



## Richard H. "Dick" Goodman

January 9, 1931 - August 19, 2015

Hampton, NH- Richard Hyman "Dick" Goodman, 84, of Hampton and Rangeley, ME passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 following a lengthy illness.

Dick Goodman was a national leader in public education. He was born in Hanover on January 9, 1931, the twelfth of 13 children of the late Anna and Bennie Goodman. Dick graduated in 1949 from Lebanon High School, where he was Class President, played football and sang in the choir. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1953, where he also played varsity football and was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. In August of that year, he married Arlene Jette of West Lebanon.

Mr. Goodman received his Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Wesleyan University in 1955. He subsequently served for two years as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army in Valley Forge, PA. His first position in public education was as a teacher and principal in the Meriden (NH) Elementary School. He then earned his Doctorate of Education from Harvard University, graduating in 1961. He served as Superintendent of Schools in the Milford (NH) Union 40 District (including Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Milford and Mount Vernon) from 1961 to 1965. He was selected by the American Association of School Administrators to study public schools in Sweden in 1963. The Jaycees named him an Outstanding Young Man of New England in 1966.

He held the position of Executive Director of the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) from 1966 until 1969, when he became Superintendent of Schools in Wellesley, MA. In 1976, Dick and his family moved from Wayland, MA to Hampton and he became Executive Director of both the NH School Boards Association and the NH School Administrators Association. As Director of the Center for Educational Field Studies (CEFS) at the University of New Hampshire, he visited every one of the 221 towns in the state, assisting local school boards and administrators in a multitude of ways. He fought tirelessly for the betterment of New Hampshire public schools and for the success of every child in the state.

Dick was widowed in 1989. He retired in 1996 but continued to consult, serving as a Project Director at NESDEC. He co-authored "Improved Leadership for Improved Achievement" and "Thinking Differently: Recommendations for 21st Century School Board/Superintendent Leadership, Governance, and Teamwork for High Student Achievement." The latter publication was sent to all school superintendents in America. He directed a national study of public school district governance, resulting in the co-authored publication "Getting There from Here: School Board-Superintendent Collaboration for Raising Student Achievement." Dick founded the New Hampshire School Boards Insurance Trust and the New England Christa McAuliffe Conference on Technology for Education. He conducted hundreds of workshops for school leaders and spoke at many regional and national conferences, including those of the American Association of School Administrators and the National School Boards Association.

In 1998, Dick became a Delegation Leader for People to People, and was appointed Area Director for Northern New England the following year. In 2000, Dick remarried. He and his wife Lynn Cozza Goodman were both Delegation Leaders and led many groups of student ambassadors to over 10 countries

until their retirement from the program in 2005. In 2006 Dick ran for and was elected to the Winnacunnet High School Board of Education, where he served two 3-year terms. He enjoyed fishing in the lakes and rivers of New England, earning the nickname "Fishnet." He was an avid walker, devoured books on historical figures, and loved to wear colorful Save the Children ties. A favorite pastime was watching The Lawrence Welk Show, which he rarely missed. He spent many summer vacations at the family camp in Rangeley, ME.

Dick delighted in his family. He was proud that his parents, who emigrated from Russia at the turn of the 20th century, sent all 13 of their children to college. While a student at Wesleyan, he successfully nominated his mother to be New Hampshire's 1954 Mother of the Year – an honor that gave him tremendous joy. Always the life of the party, he hosted an annual Fourth of July family reunion in Hampton for 35 years. He devoted the first years of his retirement to researching and privately publishing a book about the Goodman Family.

He leaves behind his wife of 15 years, Lynn Cozza Goodman and stepsons Derek DiMatteo of Bloomington, IN and David DiMatteo and his partner Julia Meier of Portland, OR; his daughters, Jane Goodman of Bloomington, IN, Susan Cohen and her husband William of Stirling, NJ; his son David Goodman and his wife Ellen of Hampton; four beloved grandchildren, Matthew Cohen of New York, NY, Lianna Cohen of Boston, MA, and Isabelle and Samuel Goodman, both of Hampton; brother Joseph Goodman and his wife Pat of Nashua; his sisters, Lillian Goodman and her close friend Mary K Alexander of Shrewsbury, MA, Elizabeth Fleischman of Boynton Beach, FL; 30 nieces and nephews and their families and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Dick was predeceased by his brothers, Samuel, George, Robert, Harry, Harvey and Louis Goodman; his sisters, Grace Smith,

Mary Pearlstein and Helen Budd.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 PM on Saturday, August 22, 2015 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Services will be held at 1 PM on Sunday, August 23 at the First Congregational Church of Hampton, 127 Winnacunnet Rd, Hampton. Burial will follow in the High Street Cemetery, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Richard H. Goodman Memorial Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made payable to: Winnacunnet Dollars for Scholars (enter Richard H. Goodman Memorial Scholarship Fund in the memo field) and mailed to: Winnacunnet Dollars for Scholars, Inc., PO Box 1593, North Hampton, NH 03862 or donations can also be made on the Winnacunnet Dollars for Scholars website (<http://www.winnacunnet.dollarsforscholars.org>); click on the “Donate Now” button at the top of the page. The direct link is: (<http://www.winnacunnet.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=donate&fwID=640>). There is a small PayPal processing fee.

# Cemetery Details

## High Street Cemetery

150 High Street  
Hampton, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 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/>

## Service

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church  
127 Winnacunnet Road  
Hampton, NH 03842

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard H. "Dick" Goodman*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Lynn:  
I'm sorry for your loss.  
John T. Campbell.*

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**John T. campbell** - August 30, 2015 at 03:27 PM



“ *Dick Goodman was a valued friend and will continue to be an inspiration. During my 20 years as a senior executive at AASA, we consulted with each other, worked on projects, and generally had a good time sharing ideas and life stories with each other. He gave life to his name...Good Man. His spirit lit up any room, and his commitment to education and an even better future was contagious. Our thoughts are with his family and his legions of friends. Gary Marx*

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**Gary Marx** - August 28, 2015 at 09:38 AM

JT

“ I grew up in the small village of Meriden, NH, and was lucky enough to be entering the 7th grade when Dick was the newly hired Meriden Village School principal. I will be forever indebted to Dick for the strong sense of values, and the passion for learning, that he instilled. Sadly I didn't gain much skill in basketball, but, seriously, what a wonderful dignified, humble person, so dedicated to educating us young kids. He really made a strong impact in my life, and many others ...many being a relative word as there were two classes in each school room, as I recall, and the rooms weren't that big. We had barely enough kids for a game of marbles during recess...Those two years just flew by for me, and I credit him, as well as my teachers at KUA, for my early success at Yale. First semester found me in the top 5 %, and though things slipped after I discovered interests other than academics, had benefited enormously from his preparation, and his interest in us as students and whole people.

*How delightful that Dick and I met years later, when he was leading the charge for the first class suit challenging how NH funds public education, and I was the Assistant Attorney General representing the Department of Education and the Governor, i.e..on the other side! We respected each others' views and I always found Dick to be well prepared, passionate, and frankly charming. A worthy opponent with all the skills of a trial lawyer though he wasn't one...The state of New Hampshire and all New Hampshire educators and students owe him a debt of gratitude.*

*I am also glad that years after we had gone our separate ways, I saw him for a function, and realized that he did not have a copy of the wonderful Paul Sample print of Meriden, so I gave him one. I knew he cherished his years in Meriden, and he later told me he was very happy with the gift, though he paid for framing as I recall...We have lost a great great man! I was so lucky to have him in my life just when I really needed his help..Jim Townsend*

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**jim townsend** - August 26, 2015 at 04:13 PM

SS

“ Dick was a super uncle. Just 12 years older than me, I remember when he'd drive a load of scrap from Lebanon to Chelsea, then come to our house on Bryant Street, Malden, have lunch then (during summer, especially) drive our Mom (Dick's sister Grace), baby Rich and Barry and me sitting up in the bed of the now-empty truck for the ride up for a week vacation in Lebanon. This was way before seatbelts. And Interstates. Dick was on summer hiatus at Dartmouth. I loved my Uncle Dick. I'd follow him anywhere.

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**Steve Smith** - August 25, 2015 at 09:21 PM

GD

“ Twice I had the privilege of dialoguing with Dick Goodman. Once when I was a member of the Hampton Falls School Board that, by that membership, included my membership in the school boards in Hampton of which Dick was a member. I listened with interest when he spoke, because there was a clear tone of an educator who had strong feelings about the direction that the educational establishment needed to take to escalate the learning experience of our students. I regret that I didn't connect with him for very long after that meeting...and should have made a concerted effort to do so. The second occasion was at several Meals On Wheels lunches in Hampton between four and five years ago. Again, I should have sought to continue our conversations. His passion for all things educational was very apparent, and because I was eager to finish my M.Ed. and teach, I sensed I could have garnered much from his words. This was my second regret, because I'm aware that in Dick's passing, we have lost a champion of learning, of teaching, across the broad educational landscape. I will remember.

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**Gary W. Dozier** - August 24, 2015 at 04:03 PM

JH

“ I worked with Dick at NESDEC and found him to be a wonderful, kind human being who welcomed me into the "NESDEC family" with open arms. His work on superintendent/school board relationships was ground-breaking and much-needed in a world where the stress of the superintendency has reached all-time highs. He will be missed.

Judith Houle - August 24, 2015 at 08:15 AM

EM

“ Eleanor and Jim Matthews send their condolences to Dicks family. We have many happy memories as friends and neighbors in Wayland. He will be missed.

Eleanor and James Matthews - August 23, 2015 at 11:24 AM

JG

Thank you! It was great to see Tracy. (Jane Goodman)

Jane Goodman - August 25, 2015 at 03:30 PM

JM

“ James Matthews lit a candle in memory of Richard H. "Dick" Goodman



James Matthews - August 23, 2015 at 11:16 AM

DR

“ a friends friend, what a great person, will be sorely missed----  
Duncan Riley

Duncan Riley - August 22, 2015 at 12:00 PM

SE

“ Goodman family: I want to offer my deepest sympathy to all of you. Mr. Goodman spent time at SAU33 in Raymond to help us out when we were looking for a new superintendent. I was on the school board at that time and a wonderful person to work with. I also want to say what a perfect picture of him because that is exactly how I knew him.

*Sandra Ellis Raymond NH*

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**Sandra Ellis** - August 22, 2015 at 09:27 AM



“ Godiva Gold Ballotin (36 pc) was purchased for the family of Richard H. "Dick" Goodman.



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August 21, 2015 at 11:49 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Richard H. "Dick" Goodman.



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August 21, 2015 at 07:40 PM

CR

“ Mr. G holds a place in my heart and memories of my youth with friends that would last a lifetime. Time spent in the Goodman kitchen was always filled with food , drink and laughter. And the stories Mr. G would tell. He had great faith and trust in a bunch of wild teens and let us call his house our own. Because of that many many decades later, we are all still close friends. He helped forge that. My deepest condolences. Hoping that you can all take comfort with each other during this sad time.

All my love from afar,  
Cristen Carr Strubbe

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**Cristen** - August 21, 2015 at 06:56 PM

ED

“ I remember Dick and his family as a child. "Aunt Annie" was always my favorite Aunt. Lillian, Joe , Elizabeth and the rest of Dick's family, my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Edie Sauter Herrin

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**edie** - August 21, 2015 at 04:38 PM

RB

“ My wife, Shelley. and I have fond memories of Dick as members of Suburban School Superintendents. Dick was truly a gentleman, a scholar and respected by all.He was always available with wise counsel. His memories are a blessing.

Richard Holzman, EdD

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**rbholzman@yahoo.com** - August 21, 2015 at 10:54 AM

DF

“ On behalf of all of the educational leaders who Dick Goodman inspired, taught, encouraged, nurtured, and placed in roles which made a positive difference in the lives of, literally, tens of thousands of children, "Thank you, Dick." Especially, his colleagues in the national Suburban School Superintendents wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Lynn and the members of Dick's family who encouraged him to continue to channel his enormous energy into doing good things for America and its schools.

--Charles Fowler, Executive Secretary  
SUBURBAN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

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Dr Charles W Fowler - August 21, 2015 at 09:08 AM



Dick Goodman was a colleague and friend in SSS who taught me so much about how to succeed as an educator with class. He saved my career in my last job by doing the best school board training anyone could possibly do. His influence led to eight years of intelligent board peace and support for kids. I will forever be grateful to Dick, a great American educator. Gerald Kohn

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g - August 22, 2015 at 11:10 AM

CB

Dick was my late father Sam's younger brother. I remember him reading comics to me when I was young. He was very devoted to his family and everyone loved him. Carol Buchwalter

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Carol Buchwalter - August 22, 2015 at 03:58 PM

RI

“ I will always remember Richard coming to Tuesday night dinner at Ma and John's with the family and then Richard and John playing cribbage for 25 cents a game....Richard was a great hugger...

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Rita - August 20, 2015 at 05:21 PM