



## Robert "Bob" Marquis

September 14, 1953 - May 7, 2026

Stratham- Bob Marquis, age 72, of Stratham, NH passed away peacefully on May 7, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Born on September 14, 1953, in Amesbury, MA to Robert F. Marquis and Victoria A. (Jurdi) Marquis. Bob remained a proud New Englander throughout his life, defined by his dedication to education, his craftsmanship, his strong beliefs, and above all, his family.

Bob's career was rooted in a deep-seated desire to help others. After graduating from Amesbury High School, he earned a B.S. in Psychology from Boston State College and an M.Ed. in Counseling from Suffolk University. He began his career as a counselor at Amesbury Middle School, where he was instrumental in mainstreaming students from a local residential center into the public school system. The challenges of this role only fueled his devotion to students and resulted in friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

Always seeking to grow, Bob continued his education, eventually earning a CAGS in School Psychology from Northeastern University. While working at SAU 21, as a school psychologist, Bob achieved a second M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision from the University of New Hampshire. His leadership journey took him across New Hampshire, serving as Director of Pupil Services in Deerfield, Special Education Director in SAU 56, and Assistant Superintendent in Somersworth. He culminated his public service as

the Superintendent of Schools in Milford. Even in retirement, Bob remained a vital resource to the educational community, consulting for the Diocese of Manchester schools through ADAC.

Bob's passions went beyond the school walls, and he was equally at home with a hammer in his hand. In 1976, Bob married Jean Flanagan and lived in Merrimac, MA, where they grew their family with the birth of their two sons, Joshua and Matthew. During this time, Bob refined his skills through evening carpentry courses at Whittier Vocational Technical High School. His craftsmanship was truly realized in 1986, when he moved his family to Durham, NH, into a beautiful home he built himself. Throughout his life, he was known for his generosity, frequently lending his talents to help family and friends with their own projects, leaving lasting works in wood.

In 1998, Bob married Sharon (Davis) Hallett, and together with children, Brianna, Alisha, Talia, Joshua and Matthew they built a life in Stratham, NH centered around their blended family. Whether, he and Sharon were spending summer weekends at the camp they built in Thornton, NH, enjoying the mountains, or vacationing on Cape Cod, Bob was happiest when surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

A passionate New England sports fan, Bob could often be heard loudly rooting for the Patriots. He found peace in the outdoors whether swimming, kayaking, gardening or simply relaxing in the sun. On rainy days, he could be found with a book, a puzzle, or a game of Cribbage.

Bob will be remembered for his infectious, joyous laughter, warm heart, and remarkable gift for making everyone feel welcome. His empathy and outgoing nature, led to a wide circle of friends who appreciated him dearly.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon, his children and their partners:

Talia and Marvin, Matt and Kristin, Alisha and Matt, Josh and Mark, Brianna and Rob, and his cherished grandchildren, Louise and Westin.

He also leaves behind his brothers, Ray and Ron, his brother Rich and wife Cindy, and their family. Bob shared a close bond with Sharon's siblings and their children, who embraced him as a treasured member of their families. Bob's life was further enriched by his best friend, Eric Wigode.

He was predeceased by his parents, Robert F. and Victoria A. Marquis.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m to 7:00 p.m on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton.

Bob's presence will be forever missed, but his legacy of kindness and hard work lives on in the many lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bob's memory may be made to Children's Literacy Initiative (<https://cli.org/support-us/>), American Lung Association (<https://www.lung.org/>), and National Park Foundation (<https://www.nationalparks.org/>)

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY **19**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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