



Richard Barrett Duddy Jr.

July 6, 1972 - October 4, 2025

Richard Barrett Duddy Jr. passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Maine Medical Center in Portland surrounded by his loving family. Richie was born in Waltham Ma. On July 6, 1972 to Richard Barrett Duddy Sr and Sue Ellen (Malloy) Duddy.

Richie moved to Portsmouth NH in 1973 and was a member of the first PEEP program in Portsmouth. Richie went to Portsmouth public schools and graduated with the PHS class of 1993.

He spend the next few years as a volunteer at St. James Church, Rice Library and other places.

Richie's job in life was a teacher. He taught love and compassion and joy to anyone that had the pleasure to meet him. He was not perfect in body but he was perfect in soul. He had a special love about him that radiated from him. He was kind and gentile, He possessed a special gift of happiness when you met him. He never asked for much but gave so much in return. He loved being around people, whether it was the mall, grocery stores or Lowes. His smile told you all you needed to know.

Richie was a huge sports fan. He loved all sports but especially college football. Richie's room was his sports sanctuary, adorned with posters, books

and pennants. He always left the house wearing his Celtics black baseball cap and Boston sports jacket to "go to work ". His daily ride with Dad in his black truck to the dump was his life.

Along with sports was Richie's love for show's from the 60's and 70's . the Cunninghams and Fonzie on Happy Days, Spongebob and Patrick and Price is Right.

A book of Curious George and the Smurf's were always on his table for all to read that entered his room.

Richie, his Mom and Dad were one. His love for family, his brother Mike and sister Sarah was beautiful, powerful and uncomplicated. As his family grew and stayed close, he was surrounded by all. Uncle Richie had Jake and Carter, Amiah and Vaughan, and Alyza to just stop in to say hi for a moment. Birthdays and holidays brought him and his family together.

Richie leaves family and friends behind, Mike and Karen Duddy, Jake, Carter and Amiah Duddy, Sarah and Greg Vaillancourt, Vaughan and Alyza Vaillancourt, Mike and Jan Carroll, Ron and Susan Duddy, Jody Jackson and many other relatives. He was predeceased by sister Mary Elizabeth.

We ask in lieu of flowers that you take that special moment to hug your loved ones and cherish what you have..

Tribute Wall

MK

“ My condolences to Sue Ellen, Richard and the entire family at this fragile time of loss. The tributes that I read about Richie are heart warming and I have learned so much about him! May peace fill your hearts and thank you Richie, for all the things you taught us. Martha Fenn King

Martha Fenn King - November 06, 2025 at 04:21 PM

EC

“ We offer our condolences to your entire family during this difficult time we have fond memories of seeing Rich on the baseball field watching our kids play baseball we always had a very warm place in our hearts for the Duddy family and we are so sorry for your loss. Ernie Irene Wes Jason Carrier

Ernie Carrier - November 02, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ I am so sad to hear about Richie. He was one-of-kind, the sweetest guy you will ever know. I remember every time I was lucky enough to see him, he always had his word book and wanted to tell me all about his favorite sports teams! You will be missed, Richie. Sue and Rich, my heart breaks for you. May the many memories you have of your precious son bring you solace at this difficult time. God bless you all. Ellen Walker

Ellen Walker - November 01, 2025 at 06:35 PM

KW

“*Richie and your family taught many of us the importance of listening , empathy, and respect. Thank you Sue Ellen for articulating the essence of his beautiful soul. I agree, he was our teacher. I am so very sorry for your loss. Karen Wisbey/retired Portsmouth OT*

Karen Wisbey - October 31, 2025 at 07:13 AM

SE

“*I was honored to be Richie's mother. He was the bravest, most loyal, kindest, gentlest, sweetest, lovable and friendliest child. There were many hard days throughout his precious life which he endured with great courage. Richie welcomed many into his life with smiles that warmed hearts. On his many good days he greeted most with his wordbook saying " Happy Richie Duddy". I miss him every second of every day. He was my hero. I love you my sweet little man always. I pray you're with your sister and grandparents and spirit guide and Guardian Angel.
Love, mom*

sue ellen - October 29, 2025 at 02:23 PM

ST

“ I first met Richie at my place of work, after his father retired from the Portsmouth Fire Fire Department. He came in with his dad who came for an interview from which I hired him, who definitely was a proud dad. Richie always had his book with which he spoke through with words and pictures. He really amazed me i saw mim many times always a cheerful smile on his face and ready for talking through his book amazed me how he was so smart about sports and with his book, Cypher, communicated. I went through health issues and after meeting Richie changed my thinking on life, here was a young man who adapted through life to his supposed handi caps, which he adapted to and without feeling bad for himself. Susan and Richard were great, building an apartment in their home that he called his own although living close to them. Definitely an amazing gentleman and with the challenges in his life adapted and always smiled. Richard and Susan Im so sorry for this but also admired you as parents of Richie who stood by his side as he lived his life with your support and love. At least now he is in a an after life no pain,no longer dependent on others, with other people from his past waiting the rest of his family
Time will heal im sure but the memories will always be there.

Skip Turnbull

Skip Turnbull - October 27, 2025 at 05:25 PM

MF

“ Dear Sue and Rich,

My heart is sad with the news about Richie. He did bring so much joy and I have been thinking lots about you all recently when driving by your first home where we had dinner together and also passed your parents' home and also where your mother lived a little later in Rye. Richie touched my heart and I will always treasure our shared times together. He did teach me so much and I became a better physical therapist because of him. I will be crying for a long time as I am looking at his picture and his adorable smile.

Know I am holding all of you, your children, and family in my prayers and sending you hugs and lots of love.

*Love,
Mary (Fontaine)*

Mary Fontaine - October 27, 2025 at 01:02 PM

BK

“ *Michelle greeted Richie at the Pearly Gates and he is now with his friends to begin their new adventures. We will meet our children again and our love will never stop. Rich and Sue please mourn for short while then feel the joys you shared with Richie!*
Becky/Paul Kelley

Becky Kelley - October 27, 2025 at 10:58 AM

LD

“ *With my apologies for misspelling Richie's name.*

Lynn DiElsi - October 26, 2025 at 07:34 PM

LD

“ I so remember your loving family and your beautiful son, Ritchie as I worked at PEEP since it's beginning through the Portsmouth Rehab Center. He was such a sweet little boy and I will forever remember his smile and the joy he brought to others. My heart goes out to you all....with love and prayers. Lynn DiElsi

Lynn DiElsi - October 26, 2025 at 07:29 PM

BE

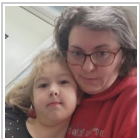
“ My heart aches for your family. I so enjoyed the time I spent with Richie. He was truly precious.

Beverly - October 16, 2025 at 06:34 AM

TB

“ Duddy Family,
We are so sorry for your loss.
Richie had such a gentle spirit.
He made this world a better place and
I'm sure he is doing the same for heaven.
We are keeping you all close to our hearts.

The Bocks - October 12, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ Will miss seeing Richie out and about he was always as kind as could be. Love you all.

Whitney Paterson - October 12, 2025 at 05:32 AM



“ *Sweetest face and angel heart, his love and kindness left in all our hearts You will always be with us, we will never forget you I loved all the stories your loving mom told me. Love you Aunt Kathy May God comfort your family* 🍷🍷🍷

Kathleen Bourinot - October 11, 2025 at 11:39 PM



“ *Sue & Rich. I am so sorry. I believe Phip is hanging out with Richie now. My heart goes out to you and your family. I love you guys.*
Teen

Tina Miles - October 11, 2025 at 08:21 PM