



Richard G. McKenney

February 26, 1934 - May 12, 2023

Rye - Our beloved Richard “Dick” G McKenney passed away on May 12, 2023 in Rye, New Hampshire. He died surrounded by love with his family around him from the end stage effects of Alzheimer’s. We celebrate the loving strength and goodness that he shared with all who knew him.

Dick was born and raised in Beverly, MA into the McKenney and Gove families. Upon graduation from Brown University in 1956 he served two years as a second Lieutenant in the US Navy. Dick spent his entire 32-year career with Northwestern Mutual (NM). He became the youngest General Agent ever appointed by NM and built the Springfield MA agency into an award-winning office. He settled in East Longmeadow, MA, and moved to Deer Isle, ME after retiring in 1988, eventually moving to Rye, NH in 2002.

We are comforted to know that he will be reunited with his mother Grace (who died in 1934, just days after Dick was born) and his granddaughter Abigail Treviño (May, 2000)

Dick leaves behind his wife of 62 years Amelia McKenney, daughter Sandra Richard (Todd Richard) of Farmington, ME, son Douglas McKenney (Charlene McKenney) of Belton, TX, and Tina Treviño (Patrick Treviño) of Portsmouth, NH, and four grandchildren Eliza, Max, Lucia and Diego.

His impact on all who knew him lives on. He was always a gentleman, kind and respectful, a great listener, quick to laugh, and genuinely interested in everyone he met. He loved sports, especially the Boston teams, travelling, working in the yard, sailing, and getting pulled into everything his wife and kids presented. Dick and Amelia had many adventures, including biking 4,000 miles across the country to raise funds for the Deer Isle food pantry, teaching English to people in Vietnam and Xi'an China, and touring exotic places around the world.

Services will be held at 10 AM on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870. Burial will follow in the Central Cemetery, Rye. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dick's name to The Gathering Place, 518 U.S. Route One, Kittery, Maine 03904 or to the Deer Island Community Center, 10 Memorial Lane, Stonington, ME 04681, online at www.deerisle.com/product/donations/

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Rd
Rye, NH 03870
(603) 964-4061

Tribute Wall



“ He was a good man with a good wife behind him. Hope you are finding your way around your new life. Svend Dahlberg Olsen

Svend Olsen - May 22, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard G. McKenney.



May 18, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Richard G. McKenney.

May 16, 2023 at 11:01 AM



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TF

“ *The Gove Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard G. McKenney.*



The Gove Family - May 15, 2023 at 04:50 PM

NA

“ *Dick was such a fun, loving and high spirited person to be around. I am so happy that me and my kids got the opportunity to interact with him regularly. When he visited Texas it was always a true treat. I know he will be welcomed with open arms as the angel he was on earth, who art NOW in heaven. SIP Pa.*

Natasha Abramson - May 15, 2023 at 04:15 PM

ME

“ *I'm sure when Dick arrive at heaven Pearly gates and flash that beautiful smile at ST. Peters he will say come right in Sir.*

Rest In Peace Pops.

Mello, Dee and Mommy

Mello - May 15, 2023 at 02:23 PM

FM

“ *From Mello, Dee and Mommy purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard G. McKenney.*



From Mello, Dee and Mommy - May 15, 2023 at 02:12 PM

BV

“ Dick McKenney, a warm smiling and perfect gentleman to the end, was fortunate in his choice of families -- all, like him, gracious and warm-hearted, and loving to the core. This is a man who will be much-missed by all who knew him. What more can we ask after a long life, well-lived. -- Bruce Valley

Bruce Valley - May 15, 2023 at 09:08 AM

CV

“ From the time I started attending Amelia's yoga class I was always greeted by Dick with a smile and a hug. Such a warm, loving man! He will be missed by so many people. God Bless you, Dick. Rest in Peace. Love, Carol

Carol Vincent - May 15, 2023 at 06:40 AM

MJ

I so much miss my lovely, friendly, cool and kind grandpa! I hope God knows that we love him so much, and that we have memories rewinding in our minds.

I will never forget how he warmly welcomed me to Portsmouth from Tanzania in Tanzania accompanied me to the Airport for departure to Tanzania!

I wish I could get a chance to meet him in person for the other times before he left!

"Every worker deserves his payment " - so might the good Lord Jesus pay him accordingly!

I am grateful to have had a chance to meet and learn from my inspirational speaker! Thanks to mom (Tina) who connected me to Mr. Dick.

Maria John - May 18, 2023 at 04:11 PM