cousins.

Richard will be affectionately remembered for his infectious laugh, sharp wit, intelligence, and his ability to make those around him smile. His optimistic spirit and warmth will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thank you to Amanda, Richard's friend and caregiver, for her loving support and care during the past year, as well as to his medical teams from Massachusetts General Hospital and Tufts Medicine, especially Dr. Laura.

A private graveside service will be held at the High Street Cemetery, Hampton, NH. We invite friends to come and celebrate the life of Richard Merrill Blake on Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at The Patenaude's, 1 River Road, Hampton Falls, NH 03844.

Please RSVP if you will be attending by May 28th k.patenaude@comcast.net

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation online in Richard's memory to the NHSPCA (<https://nhspca.org/>) and the MSPCA (https://support.mspca.org/site/Donation2?df_id=24020&mfc_pref=T&24020.donation=form1&s_src=0EGDIG&s_subsrc=evergreenmspcabrandnamecpc1P0&utm_source=evergreenmspcabrandnamecpc1P0&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=SEMMSPCABrand&autologin=true&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiAsOq6BhDuARIsAGQ4-zjFG5p3iW-3pmM4h-eib45bVoAisighynzgewJdyonNt7xP-aQA38gaAunUEALw_wcB)

or by mail,:

New Hampshire SPCA
PO Box 196

104 Portsmouth Avenue
Stratham, NH 03885

and

Massachusetts SPCA
350 South Huntington Ave.
Boston, MA 02130

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Patenaude's
1 River Road
Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Richard adopted his Beagle Gracie from our rescue, and was a wonderful foster to many dogs after that. We are sure they were all there to greet him at the Rainbow Bridge. We will miss him and send our condolences to his friends and Family.
Ann Lambertus, Northeast Coonhound Rescue

Ann Lambertus - January 06, 2025 at 06:54 PM

KP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kim Patenaude - December 29, 2024 at 06:29 PM

LK

“ I knew Richard for nearly 25 years and we learned a lot from each other over that time. He was a lovely human being and I will miss him greatly. My condolences to his family and loved ones.

Laura Kogelman - December 17, 2024 at 09:08 AM

EM

“ Rich was an amazing man who I enjoyed spending time with. He will be dearly missed. My condolences to his family.

Erin Murphy - December 16, 2024 at 08:12 AM

JL

“ *Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with you*

Julie Ladd - December 15, 2024 at 07:37 PM

PL

“ *Richard was a great guy and will be missed by his Amy Lowell Apartments family. I'm sure he is chasing Gracie around the Rainbow Bridge.*

Rest in peace.

Patricia Lane

HallKeen Management Company

Patricia Lane - December 12, 2024 at 07:08 PM

DM

“ *Donna Meyer-Miller lit a candle in memory of Richard Merrill Blake*



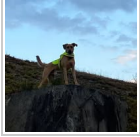
Donna Meyer-Miller - December 12, 2024 at 04:03 PM

KW

“ *Kerry Washburn lit a candle in memory of Richard Merrill Blake*



Kerry Washburn - December 12, 2024 at 03:42 PM



“ *Audie Porter lit a candle in memory of Richard Merrill Blake*



Audie Porter - December 12, 2024 at 02:53 PM

JP

Will miss your wit your smile you're great attitude even through the worst of times we work together a Party Favors we became good friends the memory always be eternal

john pergantis - December 12, 2024 at 08:02 PM

JF

*I did not know you Richard, but you left a beautiful imprint on my granddaughter Amanda. She has been blessed many times over knowing and caring for you. Your gift of needing her and appreciating her has blest me as well. I saw the many spiritual gifts Amanda received being with you. You are loved by someone who has never met you. Enjoy the freedom of your heavenly realm. Love is forever!
Jean*

Jean Frances - December 12, 2024 at 11:22 PM