



## Richard Norman Leavitt

May 12, 1943 - June 21, 2025

Intervale-Conway - Intervale – Richard Norman Leavitt, of Exeter, formerly of Intervale, passed away at Langdon Place on Saturday, June 21, 2025, surrounded by family. He was 82 years old.

Born in Manchester on May 12, 1943, Richard was the son of the late Norman W. and Helen (Burke) Leavitt. Raised and educated in Manchester, Richard attended West High School graduating in 1960. From there he earned his B.S. Mathematics Amherst College, and a Masters in Math from Bowdoin College. He began his teaching career at Governor's Academy, Byfield, Ma. He had a great love for sports, especially baseball, he coached baseball and football. Later serving as the Dean of Students, his career at Governor's Academy spanned an incredible 50 years; he was an educator, coach and mentor to many.

Richard is survived by his former spouse Janet (Murphy) Leavitt and their children: Jeffery (Karen), N. Burke, (Elanor), , his fiancée, Jeannette Woodbury, and her sons, Michael, (Rosa), and Chirs. He is survived by his brother Jonathan Leavitt (Fran), In addition to his grandchildren Richard, Catherine, Samantha, Ian, Emily, Sean, along his great grandchildren Damian, Deborah, Owen, Blake, and Parker. Richard also leaves his nieces and nephews: Kathleen (Steve), Maureen (John), Julie (John), and Johnny (Monica).

Family and friends will gather to honor and celebrate him with a visitation on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842. A funeral service will be held immediately following the visitation at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Richard's memory to The New Hampshire Humane Society by clicking here. (<https://www.nhhumane.org/>)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
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## Funeral Service

JUL 1. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Norman Leavitt*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - June 27, 2025 at 11:05 AM

JF

“ *I think in the fall of 1969 one afternoon I was crossing campus having just returned from Cambridge where I had bought the Miles Davis album "In a Silent Way" which featured the musicians Wayne Shorter, John McLaughlin, Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock, Joe Zawinul, Dave Holland and Tony Williams. Mr. Leavitt stopped me as I entered the dorm to ask about the record. I had not listened to it yet. When I told him this, he asked if he could borrow it and instead he loaned me three earlier albums by Miles Davis: "Some Day My Prince Will Come," "Nefertiti" and "Seven Steps to Heaven." He wanted me to hear some of the older Miles before listening to this new Miles, which I did. Later I returned them and he gave me back my record. Dick Leavitt was my dorm master, math teacher and hockey coach. He was also a jazz cat. And a great guy.*

*James Fleming GDA 1971*

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**James Fleming** - July 08, 2025 at 03:44 PM

KL

“ 1 file added to the album *Richard Leavitt at Govenors Academy*



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**Karen Leavitt** - July 03, 2025 at 06:27 PM

KL

“ 2 files added to the album *Richard Leavitt at Govenors Academy*



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**Karen Leavitt** - July 03, 2025 at 11:06 AM

D'

“ *As a member of the Class of '68 at GDA, Dick's first full four-year class, I came to know him as a teacher, house master, coach, and later, a work colleague. He was one of the most thoughtful people I've ever known and would handle any crisis with dignity and aplomb. He was a genuine pleasure to sit and have a conversation with, generally as we puffed on our pipes. It seemed I always learned something whenever these occasions would arise. I, and the entire class of '68 will miss him dearly and extend our sincerest sympathies to his family and friends.*

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**David Mitchell '68** - July 02, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Norman Leavitt.*



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July 01, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *One of my favorite photos of the Leavitt Bros. Sorry I won't be there in person but know memories of Uncle Richie are in my heart ❤️*



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**Steven & Kathleen Malsch** - July 01, 2025 at 09:39 AM



*One of my favorite photos of the Leavitt Bros. I'm sorry I can't be there but know that memories of Uncle Richie are in my heart ❤️*

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**Steven & Kathleen Malsch** - July 01, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Jeff** - June 30, 2025 at 04:10 PM

KL

“ 7 files added to the album Richard Leavitt at Govenors Academy



Karen Leavitt - June 30, 2025 at 10:07 AM

BM

“ Deepest condolences to Jeff, Burke, and all the family. Your father was an indelible part of the GDA experience, as a teacher, coach, and parental figure to many. So sorry for your loss.

BARBARA MACKAY-SMITH - June 28, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Norman Leavitt.



June 28, 2025 at 04:16 PM



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

June 28, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Norman Leavitt.*



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June 28, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Sheila Young lit a candle in memory of Richard Norman Leavitt*



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**Sheila Young** - June 27, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ *Karen Leavitt lit a candle in memory of Richard Norman Leavitt*



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**Karen Leavitt** - June 27, 2025 at 02:51 PM

KL

“ Tribute to Richard Leavitt

*A bright-eyed man, a witty soul, with great love for baseball, fishing,  
and family whole*

*In all thing's math, you found your place, like Einstein and Pascal, a  
few of the greats*

*A cheerful spirit, time cannot erase. Your words rang true, "always  
do your best".*

*what a joy to know such a sweet, loving man,  
Stoic in demeanor, who stood so grand.*

*Your love for education, baseball, and math,  
You shared your heart, forever grateful, such a beautiful gift  
To know that many, were loved so much  
To know you, a treasure indeed so rare,*

*The warmth you shared, the love you gave  
with twinkling eyes, a watchful gaze and endearing smile whether in  
the study hall or behind home plate  
You carried a heart woven with dreams*

*Often stoic, in thought you'd be  
Yet your laughter rang like a sweet, warm bell.  
Your gift was love a bond so deep,  
In our hearts, your memory we will forever keep.  
Though words sometimes few thoughts and emotions ran deep like  
the streams you fished*

*We cherish you dearly, for we know you're with us,  
In each whispered breeze, in each open door, and every passing  
mile, whether at the baseball field, or watching the Red Sox*

*Please know your love will endure.  
In the stories we share, your zest for life*

*With every memory woven, as part of our lives  
Forever you'll live in the depths of our hearts. You have left an  
imprint on each of our hearts*

*You've done your best, showing us how. Now it's your turn to jump  
over the wall*

*By Karen Leavitt*

*Forever loved, Richard, Dick, Mr. Leavitt, Richie, and Papa*

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**Karen Leavitt** - June 27, 2025 at 01:44 PM

JL

“ 3 files added to the album *Richard Leavitt at Govenors Academy*



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**Jeff Leavitt** - June 27, 2025 at 01:32 PM

BK

“ *Mr. Leavitt was truly the epitome of a gentleman. I can still picture him vividly—his ever-present pipe, distinguished moustache, and warm, kind smile. He served as a remarkable role model and left an indelible mark on all who knew him. May he rest in peace.*

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**Bijhan Kalhori** - June 27, 2025 at 01:19 PM

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“ I was always so impressed by Mr. Leavitt’s fastidious nature. Impeccably dressed and his signature bespoke look was both impressive and endearing. In my mind’s eye I see him smoking a pipe. Is it in his hand? Is it in his mouth pursed between his lips as he lights it? I can’t recall if I ever saw smoke. I’m not sure I saw him tamping his tobacco. I never caught a whiff of anything. His clothes never smelled like smoke to me. Maybe it was my imagination! If he didn’t smoke a pipe regularly I think he should have.

I loved when he was Master on the weekends. I would produce my Weekend Slip and anxiously await his signature. I wanted to be off of campus! He would flip open the big binder and see that I had unlimited latitude and my parents allowed me to go anywhere, anytime, and with anyone. He would look at me and a curious expression would develop. “Mr. Fain, it appears you have unlimited weekends?”

Before he said anything else I followed up with, “Yes sir. I am the youngest of 8 children. There is a 14 year age difference from my oldest brother!” He smiled and his eyes peered through his thick lenses and said, “Well, we will see you on Sunday.” I don’t think he understood it...but it made him laugh.

I had deep respect for Mr. Leavitt. He loved his children. It was obvious. They were always dressed appropriately and well groomed. I’m very sorry to hear of his passing. Condolences to his GDA family as well. The Governors Academy has lost a very sincere and kind person. He cared about all of us. He proved it each day. God Bless his family and all of the alums who are mourning his loss.

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John Wythe Fain II ('80) - June 27, 2025 at 01:04 PM

CM

“ *An iconic photo of Dicky and I at the senior Capstone hike in 2011*



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**Chad M** - June 27, 2025 at 12:51 PM

KA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Karen** - June 27, 2025 at 10:41 AM

JL

*2014, was the year of this video and, the year Richard retired from school As is a long standing tradition at graduation from Governors Academy, the graduates jump the stone wall, but before they proceed. They must get the nod from the Dean of Students. Watch closely at the end of the video you will see Richard give them the nod to jump the wall. <3*

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**Jeff Leavitt** - June 27, 2025 at 10:59 AM

KL

*Love this so much! He loved students and school very much*

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**Karen Leavitt** - June 27, 2025 at 03:14 PM

E'

*Mr. Leavitt was a true gentleman and an exceptional math teacher. His kindness and dedication will be remembered. May he rest in peace.*

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**Ehsan Shahmirzadi '76** - June 27, 2025 at 05:01 PM

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**Karen** - June 26, 2025 at 01:25 PM