



Russell E. Kobel Jr.

May 31, 1959 - June 16, 2025

Hampton Beach- Russell E. Kobel, Jr., a longtime resident of Oxford, MA, and Hampton Beach, NH, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington, MA.

Rusty, the name by which he was known and loved, was born on May 31, 1959 in Worcester, MA. to Russell, Sr., and Sarah (Rennie) Kobel. He was raised in Oxford, MA, where he graduated from Bay Path Regional Vocational High School in 1978. He began a career with National Grid, and worked there until his retirement in July 2021. His job took him to many places throughout New England, and eventually his permanent residence became Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. The “beach house” that he had shared with his family throughout his life, was where Rusty enjoyed his time the most.

Rusty will be remembered for his love of traveling - he frequently took cruises to many places and enjoyed sharing his experiences when he returned. He loyally watched all New England sports teams, and attended the Patriots-Dolphins game in Miami whenever possible. He spent endless hours on the ski slopes of New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont, and often could be found at a mountain on weekends and days off. His family and friends will miss the personal visits from “Santa Claus”, a role he embraced yearly. He will also be remembered by his friends at Hampton, with whom he spent endless hours laughing, talking, and sharing in their company whether it was at the Whale’s

Tale, the Old Salt, at someone's house, or his favorite stomping ground, the Sea Ketch.

Rusty leaves his father, Russell Kobel Sr., of Oxford, MA, his siblings Glen, of Indian Trail, NC, Cheryl Gauvin and her husband John, of Webster Ma, and his brother Mark and his wife Dena of Webster, MA He also leaves several nieces and nephews, and his best friend and partner Patrice Goslee Fortier, with whom he lovingly shared his latest years with. He was predeceased in death by his mother, Sally (Rennie) Kobel, and his sister-in-law, Kay Kobel.

Rusty's legacy will live on through his family and friends. He lived his life to the fullest extent, making the most of every minute he was here.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, June 29th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Dad, Glen, Cheryl, and Mark. 50 years of memories from DeMolay, Rainbow, work, and Webster Lake. How time seems to pass so quickly. Please know that you are all in our thoughts & prayers during this time of grief & healing. Scott & Nancy Bigelow*

Scott Bigelow - July 01, 2025 at 12:11 PM

AD

“ *To the Kobel family,
So sorry to hear about Rusty's passing. He was a fine young man who exhibited a great deal of character. Rusty played center during the early years of our football program, and he was a person who could always be counted on, worked hard and played to his potential.
Please accept my deepest condolences.
Sincerely,
Al Dhembe
Bay Path Football Coach*

Al Dhembe - June 29, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 27, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell E. Kobel Jr..



June 26, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Russell E. Kobel Jr..

June 26, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Russell E. Kobel Jr..



June 26, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Russell E. Kobel Jr..



June 26, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ 134 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 26, 2025 at 11:02 AM

MD

“ *Maureen Davis lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Kobel Jr.*



Maureen Davis - June 26, 2025 at 12:36 AM

BT

“ *Rusty or Mr Russell as they called him on the cruise ships was one of the best friends I have ever have. He has always been there for Ron and I. We will miss him dearly but we will never forget him or let his memory be forgotten. We are sincerely sorry for your loss.💔*

Betsy Tatro - June 25, 2025 at 11:45 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Davis Lanciault lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Kobel Jr.*



Kathy Davis Lanciault - June 25, 2025 at 09:58 PM

KL

Fun times at Bay Path, enjoyed lots of BP hockey and football games, always a fun time !! Sorry for this loss, too young 💔

Kathy Davis Lanciault - June 25, 2025 at 10:01 PM

RF

“ *Ravenelle and Angelo Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell E. Kobel Jr..*



Ravenelle and Angelo Families - June 25, 2025 at 10:59 AM

DL

“ *I'm so very sorry to learn of Rusty's passing. I remember him fondly from our school days as being one of the cool kids. I remember him as being smart, kind, fun-loving and athletic. Always smiling. May Rusty rest in peace and remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved you.*

Deborah L Leenutaphong - June 25, 2025 at 08:32 AM

SW

“ My deepest sympathies to the family of Rusty Kobel. Rusty and his entire family grew up just up the street and on the corner of Walnut and Willow Street. My name is Shellie Wilson and I used to babysit for the Kobel children. My brothers Scott and Mark and my sister Jennifer would play with the Kobel kids! We have many happy memories of those kids who grew up in our neighborhood! I hope the family is doing well and my family's thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you celebrate Rusty's life.

Shellie Wilson - June 24, 2025 at 07:17 PM

MD

What a beautiful obituary and tribute to a kind and very well liked person. Rusty and I were fellow graduates of the "class of 78" from Bay Path where we became friends. We both decided to make Bay Path our high school rather than Oxford High. I remember attending Bay Path football and hockey games at the Worcester and Auburn ice rinks during Bay Path's heyday on the ice. Rusty was a member of those teams. So many fun times and memories cheering them on! We got together several times after high school graduation to catch up with others, even at the first couple of high school reunions. Though quite a few years may have passed, whenever we ran into each other it was like so little time had gone by. I think the last time I saw Rusty was at our 25th high school reunion at the Auburn Elks. He was doing well, and enjoying life at Hampton Beach. He was always so friendly and easygoing and never hesitated to approach me and say hello. So sad to think I won't run into him again someday....at least not on this earth! I am glad I got to know him. Sending prayers and deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Maureen Davis - June 25, 2025 at 07:30 PM

RA

“ Always enjoyed Rusty stories of his many travels and skiing adventures. Rusty and I would occasionally enjoy a cigar together while sipping a beverage. I particularly enjoyed when Rusty would come to our home in York, ME to catch up and enjoy a cigar together. Smooth Sailing old friend. See you on the other side.

Ray Auld - June 24, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell E. Kobel Jr..



June 24, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ Always a smile and a kind word whenever we saw Rusty. Will miss seeing you in Hampton Rusty 💕
Ann

Ann Davis - June 23, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ I worked with Rusty for 40+ years. He was a good union man and Brother. I want to offer my condolences to his family, loved ones and friends. Rest in peace Rusty
James Castonguay

james Castonguay - June 21, 2025 at 06:05 PM



So sorry to hear of Rusty's passing a longtime friend from NationalGrid.
RIP - Eileen Girard

Eileen F Girard - June 23, 2025 at 12:36 PM