



## Richard Joseph Marelli

April 22, 1936 - May 1, 2023

Hampton - Richard J. Marelli, long-time owner of Marelli's Market, died peacefully at his home in Hampton, NH on May 1, 2023, at the age of 87.

Richard was born in Exeter, NH to the late Celestina (Reggio) and Luigi Marelli who immigrated from Italy to the United States in the early 1900s. Richard shared over 53 years of beautiful marriage with his devoted and loving wife, Gertrude (Bowe) Marelli.

Richard began working at his family's business as a young boy. For over 80 years, he welcomed generations of local patrons and Hampton Beach visitors to Marelli's Market.

In addition to his wife, Richard leaves behind his brother, Robert Marelli (Joyce) of Hampton Falls; three sons, Gary (Leisa) Marelli of Baker, FL, Robert (Mary) Moore of Hampton and Christopher Marelli of Hampton; four daughters, Tami (Robert) O'Connor of Berwick, ME, Bambi Moore of Wakefield, NH, Becky (Gregory) Marshall of Seabrook, NH, and Bonnie Moore of Hampton; fourteen grandchildren including Casey, Aimee, Shannon, Ryan, Erick, Christina, Lindsey, Danielle, Shelby, Britni, Lauren, Riley, Cori and Braden; eleven great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Richard was predeceased by two sisters, Frances Berry and Jeannie Raynes;

a son, Thomas Marelli; and a grandson, Gregory Marshall.

Richard's children remember him as a kind, gentle, patient, and loving father who was devoted to his family.

The entire Marelli family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the many generations of children who frequented Marelli's Market for their infamous penny candy. These visits meant so much to Richard and made him smile seeing all the happy kids coming and going over the years.

The family will host a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the New Hampshire SPCA, 104 Portsmouth Ave, Stratham, NH 03885, online at <https://nhspca.org/>.

# Tribute Wall

AT

“ *Our condolences to the Marelli Family.  
I have many found memories of the family and the store, oh yes the penny candy! A good man and great a family.*

*Ann George Titus*

Ann George Titus - May 09, 2023 at 08:56 PM

DO

“ *So sorry for Everyones Loss*

Donna - May 09, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Donna Porter lit a candle in memory of  
Richard Joseph Marelli*



Donna Porter - May 08, 2023 at 11:25 AM



*My condolences to the family for your loss. I know my Dave will be having coffee with him. hugs and prayers*

Donna Porter - May 08, 2023 at 11:28 AM

WB

“ *Thank you for letting me to work in the store I have great memories  
rest in peace*

William Bowley - May 06, 2023 at 09:15 AM

TW

“ Deepest condolences to the family for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tricia Royal & Eddee Williams - May 06, 2023 at 09:09 AM

SF

“ I called him Mr Marelli when ordering 89 cent lb burger for dinner on Mom’s direction. I got to spend the rest of the dollar on penny candy —a bonanza of candy!

Later, I sold raspberries to the store and made close to \$100 over the summer in beautiful berries.

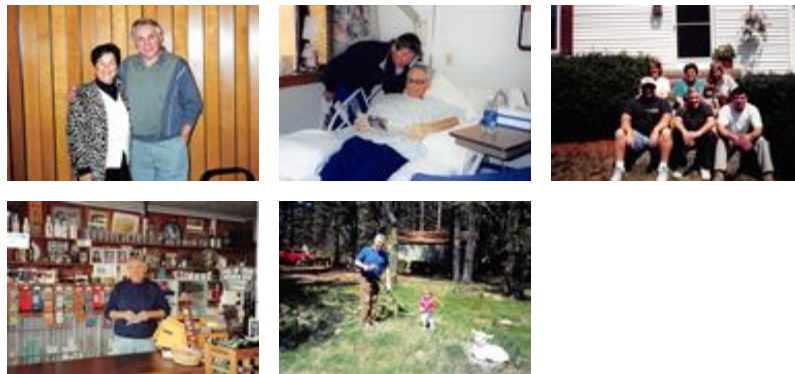
I have fond memories of Richard and his family from their iconic landmark of a store.

Richard and his family will be remembered forever by me and many, I’m sure. May he rest in peace.

Susan Cate Fuller - May 05, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - May 05, 2023 at 04:03 PM

BC

“ *The Marellis were the nicest people and so good with all the youngsters! 😊 Dan and I send our best thoughts for the family 💔*

Betty Coughlin - May 05, 2023 at 03:14 PM

MM

“ *Mark Mawson lit a candle in memory of Richard Joseph Marelli*



Mark Mawson - May 05, 2023 at 08:02 AM

JF

“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of such a great man. Our hearts go out to all of you during this very difficult time but just know that his memory will go on for ever as the best place to go after school and hang out with friends because he always made everyone feel welcome. Jeff and Joanne Fahey*



joanne Fahey - May 05, 2023 at 06:02 AM

SD

“ Dear Marelli family,

*Words cannot replace what you are feeling but know that you are not alone in missing your husband, brother, father, grandfather, etc..*

*This picture reminds me so much of how I remember Richard. I was the weekend production supervisor for Port City News (the Boston Globe) for almost 20 years and Richard was one of my favorite drivers.*

*He would always come in with that smile (posted here in the picture) and we would chat about life. We had a great relationship. He would get his papers early and it would help me empty out space in the warehouse. I think he had the biggest route in the Seacoast for years.*

*When Port City News closed about 20 years ago, I would stop in and see him at the store when my insurance business travels took me through Hampton. I would have loved being a neighborhood kid growing up when I saw the penny candy counter so many others mentioned. But when I saw the cashews, I was hooked. I now had an excuse to visit and make a purchase.*

*Many prayers to all of you and for Richard. He was a true gentlemen, a most reliable driver (newspaper), and an all around great guy.*

*He will be missed.*

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**Scott Demers** - May 04, 2023 at 10:11 PM

EM

“ When I was five years old I told my mother I wanted to marry Richard when I grew up. I think it was because he was the candy purveyor and I thought he'd make a great husband! My sincere condolences to his family. Elinor (Perfect) Mawson, Bath, NH

Elinor Mawson - May 04, 2023 at 07:37 PM

TQ

“ We are so grateful for all the years joy you brought to our son and our granddaughter. Your family through your self have made so much joy and happiness to the children of Hampton. May you rest in peace  
The Quinn Family.

Tom Quinn - May 04, 2023 at 01:26 PM

LW

“ I remember this gentleman when I first came to town in the early 1980's .. I was a live in nurse for Oscar and Eva Batchelder and I remember a couple of gentleman that would bring groceries to the couple on Exeter Road. What a wonderful community and old time service the Marelli's provided them later on in life I would bring my own children there for the wonderful old time penny candy they loved. Fond memories I cherish. May the Marelli family find comfort and peace during this difficult time. Lyn Whitehead



Lyn Whitehead - May 04, 2023 at 09:55 AM

TP

“ *Terri And Paul Provencher lit a candle in memory of Richard Joseph Marelli*



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**Terri and Paul Provencher** - May 04, 2023 at 09:34 AM

DK

“ *My heartfelt condolences to all of Richard's family. He always knew to have my 1/4lb of hot cashews ready when I'd go in.*

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**Debbie Kiernan** - May 03, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Marelli.*



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May 03, 2023 at 02:48 PM

KW

“ *Kathleen Bagley Wood lit a candle in memory of Richard Joseph Marelli*



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**Kathleen Bagley Wood** - May 03, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ I am sorry for your family's loss.  
Rest is peace Richard. 🙏



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Traci Roy - May 03, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of  
Richard Joseph Marelli.



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May 03, 2023 at 12:05 PM