



## Richard Anthony Pierro Jr.

March 27, 1959 - December 12, 2025

Hampton Falls - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr., who left us on the afternoon of Friday, December 12, 2025. Born in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey on March 27, 1959, Rick grew up as a beloved son and brother.

He was a loving husband and a devoted father to his three children. His family was his center, and his greatest pride was found not in titles or accolades, but in the relationships he nurtured. He offered support, encouragement, and joy to those closest to him, and his presence filled a room with warmth, humor, and optimism. His laugh was infectious, his curiosity profound, and his generosity boundless.

Beyond his role as a husband, father, and friend, Rick was a visionary entrepreneur and accomplished businessman. He co founded and built companies that thrived through his integrity, determination, and unwavering belief in people. His contributions to the industries of automation and biotech engineering left a lasting impact, inspiring colleagues and future innovators alike. Rick's entrepreneurial spirit and leadership were matched only by his ability to make others feel truly seen and valued.

Rick lived life with a deep sense of adventure and gratitude. He loved boating, skiing, and traveling, embracing each experience with enthusiasm and sharing

it freely with family, friends, and colleagues. Whether on the water, on the slopes, or simply telling stories, Rick brought passion, kindness, and joy to everything he did.

His legacy is one of love, generosity, optimism, and connection. He leaves behind a lasting imprint on the hearts of all who knew him, and his spirit will continue to inspire laughter, confidence, and compassion in those fortunate enough to have shared time with him.

Predeceased by his parents Richard and Barbara, and his brother Ronald, Rick is survived by his wife Eileen; his children Justin, Michael, and Sofia; his sisters Sandra, and Deborah, as well as extended family and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Rick for a period of visitation on Saturday, December 20, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Rick's name to the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Checks can be made to support his scholarship or the engineering department.

Rick will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Online Donations can be made through the UMass Lowell donation form found online by clicking here, ([https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/909/donations/new?donation\\_type=general&designation=Richard%20Pierro%20%27783%20Chemical%20Engineering%20Endowed%20Scholarship%20Fund](https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/909/donations/new?donation_type=general&designation=Richard%20Pierro%20%27783%20Chemical%20Engineering%20Endowed%20Scholarship%20Fund)) click 'other' and type 'Rick Pierro Endowed Scholarship'. For any questions call Sally Washburne at 617-320-4444.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ I had the privilege of meeting Rick. Once. I am a friend of his sister Deb. We met in Boston when Rick graciously let us stay there for the weekend. We hit it off immediately. What a kind, funny and charming gentleman. Rick spoke lovingly about his beloved wife and children. I would describe him a one of a few. The kindest and best of men. Rest on piece Rick. We will all meet again

Trish Saline - December 24, 2025 at 10:06 PM

TS

Forgive me Rick. Rest in peace.

Trish Saline - December 24, 2025 at 10:10 PM

UF

“ UNH Chemical Engg & Bioengg Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..



UNH Chemical Engg & Bioengg Family - December 22, 2025 at 07:37 AM

PV

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of a dear friend, Rick. He served on the advisory board of the ChE department at UNH, and was a great supporter of the program. He recruited many of our students. Rick had a great sense of humor and regaled me with his stories about his family when they went on trips to Italy or other places. We stayed in touch after I retired, and I looked forward to my conversations with him. Farewell, my friend. We will miss your presence and your smiling face.

PT Vasudevan - December 20, 2025 at 11:44 PM

MF

“ *Maite, Quique, Michelle, Cristian, Fefa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..*



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**Maite, Quique, Michelle, Cristian, Fefa** - December 19, 2025 at 07:25 PM

LW

“ *Rick was an amazing person with a positive spirit who brought passion and vision to all his activities. Always there when you needed him to be present to listen and guide. I will miss him.*

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**Larry Weiner** - December 19, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - December 19, 2025 at 02:24 PM

JR

“ I was one of the lucky people that had the pleasure of meeting Rick more than 20 years ago. He was a great supporter of our businesses, but more importantly a great person and friend that was also positive in any situation including when I last talked to him the Tuesday before Thanksgiving downplaying his trip to the ER and remaining positive. One of only a few people in my life that I truly admire.

*Jim Robertson*

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**Jim Robertson** - December 19, 2025 at 01:12 PM

TC

“ I met Rick during the design phase of the ETIC building - at the time, our first new construction in over 30 years. I was nominally overseeing the project and he was president of a very well respected engineering control company. He invited me to visit his company and hear his concerns about the safety / gas monitoring system that was planned for the building. He made a very credible presentation; I took them to our design team for a reassessment of plans. Through the process he and his people stayed engaged with our team.

*Over the years we have joked, shared travel plans and concerns for a variety of challenges.*

*As others have said, we will miss his bright smile and ever positive attitude.*

*Tom Costello*

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**Tom Costello** - December 19, 2025 at 12:57 PM

AD

“ Rick was an alum, friend, and generous supporter of UMass Lowell and its Chemical Engineering Department. While Chair of the Chemical Engineering Department, I always found Rick to be a warm, friendly, and energetic person, and he always exhibited a positive approach to any challenge. He shared many interesting stories related to his very successful career and his vacation adventures with friends and family. He was an important contributor to our Department Industrial Advisory Board as its Chair. As a friend and colleague, I was always very grateful for his advice, efforts, and contributions in several ways toward helping us achieve our educational goals.

*My wife Janice and I offer our condolences to Eileen, and his children for such a great loss for the family and for our community. Rick will be greatly missed.*

*Al Donatelli*

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**Al Donatelli** - December 19, 2025 at 08:43 AM

SM

*I just heard months after he passed that Rick passed for I haven't heard from him in 30 years. For that's when I switched to teaching college physics from industrial automation engineering.*

*Before that he'd show up every time I moved to new company working in new automation engineering job to see if his company could do business there. lol. Don't know how he kept finding out for we didn't keep in touch after college but he showed up everytime. lol. I would be walking to my car at the end of the work day and there he'd be in parking lot to grill me for info on my company. He was a great businessman and I'm sure he checked up where all his old classmates were working to see whose company he could get his company projects at... and he always got his company work at my new jobs... lucky for him every few years I'd change jobs, ever trying to find the perfect job... So he got his company a lot of work thru his stalking exclassmates. Lol.*

*At lowell chem eng we shared a TA office and became close in our years at lowell chem eng and you Dr Donatelli were both our favorite teacher. I remember clearly how he would come to our TA office an hour before your exams panicked for he hadn't studied and would get me to give him an hour crash course on what he needed to know to pass your test... and I would... and he would pass.*

*I just heard he passed although it was many months ago so I googled to see what he died from and saw this page and seeing your name reminded me the kindness you always showed me... and wanted to thank you again... And doing it here seemed right for Rick would like that for he admired you too, as a teacher, an engineer but most importantly as a kind decent human.*

*Fyi, it was your class that got me interested in physics and much later in my career I took a break from engineering work to get an MS physics so I could teach college physics which I loved and was so much fun.*

*It was actually the last time I heard from Rick. Again I don't know how he always knew when I changed jobs but probably a chem eng prof I used as reference or a mutual friend was my guess. And he said I always knew that's what you should be doing, physics that is, for he said he remembered how much I loved the math especially the derivations in your classes. I was always a physicist at heart but didn't know it then...wish if he knew he had told me then. lol.*

*Thank you again even if you don't remember me after all these decades as I wouldn't expect you to, but fyi I remember how much both Rick and I loved you as the best professor we ever had.*

*And condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. From what I remember of Rick, I have no doubt he lived 132 years in those 66 years.*

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**Susan McGinnis** - June 05 at 05:34 PM

SM

*Oh and I didn't say how sorry I am to hear of his passing too soon. I remember how hard long hours he worked at ulowell and I bet he did til the day he died so extra sad he never got to relax retired but I'm guessing he'd never retire.*

*I also just did some googling and am not surprised to see how successful he was, he knew it in college and talked of starting his own company all the time.*

*One day years after ulowell, he called to tell me he wanted to start a engineer for hire company where he places engineers in temp jobs and gets half their hourly rate and asked me to work for him as his first hire. I had just started a new engineering job and didn't think half was fair so turned it down. He never forgave me but sounds like he started a better company so for the best.*

*Funny that years ago I got a call from his company from my resume on a job hunting site I had put there years before and forgot was there. The guy was inquiring to hire me but I declined for I had a physics teaching job and it'd be weird for surely he didn't know. Lol.*

*At ulowell, Rick never had money and he would drop by my graduate residence room to raid my frig claiming he had no money to buy supper, and relax, take a shower and back to work on thesis at lab. He worked so hard so I knew he'd be successful and glad to hear he was but looks like beyond even his dreams back then of successful. Good on you Rick!*

*I hadn't thought of him in a long while for I have both good and bad memories but now I'll just remember the good which are rushing back on hearing he's gone. I always admired how he really wanted to know about people especially from other countries. He was always smiling. His attempts at dancing were hilarious. He was the only person of the many I've tried to teach how to solve Rubik's Cube that succeeded to learn. When he had a car accident when we hadn't talked in years he called me to tell me he had the cube there and forgets so had me step him thru it on phone in hospital bed. I never laughed so hard. He enjoyed making people laugh. He loved his family so much. The first time he had me over his family home he hoped I could beat his father at chess. I did not and he never let me live that down since I always beat him, he had high hopes. His mom and sister were two of my favorite people when I went on Europe tour with them one summer.*

*He called me sometime after he got married when he heard I left automation engineering to teach physics and given everyone else thought that was foolish, I appreciated how he thought it was what he always felt I was meant to do. Eileen, then he told me about you and*

*how amazing you were and how you changed him to be a faithful man. He said you were the most extraordinary woman he ever met and only woman he thinks he ever would of married and he was finally ready to have kids. It was hard to hear given our history but we parted friends so I was happy for him. But he lightened it up with the story of him comically climbing your balcony at your parent's home in Puerto Rico. I could hear how much he adored you and that you made him a better man.*

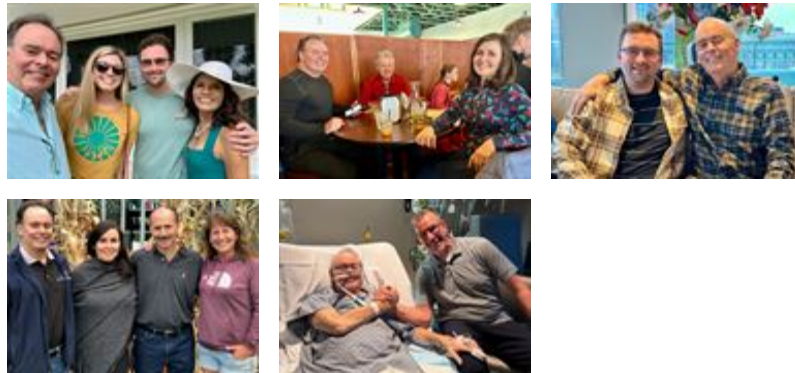
*I'm so sorry for your and your children's and his family's great loss. And hope it was ok to share that for I knew a different him only long ago in a different lifetime but I think he'd smile that I shared some good memories.*

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**Susan McGinnis** - June 06 at 01:46 AM



“ 279 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - December 18, 2025 at 04:55 PM

MR

“ *Magdalena R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..*

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**Magdalena R.** - December 18, 2025 at 02:20 PM

LM

“ Thank you for the friendship, many fond memories and laughs over the last 30 plus years. See you on the other side for a margarita and a boat ride. God speed my friend. Lou Mello



Lou Mello - December 18, 2025 at 12:53 AM

TF

“ The Chemical Engineering Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..

The Chemical Engineering Family - December 17, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..



December 17, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Condolences to the Piero family. I knew Rick through the Chemical Engineering Department alumni community. It has been an honor to have known him, and his legacy will live on—both here and in my heart.



Penny Donoghue - December 17, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JN

“ Condolences to the Pierro family. We are saddened to hear of this news. Rick was always so caring and welcoming whenever we saw him and we always felt like part of the family. Jeff & Laura Nolan formerly from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Rensselaer NY.

Jeffrey Nolan - December 16, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JP

“ Jeffrey P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..

Jeffrey P. - December 16, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..



December 16, 2025 at 02:53 PM

HB

“ Helga B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..

Helga B. - December 16, 2025 at 02:08 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the album Rick @ Wentworth by the Sea



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**Rick Couto** - December 16, 2025 at 01:02 PM

TF

“ The Cotter Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..

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**The Cotter Family** - December 16, 2025 at 11:12 AM

TF

“ The Cotter Family purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..



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**The Cotter Family** - December 16, 2025 at 11:12 AM

VF

“ Vicki Pierro and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..

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**Vicki Pierro and family** - December 16, 2025 at 01:34 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..*



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December 16, 2025 at 01:34 AM



“ *Rick we will miss your energy, laughter, engagement, but most of all your amazing friendship. You are a person that we all just wanted to be around and that says so much about you. The last time we spoke you had that positive energy and we discussed going to set a time for lunch. We will need to postpone this but it will happen. I will miss you so very much my friend. Kevin Seaver*



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**kevin Seaver** - December 15, 2025 at 09:33 PM



*Sincere condolences to Eileen, the children and the family. I met Rick on the dance floor where he always wore a warm smile which made the lessons so much fun along with his flamingo shirt. You are a missed source of positive energy on the dance floor. Rest in peace.*

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**Colleen Kruchem** - December 17, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Anthony Pierro Jr..*



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December 15, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ *Rick was more than a friend. He was a mentor and advisor. When I moved to the Boston area back in 2002, he was one of the people who took me under his wing. Over the years, he was so kind to me. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. Keeping his loved ones and friends in my prayers.*

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**Monique Sprueill** - December 15, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *Eileen and family, I'm so very sorry. Rick was a great soul who was always fun and friendly. I loved seeing him on the slopes and post-skiing for a cocktail and ski stories. He will be missed greatly by many at Attitash.*

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**Ginny Rogers** - December 15, 2025 at 05:09 PM

BR

“ *Some memories through the years, Rick, you will be missed by all who knew you!* ”



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**Bill Russo** - December 15, 2025 at 04:37 PM

VP

“ *A family reunion at his house and made me feel welcome the first time I meant him and the family* ”



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**Virginia Pierro** - December 15, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ I posted this on LinkedIn as Rick was a friend especially in the business world:

*"Over the weekend I learned that we lost a friend of our industry, and a friend of mine.*

*Rick Pierro was a constant presence in the Pharma industry in the New England region and a neighbor of mine in Hampton Falls. Without fail, every time we were together and we were meeting someone new, he would introduce me as his daughter's soccer coach from when she was little. That is where we first met and then MANY times after at countless ISPE Boston Area Chapter events since and around town, at church, the grocery store, or some town event. I spent many hours talking with Rick over the years at different industry events and he made everyone feel like they were a long lost best friend every time you met.*

*The last time I saw Rick was at the Boston product show unaware that he had been sick, and his wife took a picture of the two of us together. We joked how he finally had the same haircut as me (albeit not by choice), unfortunately I'd likely always be a little taller :)*

*People come and go in the business world. Some untimely. Rick will be missed by so many for the mark that he made both in business and as a friend. If you ever want to hear a fun story about Rick...ask me about how he took his boat out for the first time after buying it. It is PURE Rick.*

*We'll miss you!"*

*I am so sorry for your loss Eileen, Justin, Michael, and Sofia.*



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**Jesse McLaughlin** - December 15, 2025 at 04:10 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the album *Entrepreneur*



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**Scott Mangiacotti** - December 15, 2025 at 02:56 PM

HM

“ *Eileen, I extend my deepest sympathy to you and your three children may you live with very, very fond memories of Rick. Rick will be remembered by all who knew him. I have the honor to be one of those who will remember Rick with beautiful memories: work, ISPE, Patriots, parties, dinners (Ron's Landing, 401, Old Salt, Galley Hatch). Yes, Eileen, Rick was one of a kind.... God Bless.*

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**Harry MacNeil** - December 15, 2025 at 01:50 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the album *Rick at UML*



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**Sally Washburn** - December 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM

SW

*Rick was always a good sport on campus even when Lisa Brother's pointed out a mistake he made...but it was a GREAT lesson for the students to learn. Rick was a true great for UMass Lowell paying it forward and giving his Time, Treasure and Talent. He will be missed greatly by all of us and especially me.*

**Sally Washburn** - December 15, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JM

*Condolences to the entire Pierro family. I knew Rick starting at the 4th grade in North Andover. We spent a lot of time together at my family farm and at his parent's house for many years through high school. He was a great friend. I also enjoyed the time spent with his parents and brother/sisters. I am saddened to hear that Ronnie passed too.*

*After high school, he went to college in Boston and I was in Cambridge. We still would get together occasionally to party on the weekends. He then went to graduate school in Lowell. By then, I had a lot of experience with PID control systems and computers so I would occasionally help him with some of his school projects. We both tended to be workaholics so it was no surprise that he asked for some help to get his Master's thesis in on time to graduate. We had both pulled a number of all-nighters finishing his thesis. One of the most memorable moments we laughed about for years was when he was driving me home with it getting lighter at around 5am after finishing printing and collating his thesis. He wanted to drop off the thesis that morning to his thesis advisor. While he was driving east on Rte. 114 in North Andover just east of the Rte. 125 intersection, he slammed on the brakes and I almost hit the windshield. I asked why he slammed on the brakes. He said that he saw a guy on a horse riding toward us on Rte. 114. I looked forward and there was no guy and no horse. He looked back up and said the guy must have went off into the woods. What we laughed about for years is that he told me he was concerned that I didn't see the horse and that \*I\* needed the sleep. After a few moments, I told him that \*he\* really needed to get some sleep before driving to deliver his thesis.*

*Rick touched many people and improved life over many years. Peace be with you my friend.*

*-Jim Mandry-*

**James Mandry** - December 17, 2025 at 11:36 AM

KW

*I want to extend my sincere condolences to Rick's family on his passing. I just became aware of it and was privileged to share some ski slopes with Rick some years ago. It was a real treat to do so. His personality and search for fun and improvement were evident, especially that one day at Steamboat when I dragged him into the woods for some tree skiing lessons. He had one speed...wide open! Rick was such a pleasure to be around and though I hadn't seen him since Herb Scribner's celebration of life I will never forget those days in his company.*

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**Ken Woodbury** - December 20, 2025 at 02:42 PM