



Robert J. Kupka

October 24, 1945 - January 21, 2016

Hampton, NH – Robert J. Kupka, 70, of Hampton, died peacefully Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Exeter Hospital.

He was born October 24, 1945 in Springfield, MA the son of the late Joseph and Gertrude (Murphy) Kupka.

Raised in Springfield, he graduated in 1963 from Springfield Cathedral High School, where he excelled on the school hockey team and was inducted into the Springfield Cathedral Hall of Fame. Following graduation he went on to play hockey at Boston College and graduated with the Class of 1967.

Mr. Kupka was a teacher at West Roxbury High School for 30 years, retiring in 2002. During this time he was the school hockey coach and soccer coach as well as a well-respected and well-known referee for NCAA Division I Hockey,

Robert enjoyed reading, walking and spending time at Hampton Beach, where he could always be seen sitting at his favorite bench. His greatest joy was spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

He shared 10 years of marriage with his late wife Joan B. (Allman) Kupka who predeceased him in 2010.

Family members include his children, Robert J. Kupka Jr. and his wife Michelle of Hampton, Kimberly Canney and her husband Brian of Billerica, MA and the mother of his children Patricia Kupka of Hampton; sisters, Gail Manley and her husband John of Springfield, MA, Kathy Kupka of Chicopee, MA; grandchildren Alexa, Samantha, Scott, Julia, Lily, Joshua and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be from 5-8 PM Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11AM Wednesday, January 27, 2016 in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. In lieu, of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Bobby was a True Superstar. It was a privilege to know Him and be a Teammate...:)

John A. Williams

JOhn A Williams - January 17, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Robert J. Kupka*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I just learned of Bob's passing five minutes ago. I will dearly miss him. He was a great neighbor and good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.*

Pauline

pauline quinn - January 27, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ *Such sad news... May your warm memories of Bob bring you comfort and peace.*

He'll surely be missed at Seabreeze.

Rita A-18

Rita - January 27, 2016 at 07:43 AM

AB

“ Rest in peace coach. Always grateful for the time you gave us on and off the ice. Condolences to your family.

Alan Blair Rossie High class of 1976

Alan Blair - January 26, 2016 at 09:28 PM

DA

“ Bobby, the So sh Man as he called himself. Short for sociology. Great memories. You impacted many lives in a positive way. Thanks for your friendship and good times. We will miss you.

David and Jeanne Glynn

David - January 26, 2016 at 11:33 AM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - January 26, 2016 at 09:21 AM

AD

“ Great coach, great teacher and great man One of my favorites RIP Coach Kupka- Anthony Duggan West Roxbury High Class of '99

Anthony Duggan - January 25, 2016 at 03:54 PM

BM

“ Bob and I were acquainted as teenagers through caddying at Springfield Country Club and as high school hockey rivals (Cathedral and West Springfield). By coincidence, we both went to Boston college in 1963. During the first few months of school Bob, the popular hockey personality, went out of his way to see to it that I, Mr. Average, made the right social connections. More than 50 years later I have not forgotten that accomodation. Glad I saw him a few years ago in Springfield at the funeral of one of his parents to tell him how much I appreciated the great favor he did for me. Great Guy.

Bill Murray, West Springfield, MA

Bill Murray - January 25, 2016 at 12:27 PM

JM

“ Very sorry to hear this news. I played hockey for Coach Kupka for 3yrs. Back in 72. Great man,mentor and coach. He influenced me greatly in my teenage yrs. when I could of gone down the wrong path. I'll be forever great-full for his guidance and direction.

James McKernan - January 25, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with coach's family and friends. If it not for you I never would have gotten through high school. Rest easy coach you will be missed!!!!

John Barnes Jr. - January 25, 2016 at 09:17 AM

BW

“ Rest in peace Coach Kupka (a.k.a.) The Silver Fox, thank you for all that you have done, and the memories we shared of the game we call Hockey. To quote your line after a game, Meet you up top! you sure will....



Student 1979-1983- My Beloved Hockey Coach, Friend.

Bob Wilson

Bob Wilson - January 25, 2016 at 04:57 AM

PP

“ Thoughts & Prayer. West Roxbury High Class of 82. Paul Perella.

paul perella - January 24, 2016 at 08:38 PM

BF

Played hockey for coach K for 4 yrs from 73 to 77. Best coach I ever had the pleasure of playing for. Truly a good man. R.I.P coach

Billy Finn - January 25, 2016 at 07:49 PM

AX

“ All our love, Auntie Gail Uncle John and children xoxoxo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert J. Kupka.



All our love, Auntie Gail Uncle John and children xoxoxo -
January 24, 2016 at 01:40 PM



“ RIP Coach. Mike O'Brien #4 Class of 83

Mike O'Brien - January 24, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert J. Kupka.*



January 24, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Mr. Kupka was arguably one of the most respected and well-liked teachers at Roslindale High School, and after it was closed, subsequently at West Roxbury High School. He coached soccer and hockey and was an excellent teacher outside of the sports arena. He was popular among students and faculty and had an excellent sense of humor which made him endearing to his students.*

I will always remember him with his ever-present smile, and funny quips. May he rest in peace, and may his memory be eternal. God Bless You, Mr. Kupka...

*George L. Mesmar
Class of 1973
Roslindale High School*

George L. Mesmar - January 23, 2016 at 10:27 PM



“ *1 file added to the album High School*



Nicholas L. Shaheen - January 23, 2016 at 08:12 PM

NS

He was a wonderful teacher, coach and role model for all students at Rossie High during a time in our lives when we needed those kind of adult/leadership qualities the most.

Nicholas L. Shaheen - January 23, 2016 at 08:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Hockey



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