



## Roger A Syphers

December 12, 1933 - April 20, 2015

Hampton - Roger A. Syphers, 81, passed away Monday, April 20, 2015, at his home.

Born in Portsmouth June 12, 1933, he was a son of the late Theophilus and Eleanor L. (McNabb) Syphers. He was a 1953 graduate of Portsmouth High School and served as a boiler tender 2nd class with the US Coast Guard from 1953 to 1957.

Roger owned and operated the Sypher's Monument Company in Hampton working many years with his close friend Glen Simmons. He was also a former driver's education instructor at Winnacunnet High School and director of the Hampton Recreation Department.

Roger was a member of the First Congregational Church of Hampton and of the choir. He was also a member of Saint James Lodge #102 F&AM and Hampton's American Legion Post 35. He loved playing basketball and was a faithful Patriots fan. Roger had a true passionate love for people.

Family members include his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth (Kalashian) Syphers of Hampton; two sons, Roger C. Syphers of Hampton and Richard Syphers and his wife, Janice of Amesbury, MA; two brothers, Robert Syphers and his wife, Emily of Burbank, CA, and Bruce Syphers of Greenland; two sisters, Zoe

Ann Moulton and her husband, Les of Wells, ME, and Priscilla Zoffoi and her companion, Dennis Vickery of Stratham; a sister in-law Bonnie Syphers of Manchester; four grandchildren, Ashleigh E. Syphers of Amesbury, MA, Madison E. Syphers of Hampton, Nicole Gikas and her husband, Van of Peabody, MA, and Jason Austin of Peabody, MA six beloved great grandchildren, Achilles and Elani Gikas and Blake, Mason, Ellis and Jayden Austin all of Peabody, MA; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was predeceased by his brother Richard Syphers formerly of Manchester.

Family and friends may visit from 5 to 8 PM on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, with American Legion services at 5:45 PM followed by Masonic services at 6 PM. Services will be held Saturday at 11 AM in the First Congregational Church of Hampton. Burial will be in the High Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

# Cemetery Details

## High Street Cemetery

150 High Street  
Hampton, NH

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 24. 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/>

## American Legion Service

APR 24. 5:45 PM (ET)

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## Masonic Service

APR **24**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Hampton, NH 03842  
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## Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church  
127 Winnacunnet Road  
Hampton, NH 03842

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roger A Syphers*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Uncle Roger*  
*I will miss you. You were a good Uncle and a good Man I'm lucky to have had you in my life .*

*love you very much*  
*Kelly*

**Kell syphers** - April 26, 2015 at 12:57 PM



“ *Roger Page Hammond lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers*



**Roger Page Hammond** - April 25, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ *We have very warm memories of a wonderful man who served both his community and his nation. He will be missed!*

*Chris & Eileen Nevins*

**Chris & Eileen** - April 25, 2015 at 06:06 AM

BN

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of such a wonderful man. I still have to call you Mr. Syphers because that's what I always called you, never was comfortable calling you Roger. I'm so glad I got to see you a few years back when I came back to N.H. from my home in N.C. for my aunts funeral. Since I was staying at a hotel in Hampton I had decided I would just drive by your house to see if I still knew how to get there and much to my surprise you were outside working in your yard. I stopped and we had a wonderful trip down memory lane, once you realized who I was, that is. You didn't really know who you were talking to at first until I mentioned I just about lived at your house all through my high school years. That's when your eyes opened wide and you pointed to your cheek and said "here Bonnie, slap a kiss on my cheek". So I did. It was so nice to see you. Thank you for those memorable years Mr. Syphers...R.I.P....!

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**Bonnie Humes Nelson** - April 25, 2015 at 03:53 AM



“ Thank you Roger for teaching me how to drive when I was 15. You were an awesome man. I will never forget you. R.I.P. my friend.

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**John Fowler** - April 24, 2015 at 10:17 PM

CT

“ Cindy Berry Tougas lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers



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**cindy berry tougas** - April 24, 2015 at 04:39 PM

CT

*hadn't seen him since he did my mom and dads headstones.we did have a little history together...he was always pretty understanding and supportive and will always have a special place in my heart..love to liz and the boys..candles lit and blessed be..*

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**cindy berry tougas** - April 24, 2015 at 04:48 PM

BS

“ *So sorry to Roger's family. Bruce worked with Roger and Glenn for many years and I was lucky enough to be in the choir and singing group with Roger. R.I.P.Roger. You will be sorely missed. Bruce and Suzanne Corson.*

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**Bruce and Suzanne** - April 24, 2015 at 04:21 PM

DO

“ *In the choir pew we were school boys having fun together. He shared his take on the Pats and good naturedly chided me about my Giants. He was always genuine, with a firm grip, a joke, a laugh and a smile. He sang with passion and feeling. And every year he carried our American flag, in his fatigues, saluted and started our church Memorial Day service with honor, respect and solemn dignity. Roger made our church family complete. He was a solid man. He was a Christian brother. I will miss you Rog. I really will miss you.*

*Dave Olsen*

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**David Olsen** - April 24, 2015 at 03:27 PM

AB

“ Roger used shoot hoops with me for hours when I was a little fella. Prob 20 years ago, at the old HAJH courts(now the soccer field). Always a smile on his face, he will be missed. RIP.

*-Alex Bean on behalf of the Bean Family*

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**ALEX BEAN** - April 24, 2015 at 03:06 PM

JL

“ What a warm, gracious, unique. artistic human being you are Roger Syphers! One of the first people we met at the church. There should have been a light shining down on you with the words "Something Special" inscribed above. You will be misses by all and not forgotten. It was a privilege and honor to have you as a friend and you will be with us wherever we go.

*Joe & Alison Lysitt*

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**Joe Lysitt** - April 24, 2015 at 12:27 PM

BM

“ Roger first and foremost was a "True Friend." He always responded with a pleasant attitude. He will be remembered as a rare "Go to" person that could always be counted on. He will be forever missed. Bruce Montville and Billy & Chris/Jim.

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**Bruce Montville** - April 24, 2015 at 08:43 AM

MG

“ alot of time on the court together my friend.....you will be missed...

*Mike Gnecco*

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**Mike Gnecco** - April 24, 2015 at 08:31 AM

LR

“ *Lisa Roberts lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers*



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**Lisa Roberts** - April 24, 2015 at 02:23 AM

SB

“ *I am saddened to hear the news of Roger's passing. I have known the Syphers family since the late 1950's. I was best friends with his son, Roger "Jr." for years and had known the family very well during the late '50's and through the '60's. I also attended Driver's Ed with Mr. Syphers back in 1973. He was a great driving teacher and taught me things I still remember to this day. I wish I lived closer so I could attend the services. My deepest condolences to his family.*



*Steve Bisig*

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**Steve Bisig** - April 23, 2015 at 10:09 PM



“ *We were all saddened to learn of Roger's passing. He will be missed.  
The Behan Family.*

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**Michael Behan** - April 23, 2015 at 08:26 PM

CS

“ so sorry to hear this great man Roger was also my driver ed teacher and I have been to his shop a few times some just to talk others times to have him create a beautiful stone. he did a beautiful stone for me that brought tears to my eyes when it was done he called and asked it I wanted to meet him when he put the stone in I did and he made it so special I will never forget that day rip and fly high with the angels



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**Cathy Schrempf** - April 23, 2015 at 08:23 PM

KP

“ We were so sad to hear the news of Roger's passing. He was such a kind, genuine man; always helping everyone. His beautiful smile was contagious. I know he is smiling down from heaven and singing joyously too. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He will be missed. The Portrie Family

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**Kate Portrie** - April 23, 2015 at 07:36 PM

NW

“ When my daughter was murdered two years ago Roger sent me a letter offering his services. I went to see him that day with my 11 month old grandson. Roger cried with me as we talked about what to put on a special grave marker for her. His kindness and compassion meant so much, his gentle way with my grandson made a painful time a little easier to bear. RIP Roger 💜

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**Nancy Warf** - April 23, 2015 at 07:17 PM

TA

“ Theresa Aversano lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers



Theresa Aversano - April 23, 2015 at 07:01 PM

RS

“ Richard & Janice Syphers lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers



Richard & Janice Syphers - April 23, 2015 at 06:48 PM

RJ

We love you & miss you dearly, our world will never be the same without you! We know you are singing with the angels. RIP XO

Richard & Janice - April 23, 2015 at 07:08 PM

BN

Richard may God be with you and comfort you and your family in this very hard time for you all. Please give my condolences to your mom as well. God Bless!! 🙏

Bonnie Humes Nelson - May 21, 2015 at 12:10 AM

VW

“ Veronica Wichrowski lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers



Veronica Wichrowski - April 23, 2015 at 06:43 PM

AH

“ I will always remember Roger's ready smile.... he was so full of life. Our family was truly moved when Roger had a plaque made for Cliff's chair at the Church to honor his memory. He will missed.  
*The Pratt/Hansen Family*

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**Amy Hansen** - April 23, 2015 at 06:32 PM

HE

“ Holly Elder lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers



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**Holly Elder** - April 23, 2015 at 06:16 PM

LS

“ I will miss that smile and fist pump greeting Sunday mornings and hearing that voice belting out a song so emotionally. No matter my mood Roger always brought a smile to my face when I saw him.... as I think of him now I can't help but smile along with a tear in my eye. My condolences to the family. He will be missed by many.

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**Lisa Shaw** - April 23, 2015 at 06:08 PM

WB

“ Roger was also my driving instructor in 1967. He would always speak when he saw me. RIP Roger. Condolences to the family.

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**Warren Barker** - April 23, 2015 at 05:48 PM

BG

“ I had Mr. Syphers for drivers training in High School, he was a great man. My condolences to his family.



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**Bill Gay** - April 23, 2015 at 05:33 PM

PK

“ Paul Knowles lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers



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**Paul Knowles** - April 23, 2015 at 05:13 PM

PK

*Im so sorry to hear of Mr Syphers Passing he was a great guy.*

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**Paul Knowles** - April 23, 2015 at 05:15 PM

FF

“ When I first met Roger he was my driving instructor. I was 16 years old. Over the past several years I have had the pleasure of working with roger restoring the town of seabrook's cemetery stones. A job he took great pride in. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family and friends

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**Forrest Carter and family** - April 23, 2015 at 11:33 AM

ED

“ Wow!! Cannot believe this. I was in the high street cemetery visiting my dads grave he drove by beeped and waved on Saturday.. He was my drivers ed teacher at Winnacunnet. i am so sorry for the family's loss! May God Bless!!



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Ellen Wilbur DeCosta - April 23, 2015 at 10:24 AM

MS

“ Roger was a good man, his kindness touched and helped so many of us. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the Syphers family.

Maureen Schulde

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Maureen Schulde - April 23, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ To Roger's family: Roger will be missed by so many people in our community and in our church. The George family extends its condolences to you all. God bless.

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Linda George - April 23, 2015 at 08:16 AM

TN

“ Uncle Roger I remember when I was a mere five years old when you taught me to dance the twist. We both were fans of "Yaz" and Fiske and many other Red Sox players. Remembering the time when I got lost on Hampton Beach and over the loud speaker they reported a little girl from Alaska has been found and you put me up on your shoulders so I wouldn't be lost in the crowd. R.I.P.

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Traci A. Moulton ( Niece) - April 22, 2015 at 09:21 PM



“ *Lucy Fyfe lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers*



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**Lucy Fyfe** - April 22, 2015 at 09:18 PM



“ *Kathleen Higgins Young lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers*



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**Kathleen Higgins Young** - April 22, 2015 at 08:24 PM



*So very sorry to see this post! Roger was My Driver Ed teacher and was a really nice guy!*

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**Kathleen Higgins Young** - April 22, 2015 at 08:28 PM

JP

“ *My condolences to your family. You were my driving instructor in High school, and friends ever since. We always talked when we ran into each other, It may sound odd but it might have been in a cemetery, while you were repairing an old stone, or in the deli isle in the grocery store. You helped me in my greatest time of need. as seen in the photo below. You will be missed my friend.*

*Jason C. Page*



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**Jason Page** - April 22, 2015 at 08:02 PM

JR

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Jennifer Ramsay** - April 22, 2015 at 07:32 PM

JR

“ Dear Roger and Family - Ever since I started as the music director at First Congregational Church, Roger has been in the choir. Every Sunday morning, he arrived for choir practice and he was usually late (unless he had a solo that day!) We teased him about it, and he always had a funny comment in return. Roger loved music. He was always the first to volunteer to sing during the summer months. His favorite tunes were "Spirit of the Living God", "Danny Boy", "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "What a Wonderful World". I've played for lots of people, but no one could match Roger's passion for music and his true love for what he was singing. Our little choir will not be the same without our beloved Roger. I am certain, however, that Roger is singing with the angel choirs in heaven, and watching over us all. Sing out Roger. We love you!

Jennifer Ramsay - April 22, 2015 at 07:29 PM

PB

Roger will be missed. Always had a smile and an upbeat personality. Our love and prayers to the Syphers family.

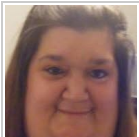
Pam and Ken Bishop - April 23, 2015 at 05:54 PM



“ Dawnne Stevens lit a candle in memory of Roger A Syphers



Dawnne Stevens - April 22, 2015 at 07:19 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.  
Maria Messina

Maria Messina - April 22, 2015 at 04:31 PM

JD

*Hearing Roger had passed was indeed a shock. Roger was a great guy, always happy and willing to help. I always enjoyed being in his company, he had a great sense of humor. I know he will be missed and my prayers are with his family, he's already in heaven looking for someone to tell a story!*

*Jack Doheny*

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**Jack Doheny** - April 23, 2015 at 09:26 PM

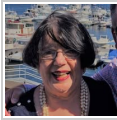
JK

*Mr. Syphers was a great help to me when my mother passed. I lived 110 miles away and he etched my mothers name on the family stone without my having to return to the area. My condolences to the family.*

*Jane Keplinger*

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**Jane Keplinger** - April 23, 2015 at 11:50 PM



*Dear Elizabeth and family,  
So sorry to hear of Rogers passing, he was a nice man. I was away and when I returned heard the news.*

*Thinking of your family at this difficult time.*

*Cousin Janet Kalashian, Newburyport, MA*

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**Janet Kalashian** - April 29, 2015 at 05:33 PM