



## Richard "Dick" Chaisson

May 19, 1928 - July 26, 2016

Hampton - Richard T. Chaisson, 88, passed away peacefully at his home in Hampton on July 26, 2016. Dick (or D) was born in Yarmouth, ME, May 19, 1928, the son of Daniel and Levinia Chaisson and attended Yarmouth schools.

In 1944, with five siblings serving in the military during WWII, he wanted to join them in the war effort. Too young to join the US Marines Corp, he joined the Merchant Marines and served two years. He later enrolled at Portland Junior College but enlisted in the USMC during the Korean conflict. He proudly served in the USMC for six years, as a Staff Sargent. After leaving the military he settled in Portsmouth, a city he loved, and continued his education at UNH. He also was known to do a bit of tailgating at UNH during his lifetime!

On September 4, 1954 he married Patrice Gonyer and last summer they celebrated 61 years of marriage by renewing their vows surrounded by their family at Lake Winnepesaukee. In addition to his beloved wife Patti, Dick is survived by his five children: Suzanne Griffiths and her husband Griffie of Woodacre, CA, Daniel and his wife Sandra (Tucker) of Kensington, Peter and his wife Martha (Cannon) of High Point, NC, Anne Baribeault and her husband Jim of Newburyport, MA, and Michelle Flynn and her husband Joe of Portsmouth, nine grandchildren: Jacqueline, Lauren, Samantha, John, Daniel, Emma, Jack, Zoe and John, plus many nieces and nephews. Along with his

wife's singing, he most loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. They all insist they were his favorite, whether in-laws or outlaws!

Dick worked in the construction business for most of his life, first as a successful sales rep and later as owner of Twin State Concrete Co. in West Lebanon, NH. He was active in the community: elected to three terms on the Portsmouth City Council, served one term in the New Hampshire State Legislature, served on the school Board of St. Patrick's School in Portsmouth, NH, which all his children attended, and was a Trustee of the Portsmouth Public Library. He was a Past President of New Hampshire Good Roads, Director of Associated General Contractors, and belonged to many industry organizations. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus #140, the Elks Lodge #97, and the VFW Post 168, all of Portsmouth, and was a member of Portsmouth Country Club, Keene (NH) Country Club and Hooper (Walpole, NH) Country Club.

Dick was a master storyteller and had a wicked sense of humor. He was famous for finding a connection with everyone he met and loved nothing better than to have a Manhattan (or two since you can't fly on one wing) and engage in conversation. He loved his family, his God, his country, and the USMC. He had a strong faith and at the time of his death was a communicant of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal in Hampton where he served as a lector for many years. He was predeceased by his mother and father, six brothers and three sisters.

Visiting hours will be from 5 to 7 P.M. Friday, July 29, 2016 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 9:30 A.M. Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church, Hampton. Burial will follow in the Calvary Cemetery, Portsmouth. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady

of Miraculous Medal Parish, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842 or  
Rockingham VNA & Hospice, Community Relations: Attn: Vivian Brown,  
Exeter Hospital, 6 Alumni Drive, Exeter, NH 03833 or go to [www.exeterhospital.com](http://www.exeterhospital.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Rt 33, Greenland, Rd.  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

JUL **30.** 9:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church  
289 Lafayette Road  
Hampton, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Dick" Chaisson*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Ann, I did no know your Dad but read about how wonderful he was. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Love, Dee Gough, RN*

**Dee Gough** - August 03, 2016 at 10:08 AM



“ *I loved visiting with your family when I was a kid. Dick was funny, charming, and always welcoming. I remember making a rice dish with him in the kitchen. He was very encouraging to you kids, and all kids as I recall. He had a definite spirit of fun, and I know he will be sorely missed. Much love to you Patty, and your whole family from all of the Cunniff's. XXOO Mary Kate*

**Mary Cunniff** - July 30, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *Suzie's dad was the tallest, most handsome and happiest of all of our Dads. So sorry for your loss and my condolences to all the family. XO*

**Maureen Page** - July 29, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Chaisson.*



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July 29, 2016 at 08:15 AM



“ *"Peach" lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Chaisson*



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"Peach" - July 28, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ *K-K Carter lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Chaisson*



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K-K Carter - July 28, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Chaisson.*



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July 28, 2016 at 09:57 AM

JR

“ Dear Pat and all my cousins,  
While Dick will be missed by us all and tears are being shed, I can't help smiling at my memories of this man who defines the phrase "larger than life". He filled a room by walking into it and within seconds there would be jokes, laughter, and stories. If I listen carefully, I can still hear the songs being sung (in the wee hours, mind you) at 390 South Street!  
In one word, Dick was all about FAMILY. He loved all his kids, embraced their spouses, and delighted in his grandkids. "They're all keepers," he told me. And Pat...61 years together! That is mind-boggling love and commitment!  
So farewell Richard. Say hi to my folks and the rest of the family. As the old Irish saying goes, I hope you were in Heaven a half-hour before the Devil knew you were dead!

*Julie "Juj" Robb*

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**Julie Robb** - July 28, 2016 at 09:18 AM

RS

“ Dan, Sandy, Lauren and Jacqui - Deepest sympathies from myself, Anne-Marie, Adam and Ross. I only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Chaisson once in Florida but it was memorable and a ton of laughs. It is truly a gift to be able to touch a life once and leave it with a smile.

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**Robert Segal** - July 28, 2016 at 09:05 AM

TG

“ Peter and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember back in high school, he was always part of our group of friends, hanging out with us at the South St house, making us feel welcome and part of the family gang! He made us laugh and laugh. Your dad was definitely a family man and just loved all you kids!  
My best to your family and my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
The thunder through the clouds you hear will be him belly laughing in heaven !  
Terri "Bubba" Golter

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**Terri Golter** - July 28, 2016 at 07:41 AM

VB

“ Dear Patti and all the kids,  
Just wanted to express my sympathy. Dick Chaisson was so full of life, it is hard to believe he is gone from here. I can still hear his laugh after a good joke! There are lots of good memories of so many good times at your house on South St. So glad I had the chance to see Patti and Dick in Hampton and reminiscence. That neighborhood party up in heaven just got a little more livelier!  
Take care,  
Love,  
Ronnie Berounsky

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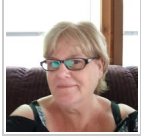
**Veronica Berounsky** - July 28, 2016 at 01:36 AM

JS

“ My heart breaks that I cannot be with you all. I celebrate Uncle Dick's life in the beautiful memories I have . I know he is having a great time with dad and all his other siblings.  
Love to all  
Janice and family.

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**janice seabury** - July 27, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ I miss you like crazy already uncle dick. I'm so happy that I was given a chance to tell you how much you meant to me all these years. You kept that missing piece of my heart from the loss of my dad 30 years ago. Although my heart aches so with the loss of you, I know you are in a better place and your where you belong with your brothers as sisters. Try not to raise to much h-e-ll up there. Love you and miss you always.

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**Marcella Chaisson-Purinton** - July 27, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ I remember all the times Uncle Dick and his brothers got together and told stories and laughed for hours. They are all together again.

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**steve chaisson** - July 27, 2016 at 03:51 PM