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THANK YOU

From the bottom of my heart I thank each and every one for the compassion and love shown for Rich and myself and our family. The phone calls have been beautiful, the cards so heartfelt. This truly is a town of caring for each other. Our ambulance drivers who transported Rich to Noble on the 22nd of November were so kind, thank you both. We have always felt blessed to live in Granville.

God bless you all and my deepest thanks.

Gloria Knoener

THANK YOU

The Granville Green Committee would like to send out a big THANK YOU to Indian Meadows Farm (Marcy Geschwind and Cooley Buy) and John Furman for their donations this year in making our Green so festive. Marcy and Cooley donated the big tree on the corner of Route 189 and Granby Road, and John placed all the lights on all the trees. It's nice to have such generous people in our community. We hope you all enjoy the holiday display. Merry Christmas!

The Granville Green Committee

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Country Caller needs someone to do the desktop publishing of each issue.

Please contact Matt Streeter
at the Town Hall
if you are interested.
357-8585.

TOWN OF GRANVILLE Department of Public Works

707 Main Road • P.O. Box 247 • Granville, MA 01034
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(414)Dpwsuper@townofgranville.org
Doug Roberts, Superintendent

WINTER ROADS POLICY 2020-2021 In effect from November 1 - to April 30

- On-street parking is prohibited. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Parking at the Town Hall, Library, or School is restricted to those doing Town business during business hours.
- During winter road operations, main roads are a priority.
- Town Roads with low use may be closed for the winter.
- Depositing snow on a Town road is prohibited.
- Plowing snow across a Town road is prohibited.
- "All season" tires are not a substitute for snow tires.
- High quality snow tires, preferably studded, are essential for winter driving.
- Limit travel during storm events.
- Drive below the posted speed.
- Be aware of changing road conditions, flurries, and frost. Shaded areas become hazardous rapidly. An isolated weather event will create hazardous conditions. Notorious for this are the Gorge and Hairpin Turn on Route 57, the North end of Old Westfield Road, and Water Street by the Transfer Station.

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA
Transitional Pastor: Dr. Rev. John Wilson
Church Services: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings at the church.

CHURCH SUPPER

Again, our apologies to everyone who had ordered lasagna dinners in December. A combination of difficulties interfered and we had to postpone it. We are hoping to hold the curbside dinner in January and will notify all of you who ordered your meals. Thank you again for your support!

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

We are continuing our online services which have proved to be very well received. It has been quite a learning experience for all of us. Please join us either on You Tube (type in Granville Federated Church) or on our Facebook page. The services are posted at 7:00 A.M. on Sunday morning. Our regular in-church services will hopefully return in January. Stay tuned for more information.

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Karen Rahn to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

The Fellowship Hall will be available for rent when the church reopens for functions, complete with 2 restrooms, tables, chairs and kitchen facilities. For more information contact Bobbi at 413 357-9090.

To contact the church to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583.

You can also call a Deacon (Dale Flarida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 413 896-0002, Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156, Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head Trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CPC News

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is opening the 2021 grant cycle.

Applications and criteria for Community Preservation Funding can be found on-line at townofgranville.net or can be obtained from Richard Pierce, CPC chair by contacting rpierce@comcast.net.

The CPC will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of January & February to answer questions from potential applicants and the public and to vote on applications received by the deadline of January 31, 2021.

The meetings on January 20, February 17 and, if needed, March 17 will be held at Town Hall at 7 pm. The meetings will be held in the Main Hall with appropriate safety precautions and masking required. We are working to plan for on-line participation as well. Contact Matt Streeter, Town Administrator, at Town Hall or Richard Pierce (above) for information during the 2nd week of January for information on the appropriate links.

Community Preservation Act funds are available for projects associated with Historic Preservation, Community Housing and Open Space Preservation. Submitted proposals that meet the state-mandated CPA criteria will be reviewed by the Granville CPC and voted upon by the committee to bring to the Annual Town Meeting for a community vote.

If you have any questions about the application process or about Community Preservation Act funding, contact Richard Pierce, CPC Chair at the e-mail address above.

In Nursing Home

Skip and Alice Demarais,
The Arbors, 40 Court Street
Room 329, Westfield, MA 01085

Granville Public Library

2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 · granvillepubliclibrary.org

The Library will be CLOSED FOR BROWSING, but OPEN FOR CURBSIDE for the MONTH OF JANUARY. BROWSING will return on Monday February 1, 2021, barring any additional state recommendations.

Hours are:

**Monday 10am-12 and 5-9pm, Tuesday closed, Wednesday 3pm-8pm,
Thursday 10am-12 and 3pm-6pm, Saturday 10am-12.**

Martin Luther King Day of Service (Jan. 18, 2021) in the time of COVID-19



MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. **For the Entire month of January**, the Library will be **collecting non-perishable food items** to donate to our community food insecurity programs. We have a special bin outside the front door during open hours. Please bring your non-expired items to share.

Here is the Checklist for your Entertainment! Escape to another world, for better, or crazy or for real!



DVDs

_____	<i>Summerland</i>	_____	<i>Wolf of Snow Hollow</i>
_____	<i>The Broken Hearts Gallery</i>	_____	<i>Infidel</i>
_____	<i>Unhinged</i>	_____	<i>The Opening Act</i>
_____	<i>Words on Bathroom Walls Alone</i>	_____	<i>The Irishman</i>
_____	<i>Trump Card</i>	_____	<i>Misbehaviour</i>
_____	<i>Possessor</i>	_____	<i>Rainy Day in New York</i>
_____	<i>Tenet</i>	_____	<i>Homeland • Season 7</i>

Audiobooks

_____	<i>Undaunted: My Fight Against America's Enemies</i> , by John. O. Brennan
_____	<i>The Guest List: You'd Kill to Be on it</i> by Lucy Foley

History Biographies & Memoirs



_____	<i>Egyptian Hieroglyphics: How to Read and Write Them</i> by Stephane Rossini
_____	<i>Countdown 1945: The Extraordinary Story of the 116 Days That Changed the World</i> LP by Chris Wallace and Mitch Weiss
_____	<i>True Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Investigation of Donald Trump</i> by J. Toobin
_____	<i>Frontier Follies: Adventures in Marriage and Motherhood in the Middle of Nowhere</i> by Ree Drummond

Religion & Spirituality Health, Mind & Body

_____	<i>The Ancient Alien Question: A New Inquiry Into the Existence, Evidence, and Influence of Ancient Visitors</i> by Philip Coppens
_____	<i>The Beloved Works of C. S. Lewis</i> by C. S. Lewis
_____	<i>Reflexology</i> by Barbara Kunz
_____	<i>The Complete Plant-Based Cookbook: 500 Recipes for Eating Well Without Meat</i>

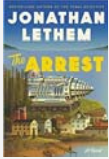
Literature & Fiction Romance Mysteries & Thrillers

_____	<i>China Rich Girlfriend</i> by Kevin Kwan
_____	<i>The Water Keeper</i> by Charles Martin
_____	<i>The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop: A Novel</i> by Fannie Flagg
_____	<i>Burden of Proof</i> by Davis Bunn
_____	<i>The Arrest: A Novel</i> by Jonathan Lethem
_____	<i>The Christmas Swap</i> by Melody Carlson
_____	<i>Manchester Christmas: A Novel (Paraclete Fiction)</i> by John Gray

Calling all Local Authors

Have you written a book? Adult or Children's? Poetry, prose, fiction or nonfiction? Have you published it or had it published? I am hoping to have a display of books by local authors in the coming months. I am preparing and buying a copy of each book to have in the library. It takes some time to catalog self-published books, so I am starting now. If you have a book, please contact me, so I can arrange to purchase and catalog.

**Literature &
Fiction
Romance
Mysteries &
Thrillers**



- _____ *China Rich Girlfriend* by Kevin Kwan
- _____ *The Water Keeper* by Charles Martin
- _____ *The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop: A Novel* by Fannie Flagg
- _____ *Burden of Proof* by Davis Bunn
- _____ *The Arrest: A Novel* by Jonathan Lethem
- _____ *The Christmas Swap* by Melody Carlson
- _____ *Manchester Christmas: A Novel (Paraclete Fiction)* by John Gray
- _____ *The Awakening: The Dragon Heart Legacy, Book 1* by Nora Roberts
- _____ *Shakeup (A Stone Barrington Novel)* by Stuart Woods
- _____ *Daylight* by David Baldacci

**Outdoors,
Nature, &
Gardens**

- _____ *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style* by Joseph Tychonievich
- _____ *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries From a Secret World* by Peter Wohlleben

Teen



- _____ *All the Days Past, All the Days to Come* by Mildred D. Taylor
- _____ *Ashlords* by Scott Reintgen
- _____ *Aurora Rising (The Aurora Cycle)* by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
- _____ *The Kingdom of Back* by Marie Lu
- _____ *The Queen's Assassin* by Melissa de la Cruz

**Children's
Books**



- _____ *Awesome Dog 5000 vs. Mayor Bossypants (Book 2)* by Justin Dean
- _____ *Echo Mountain* by Lauren Wolk
- _____ *The Football Fiasco (Zach and Zoe Mysteries)* by Mike Lupica
- _____ *The Half-Court Hero (Zach and Zoe Mysteries)* by Mike Lupica
- _____ *The Hockey Rink Hunt (Zach and Zoe Mysteries)* by Mike Lupica
- _____ *The Lacrosse Mix-Up (Zach and Zoe Mysteries)* by Mike Lupica
- _____ *The Soccer Secret (Zach and Zoe Mysteries)* by Mike Lupica
- _____ *The Ickabog* by J K Rowling
- _____ *The Missing Baseball* by Mike Lupica
- _____ *Brave. Black. First: 50+ African American Women Who Changed the World* by Cheryl Hudson
- _____ *Awesome Dog 5000 (Book 1)* by Justin Dean
- _____ *I Wonder Why the Telephone Rings:* by Richard Mead
- _____ *I Wonder Why I Blink: & Other Questions About My Body* by Brigid Avison

**Comics &
Graphic
Novels**



- _____ *Creating Science Fiction Comics (Creating Comics)* by Nigel Dobbryn
- _____ *The Last Kids on Earth and the Skeleton Road* by Max Brallier
- _____ *The Last Kids on Earth and the Cosmic Beyond* by M. Brallier & D. Holgate
- _____ *The Last Kids on Earth and the Midnight Blade* by M. Brallier & D. Holgate
- _____ *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- _____ *Dancing at the Pity Party* by Tyler Feder
- _____ *The Runaway Princess* by Johan Troianowski
- _____ *The Montague Twins: The Witch's Hand* by Nathan Page
- _____ *Doodleville* by Chad Sell

**Virtual Children's
Programming YES
or NO?**

Would you sign your child up for virtual programming Starting in January or February 2021.

Here's one I am considering.

**Virtual Cartooning
for Winter
Children's Program
with Rick Stromoski**
on Saturday AM or during Feb vacation. Before I finalize the plans, I need to know if there is interest.

Email

lletellier@cwmar.org

Tell me your interest.

Virtual Program for Adults on Herbal Medicines. If Interested, Email lletellier@cwmar.org For more information



Children's Take and Make Project are ready for pick-up at the Library! (age 4 years and up)

After making your real snowman outside, relax and warm-up by creating a snowperson out of foam pieces. Once you have completed your snowman, look around the house and find something to add to it, to make if unique, just like you! Kits available while supplies last.



Books

and



4 Keeps are now Audiobooks & Magazines! Come enjoy.



GRANVILLE TRANSFER STATION PUNCH CARD ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Mail this form with check to:

*Town of Granville
P.O. Box 247
Granville, MA 01034
Attn: Transfer Station*

CARD TYPES

NOTE: Purchase the punch card that corresponds to the bag size you use.

Price per gallon is the same for all bag sizes.

- ☐ 13 Gallon Card \$75.00
- ☐ 30 Gallon Card \$75.00
- ☐ 42 Gallon Card \$75.00
- ☐ 50 Gallon Card.....\$75.00
- ☐ Recycling Card – Blue or Green Bin
(Required 7/01/2020)\$75.00
- ☐ Cardboard Level Full 8ft Bed (*Ten Loads*)\$150.00

Total Amount: _____

Make checks payable to the Town of Granville

All trash in a tied bag.

.....
...For Office Use Only...

Payment Received By: _____ **Date:** _____**Amount Paid:** _____**Check Number:** _____

FOR GRANVILLE RESIDENTS ONLY
Cards will be returned by mail



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department has some reminders:

By Capt. Tim Rickis

Below are a few tips and reminders to help keep you and your family safe.

Seconds Count in an Emergency

- Protect your family and your property by having large visible house numbers.
- Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics find you faster when your home is properly marked.
- A visitor, child or injured person may be unable to give clear directions.
- Emergency personnel from a neighboring community may be unfamiliar with your area.

Use Large Visible Numbers

- Numbers need to be at least 4-inches in height and facing the street.
- Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible at night.
- If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- Be sure to keep numbers visible by trimming trees, bushes and flowers.

You can visit the Granville fire Department webpage to purchase green reflective numbered signs for your property.

The all-volunteer members of The Granville Fire Department are proud to serve our residents 24/7. Please visit our web page at <http://www.granvillefire.net> or find us and like us on Facebook to receive updates on what we're up to! For Public Relations contact Capt. Tim Rickis at firedept@townofgranville.org



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or text/call 413-626-6396.**



TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

Telephone: 413.357.8585 Ext. 3/
413.357.3805

Email: townclerk@townofgranville.org

Website: www.townofgranville.org
(Board and Committees, Town Clerk)

Office Hours:

**Monday evening 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Wednesday
10 am – 4 pm
and by appointment**

Census:

The Town Clerk's Office will be sending out the 2021 Annual Census forms by mail mid/late January. Per Massachusetts General Law, census forms must be mailed to street addresses. If you have your mail sent to a post office box and do not receive a form call to be mailed a form to complete.

Dog Licenses:

The census package will also include a dog license application for dog owners to license their dog(s). All dogs that are six months of age or older must be licensed annually under M.G.L. Ch. 140. An updated proof of rabies vaccination is required prior to licensing as well as proof of spaying and neutering.

Nomination Papers:

Nomination papers for candidates running for town offices will be available at the Town Clerk's office beginning January 4, 2021, for the annual

town election to be held April 12, 2021. If you wish to run for a position within our municipality in April, please call my office and we can either meet via appointment or I can mail you a nomination paper for completion.

Candidates for town office must obtain at least 30 signatures of registered voters town wide. The last day to file nomination papers with the Board of Registrars will be March 1, 2021.

The following slates of office will be on the April 12, 2021 ballot:

- one member of the Selectboard for three years;
- one Moderator for one year;
- one Assessor for three years;
- one Town Clerk for three years;
- one Library Trustee for three years;
- one member of the Regional School Committee for three years;
- one Constable for three years;
- two members of the Planning Board for three years; and
- five members of the Recreation Committee for three years.

If any resident has questions pertaining to the census form, the dog license form or nomination paper you may call my office for assistance. Forms may be returned by mail or hand delivered to the drop box at the Town Hall addressed to my attention.

Notary Public:

I, as well as the Town Administrator/Matt Streeter are Notaries Public. If you need our services, please call either of us and make an appointment. The service is free of charge to Granville residents.

OBITUARIES

Rodger John Sandsmark

Rodger, age, 77, of Simsbury, beloved husband of Louisa (Marshall) Sandsmark, died Monday, November 23, 2020, at his home. He was born January 11, 1943 in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late Frank and Anna (Andersen) Sandsmark and had lived in Granville, MA for fifteen years prior to moving back to Simsbury four years ago. He was a graduate of Brooklyn College Class of 1963, having received his Bachelors Degree in History. Mr. Sandsmark was a Systems Analyst for the State of Connecticut for many years prior to his retirement. Rodger enjoyed swimming and traveling, and was a long time Seventh Day Sabbath keeping member of the Church of God.

In addition to his beloved wife of 32 years, he is survived by his children, Jonathan Sandsmark of Chicopee, MA, Elizabeth McGinn and her husband Brian of Brooklyn, NY and Katryn Carlin and her husband John of Simsbury; his brother, Clifford Sandsmark and his wife Hannah of Bentonville, AR and his grandchildren, Jessamyn and Dexter Carlin of Simsbury and Anna Lou McGinn of Brooklyn, NY.

Daniel L. Stosick, Sr.

Dan, age 76, passed away on November 23, 2020. Born in Milwaukee, WI on July 6, 1944, he was the son of the late Joseph J. Stosick and Harriet G. (Casler) (Stosick) Witkowski. From 1966 – 1969, during the Vietnam era, he proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a member of the Green Berets. He also received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Hartford and his Master's Degree in Business at Western New England College. For many years, Daniel was employed at ISO New England as a Senior Electrical Engineer. For 24 years, he was a member of the Granville-Tolland Lions Club and had served as the Secretary. In his spare time, he enjoyed golf and softball. He also enjoyed attending art class in Granville, where he grew a passion for painting and drawing. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary Alice (Laptew) Stosick who passed away in October, 2010; his son Daniel L. Stosick, Jr., who passed in February, 2018 and his step-father Joseph Witkowski, who raised him from a young age. To cherish his memory, he leaves his daughter Leigh A. (Stosick) Unsderfer of Westfield; his grandchildren Jonathan Lansing and his wife Amy and Megan Unsderfer; his great granddaughter Riley; his sister Lanie Alexopoulos and her husband Peter; his brothers Joseph Witkowski and his wife Griselda, John Witkowski and his wife Marianna and Stephen Witkowski and his wife Laura as well as many nieces and nephews.

Cynthia Elizabeth (Szela) Ashley

Cindy, age 75, passed away in her home on November 27, 2020 after a courageous battle against cancer. Cynthia was born on July 16, 1945 in Springfield, daughter to the late Elbridge and Evelyn (Lewis) Farnsworth. She was raised and educated in West Springfield, and was a graduate of West Springfield High School. Cynthia was social worker for over 20 years for her own private practice and worked in Springfield and also Arizona. She was ball room dancer, enjoyed pilates, and horse back riding with her family. Cynthia is survived by her beloved children Scott Szela and Wendy Gaunt and her husband Edward. She was the cherished grandmother to Eddie Szela Benton, Sophie and Emma Gaunt and Tyler and Jacob Dehaven. She will be dearly missed by her sister Beverly Ashley, Richard Farnsworth, and to all who knew her. Cynthia was predeceased by her partner David Allen Seely in 2009.

Joyce H. Jones

Joyce, age, 90, of Granville passed away peacefully at home with family by her side on Thursday, November 26, 2020. Born in Westfield on September 11, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Ralph H. and Avola (Banks) Hiers. She graduated from Westfield High School and then Penn Hall junior college in Chambersburg, PA with a major in physical education.

In 1951, Joyce married John Jones and they resided in Granville enjoying 62 wonderful years together before his passing in 2013. She loved raising their family in Granville and helped found the original kindergarten (held in the basement of the library) and the Granville Scholarship fund. As a certified Red Cross swim instructor, Joyce taught swimming lessons at the lake for many years. In the 1960's, Joyce and John built Family Hill ski area and introduced downhill skiing to a whole new generation of local children. As soon as her children were school age, she went back to work at the Noble and Cooley Drum factory full time and didn't retire until her late 70's. Joyce was a 30+ year member of the Tuesday Morning Club in Westfield, hosting many fall events at her home as well as researching and presenting many interesting programs for the club. Joyce was an avid tennis player and played year round until bad knees forced her to the sidelines. Her favorite player of all time is Roger Federer and she often stayed up all night to watch him play live from the Far East or Europe. Her other sports passion was UCONN women's basketball and she never missed watching a game... or the pre-game show with her hero, Geno Auriemma.

She leaves behind four children, Elizabeth Smith and her husband Smitty of Naples, FL, Jonathan Jones and his wife Carol of Granville, Virginia Chenoweth and her husband Cap of Stowe, VT and Matthew Jones and his wife Elizabeth of Granville; three grandchildren, Jon Jones and his wife Cynthia, Nicholas Jones and his wife Valerie and Kelsey Chenoweth; two great-grandsons, Jack and Will; and two step-granddaughters, Stacy Smith and Kimberly Smith Ryan. She was predeceased by her sister, Priscilla Hiers Buy.

Lauded as a special, friendly, upbeat generous lady with a quick wit and sly sense of humor, Joyce will be sorely missed by family and friends. Events at the NCCHP museum will not be the same without the matriarch of the family greeting visitors and members at the door. She was very proud to be the great-great-granddaughter of James P. Cooley and enjoyed researching and sharing the family history with others.

A celebration of Joyce's life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made in Joyce's memory to the Noble & Cooley Center For Historic Preservation (NCCHP Museum), 42 Water St., Granville, MA 01034.

Thomas J. Ré,

Tom, late of 661 Blandford Road Granville, passed away at the age of 71 on December 5, 2020. He was kind and generous, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was born and raised on Park Avenue in Manhattan, the son of the Consul General of the Republic of San Marino, the late Honorable Sir Charles J. Ré, a Knight Officer of Italy's Order of Merit and a Knight of the Military Order of Malta. Tom attended St. David's School and Loyola School in Manhattan and Georgetown University in DC. He had lived in Granville since 1994.

Tom spent considerable time over the past thirty years as a volunteer and financial contributor to numerous charities. He was also involved in forest stewardship, and was an avid gardener and hiker on his beloved property in Granville, Copper Beech Farm, before being debilitated by Parkinson's Disease.

Tom is survived by his brothers Charles (Chip) Ré of Greenwich Connecticut and Alan Byron Ré of Palm Beach Florida and Bronxville New York, and by his cousin and business partner John Lawrence Ré of 655 Blandford Road Granville. He also leaves cousins in Nantucket, Bar Harbor ME, Cape Elizabeth ME, Amesbury MA, Guilford CT and Virginia Beach.

OBITUARIES

Richard "Rich" C. Knoener

Rich, age 81, kind and loving husband of 40 years to Gloria Jean (Hunt) Knoener, passed away December 20, 2020 due to complications from cancer. He was born in Worcester on January 6, 1939. He was a graduate of Chatham Central High School and Nichols College where proudly his grandson Andrew now attends.

Rich worked several decades in the chemical industry before starting his own business known as K&S Associates, which acted as a manufacturer's representative for garden and lawn centers in the New England region. Rich was loved by his customers and vendors. He was an active member of the Granville Lion's Club, a Mason and a Shriner.

Rich was predeceased by a brother, Philip Kneller; and his parents, Dorothy and Charles Knoener. Remembered always as "the best dad ever" he will be missed by his children, daughter Caroline and husband Chris Skowronek; sons, Mark Mesick, Brent Mesick and wife Sonia, Dr. Christopher Mesick and husband Michael. He was the proud and adored grandfather to Andrew Skowronek, Sara Mesick and Catherine Mesick; He leaves his dear nephews, Philip Kneller and family, Kirk Kneller and family, Rich Kneller and family; and cherished sister in law, Betsy Kneller.

Rich loved his family, his Austin Healey (which could be seen cruising thru the village often), vacations in Maine. He loved gardening, especially his roses. Rich loved playing basketball and football (when he was younger) and continued to be an avid fan throughout his life. He loved walking past his neighbor's homes and waving to their dogs who would look for him.

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