



Richard G. Conway

March 17, 1940 - July 19, 2023

Hampton - Richard G. Conway, age 83, passed away on Wednesday, July 19 in Naples, Florida after a brief illness. Rich was born in Lowell, Massachusetts on March 17, 1940 to John J. Conway and Mary Gallagher Conway. He was a long-term resident of the New Hampshire Seacoast, having lived for several decades in Rye and most recently in Hampton. He and his wife Beverly (Bissonnette) also spent winters in Naples, Florida.

Rich was a graduate of Keith Academy and the University of New Hampshire before entering the automobile business in Lowell. After serving as General Manager of Lowell Lincoln Mercury for many years, he started his own dealership, Conway Chevrolet Buick, in Pepperell, Massachusetts in 1979. During his time in Lowell and Pepperell, Rich was very active in civic organizations, including Kiwanis, and the Pepperell Business Association, where he served as president. In 2013, Rich received the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Citizen/Volunteer award in recognition of his many years of service to the community. He retired in 2020.

Rich was most passionate about his faith and his family. He was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Theresa's Church in Rye, NH. He was formerly a member of St. Mary's Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. His faith sustained him throughout his life.

He and Beverly were high school sweethearts and were married for almost 65 years. They traveled extensively and loved the New Hampshire Seacoast, where they spent many happy years with their family and friends. They have been members of Abeniqui Country Club for more than two decades.

In his free time, Rich played golf with friends, and went anywhere to spend time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He made each of his family members feel special and loved, and as a result, he had a deep and unique bond with each one of them. Rich had an amazing work ethic, natural humility and grace, and a profound compassion for others. He always told us that one's character is the most important thing we can develop and uphold. He role modeled this for those around him every day.

In addition to Beverly, Rich is survived by his daughter Laurie Tarpey (Kenneth), his son Michael Conway (J. Paul Lobkovich), granddaughter Caroline Tarpey (Josef Elchanan), grandson Conor Tarpey, and great grandchildren Abigail and Benjamin Elchanan. He was predeceased by his son Richard J. Conway.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 10:00 am at St. Theresa Catholic Church at 820 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH. Burial will immediately follow at Central Cemetery, Rye, New Hampshire. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Rich's memory to the American Cancer Society by clicking here (<https://www.cancer.org>).

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
(603) 964-6440
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of Dick’s passing. He was a super guy and a good friend for over 50 years!

jim mcmillin - September 07, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard G. Conway.



September 06, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard G. Conway.



August 30, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard G. Conway.

August 28, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard G. Conway.*



August 28, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear about Dick's passing. Im thinking of the family and sending healing thoughts your way.
Love June (Proko)*

June Proko - August 11, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Bissonnette & Garrigan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard G. Conway.*

Bissonnette & Garrigan Family - August 09, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Bissonnette & Garrigan Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Richard G. Conway.*



Bissonnette & Garrigan Family - August 09, 2023 at 10:13 AM

DH

“ Dick was such a gentleman. When I was a young car dealer he always made time to help me out. God broke the mold after he made Dick. Just a fabulous human being. May he rest in peace.

Dave Hartnett - August 08, 2023 at 05:38 PM

CS

“ I'm so sad to hear about the passing of such a wonderful man. Mr. Conway was one of the gentlest souls, and kindest human beings I've had the pleasure of knowing. My heart goes out to Mrs. Conway, Laurie and Mike. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Carol (Beaudry) Silver - August 08, 2023 at 05:47 AM

MF

“ I'm so sad to hear about Dick's passing. I had the opportunity to work with Dick through the Nashoba Valley Chamber. Every time Dick called the office we'd always say "I love that Dick Conway, he is the best". I think of him often over the years. He will be greatly missed. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family.

Melissa Fetterhoff - August 07, 2023 at 01:12 PM

WD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was one of the finest gentlemen I've ever had the pleasure to come across in business. The world is slightly worse off, but heaven is a bit better for his presence.

Wally Dwyer - August 07, 2023 at 11:57 AM

KK

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Dick for 40+ years, and he was my boss, my mentor and my friend. I always admired his love for his family, his commitment to his communities, his determination, his optimism and especially his sense of humor. Terms like “core values” – “salt of the earth” – “lead by example” will always be used to describe his character. There won’t be another man quite like him.

In these crazy times we often wonder - can one person make such a positive difference? Dick was that person! Those of us lucky enough to have known him will long remember how he enriched our lives for the better.

He is gone much too soon.

*Love and prayers to Bev, Laurie, Michael and their families.
Karen Knight*

Karen Knight - August 06, 2023 at 02:12 PM

DL

“ Dick Conway was a friend, a client and my hero. When he spoke, you listened because there was always something of value being said. I will truly miss him,

David Long - August 06, 2023 at 12:31 PM

CT

“ Caroline Tarpey lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Conway



Caroline Tarpey - August 04, 2023 at 10:24 AM