



Richard E. Garnsey Jr.

August 13, 1947 - July 29, 2016

Stratham – Richard E. “Rick” Garnsey, Jr., 68, of Stratham, passed away unexpectedly on July 29, 2016 at his home.

He was born in Portsmouth August 13, 1947 a son of the late Richard E. and Carolyn M. (McDuffee) Garnsey.

Rick graduated from Spaulding High School in Rochester and from the University of New Hampshire. He was a gifted photographer and had been employed by the Rochester Currier. Rick’s life event photos especially those of sports, entertained many.

His love for animals was his real passion working for the New Hampshire S.P.C.A. With Rick’s passions, the animals of the world lost a friend.

He leaves two brothers, John Garnsey and his wife Vicky and their children, Mac and Keegan, Fred Garnsey and his wife Meighan and their children, Charlie, Erin and Ryder. He was a caring brother, uncle and brother-in-law.

There will be a gathering at the Governor’s Inn, 78 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH on September 18th from 1-4 P.M.. All are welcome to come. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Hampshire S.P.C.A., specifically the Farm Program, P.O. Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885 or go to <http://www.nhspca.org>

[p://www.nhspca.org/](http://www.nhspca.org/). Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Previous Events

Gathering

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Governor's Inn
78 Wakefield Street
Rochester, NH 03867

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard E. Garnsey Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



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Annellen Greene - August 08, 2016 at 05:51 PM

SM

*Fred,
It's been a long time since high school! I was so sorry to read about your brother's passing. Just want you to know I'm thinking of you and your family during this sad time.
Take care,
Steph (Berry) Monza*

Stephanie Monza - August 10, 2016 at 09:35 PM

SS

“ *I have known Rick from my days as a police officer in Rochester and he was working for the Rochester Currier. Rick was always around filming the accident scenes for us. I had the honor of being his manager at the NHSPCA . Rick.was dedicated to the animals working on the Disaster team and loved working with the horses and barn animals,especially our mascots Ricky the horse and Chewy the mini goat. My wife Sharon and I enjoyed the time we shared with Rick at the NHSPCA. He was a friend I will miss. Rest in peace Rick.*

Steven sprowl - August 07, 2016 at 09:10 PM

SU



Sue - August 07, 2016 at 10:08 PM

MA

“ We have known Rick for 13 years and have treasured him as our friend and neighbor. We will miss him so very much...his kind smile, his quips and dry humor, his concern and caring. Our hearts break for Rick's family & friends. His passing has left a hole in our hearts as I'm sure it has theirs. He is in God's loving hands now and what better place to be?!

*From the arms of LOVE to
the arms of LOVE.
Love will keep us.*

I'm sorry we didn't have a chance to say goodbye (for now) but I know he knew he was loved and cared for. We'll miss you dear friend.

Martha & Jon

Martha - August 06, 2016 at 08:49 PM

SU

“ I worked closely with Rick at the NHSPCA first as a volunteer and then as a staff member. Rick and I served on the Disaster Team and worked side by side through many adventures with the animals. Rick's dedication to the animals and their care never waivered. He will be greatly missed. Rest peacefully, my friend.

Sue - August 05, 2016 at 10:24 PM

KD

“ I remember fondly my dealings with Rick when he was at LF&P, through his many roles there. There was a conscientiousness about him that rose above any issues at hand. I enjoyed his wry sense of humor and his compassion and enthusiasm. He will be missed.

Keith Donaldson - Buffalo Grove, IL

Keith Donaldson - August 05, 2016 at 09:54 AM

WP

“ I've know and worked with Rick for nearly 30 years.... Terrible loss to me and my family..
Rick was my partner in crime at work especially when things needed to get done!!
Thanks for all the memories, you definitely will be missed.

*Your buddy:
Wayne Price*

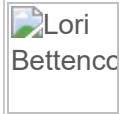
Wayne Price - August 05, 2016 at 09:30 AM

LD

Rick was my neighbor for 16 years. He was kind to neighbors, doing wood work for them, helping with their rubbish, putting a compost bin in the woods for us all to share, leaving your mail at the door if you dropped it on the street (-) He planted a large row of lilies. He did love animals and his cat. He was quiet and reserved, easy to get along with. We are talking about planting a weeping cherry tree in his space where we live to remember him by. It will be symbolic as well as beautiful. Rick, I know you are in a wonderful place, back home where we will follow. I am sad to not see your truck in the drive way coming and going. Thank you for being my neighbor and for being in my life. Sending love to you.

Leila Deurell

Leila Deurell - August 07, 2016 at 09:00 AM

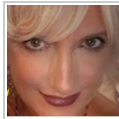


I had the pleasure of volunteering with Rick at the NHSPCA, most often at the Seaside Stroll and on the disaster team. I enjoyed his lets just get it done attitude. He always took my son with him to help set up the walking course and they had such a good time. He was a dedicated to the animals at any hour. Rest in Peace Rick

Lori Bettencourt - August 07, 2016 at 05:34 PM



Sue - August 07, 2016 at 10:06 PM



Ricky!! My first crush and it lasted a long long time. Always so in awe of you and your sense of humor. I will always remember our secret Relievo hiding spot! What I wish is that we could've reconnected and bonded over our love and dedication to all 4 legged creatures . Please rest in peace my sweet man. Luv u always . Xx

Annellen Greene - August 08, 2016 at 05:33 PM



Ricky was my first boyfriend and I have never forgotten him. His positive feelings for me when I was just entering the teen years were a great counter balance to the usual insecurities. Sounds like he was quite a giving person in later years-not a surprise. I wonder if the tree down by the Cocheco (sic) River still has our initials on it. RIP Ricky.

Linda(Dalrymple)Kuhns - August 08, 2016 at 08:10 PM

KK

I knew Rick, as I was a former volunteer at the NHSPCA, member of the DRT Team, Dog walker & various other fund raising events. No big deal as compared to Rick's commitments. I remember Rick as an exceptional mentor to myself & also many others. It was ALWAYS about the welfare of the animals. He had a very DRY sense of humor & those of us who were fortunate enough to be in his company - always appreciated this. The last few times that I saw Rick, he was either at Barker's Farm Stand in Stratham or other local farm stands. They always saved the end of the day farm produce for Rick & the farm animals at the NHSPCA. (I feel certain that he convinced them to do that).. LOL.. That would be Rick!! He was so grateful for that & many thanks to them for paying it forward. Many tears for losing a very special man who was a voice for the voiceless. He will be missed by so many of us. A prayer of peace for his family & everyone who knew how truly special he was. Always a true hero for all animals, plus an inspiration to all of us to continue in his footsteps (although they were mighty big) to make a difference. We will carry on in your memory, Rick, through the animals that you have loved & saved.. I feel certain that you are a greeter at the "Rainbow Bridge". or perhaps the assistant to the CEO.

Kathleen Kennedy - August 08, 2016 at 08:51 PM

AV

I met Rick many years ago at Glengarry and later I became his direct neighbor for three years till I recently moved away. We would chat in the parking lot often and many times he had me in stitches. He always had a key in case I lost my set. I went away and for three weeks he watered my plants and made sure the temperature in the condo was constant during the cold winter of 2014. When I made leek soup I always brought him a container after I found out he loved leeks. He put together a shelf unit when I was recovering from a back injury. He was always there with a smile if I rang hugs doorbell. Sometimes it was to borrow my own key and he would joke about it. I remember the day he was excited when to bring his new kitty home.

It was a shock to find out he left us and went to heaven because I have no doubt that is where he has gone.

*Rest in peace Rick ! Prayers,
Anne Vandersmissen*

Anne Vandersmissen - August 23, 2016 at 07:47 PM

FL

I loved being around Rick at the NHSPCA ! He was always interesting to talk with & had a heart of pure gold ~ but would never admit to such a thing ! His love of animals was always evident in all that he did. A couple of years ago, he adopted a special needs kitty ~ Monkey Man ~ , treated him like a king & spoiled him rotten. I always enjoyed hearing about the antics of this sweet furry boy.

Although Rick has been retired from the NHSPCA for several months now, I still half expect to see him come walking around the corner to greet me on Monday mornings, or to show up in the laundry room to ensure that the dryer trap was being properly emptied. Sometimes I would see Rick & Steve Sproul engrossed in deep conversation as they surveyed a problem ~ I liked to walk by & say ~ " Less talk , more work !" Rick would grin. That little grin was his version of laughing out loud !

I am sincerely sorry that Rick was called home so soon . Such a bright soul with a beautiful heart .He always called me "Frannie".I will always miss my friend, Rick.

No soul ever leaves this world without leaving precious gifts behind.

Frannie Leavitt

Fran Leavitt - September 06, 2016 at 01:37 PM