



Robert D. Bennett

June 27, 1939 - November 16, 2018

Robert D. Bennett, 79, of Litchfield, NH died Friday November 16, 2018 at Southern NH Medical Center Surrounded by family.

Robert was born in Lawrence, MA on June 27, 1939 son of the late Henry V. And Mary A. Bennett and was also predeceased by his loving wife Mary Frances (Newlands) in 2010.

Robert graduated from Tufts University in 1961 with a Bachelors in Education as well as receiving a Masters of Education from Fitchburg State University. Robert worked as an administrator in the Chelmsford Public School System for 41 years as well as the Litchfield NH Police Dept. for 43 years.

Among Roberts many passions were: Irish culture, public education, community service, kids - (particularly special needs and disadvantaged), his dogs, reading, cooking, playing cards (cribbage) and traveling the New England Coast with his wife.

Robert is survived by his three children Moire P. Beineid and Michele Bennett of Litchfield and Matthew Bennett of Nashua and also a "Bonus" daughter, Marielle Brown of FL; two sisters, Jean Herwood of Andover, MA and Kathleen Cibos of Seabrook, NH; two nieces; Kelly Hochmath of Haverhill, MA and Lisa Morgan of Chelmsford, MA and a grandson, Gehrig Daniel Bennett.

All services are private.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - November 20, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ Matt, my condolences to you and your family. I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I will always remember Bob for his infectious laugh and smile. He was very dedicated to the residents of Litchfield and did a great job as the town's D.A.R.E. officer in the schools. I enjoyed talking with him and loved his sense of humor. He did a great job raising his family which is very evident by how you all turned out. I know he is extremely proud of all of you. I hope this helps gives you some comfort now and in the future.

Doug Nicoll

Doug Nicoll - November 28, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ Matt, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ann Inamorati

Ann Inamorati - November 26, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ Your Dad was one of my very favorite people during my years in the Chelmsford School System. A wonderful colleague, a mentor to my daughter, a firm supporter of students and faculty, he was always full of energy portrayed often in his great sense of humor. My condolences to all of you . May you find comfort in the happy memories you hold dear.

Jane(Weintraub) Morrissey

Jane Morrissey - November 21, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ Our condolences to the family of Bob Bennett. He was one of the first people we met when we moved to Litchfield. A good neighbor, a nice man.

Bob & Fran Martineau

Fran Martineau - November 21, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ Mr. Bennett interviewed and hired me via telephone while I was living in Oregon. He was the greatest school leader, and I learned from the best in my first years of teaching. He would always say how great my mother was, as she worked in the school also. I have so much respect for him. We would exchange our crazy dog stories. He had a Weimaraner and I had a Chesapeake. Two breeds with similar temperaments,(Stubborn)! I may have only seen him once or twice after his retirement, but we always exchanged Christmas cards. I will miss his yearly note. Thoughts and prayers to his family from the Altobello family.

Michele Altobello Sloan - November 21, 2018 at 08:07 AM



“ Hi, I am very sorry for your loss. I worked for Bob at Parker Middle School , and he was principal for my three children. He was one of the best; very kind hearted and a great leader. It was a sad day when he retired, and now sadder still to hear of his passing.

Carol Bruell - November 20, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing I had the pleasure to work with him many times over my career. Bob was a caring man who always put the kids first. My thoughts and prayers are with him and your family.

Ret. Chief Raymond McCusker - November 20, 2018 at 02:51 PM



“ Please be sure to view the Chelmsford FB page when the time is right. Our hearts go out to Bob's family. Your dad was an awesome teacher, and friend! I had him in the 70's for Physics, Chem, and Bio. He scared every student there was in CHS, but inside, we learned he was a kind, caring, teddy bear, who truly encouraged his students, patrolled the corridors and trust me, there were no issues at CHS while Bob was in the building! Goodspeed, Sir! I will miss you and thanks for all you did!

GAIL SMALDONE - November 20, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ Without Bob's guidance, my son would have found middle school a difficult time. His genuine understanding of Ryan' situation was invaluable in providing the scaffolding required. My daughter Abby, loved Mr. B and bought him many gymnastics themed ties to add to his collection! One of the most difficult calls I had to make after she died, was to Bob. I've known very few people with his integrity and true love for kids. The Carter family will never forget you, Mr. B!

Kay Carter - November 20, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ Having the pleasure of working with him over the radio waves while he worked patrol in Litchfield for last 18 years, he will definitely be missed. I always called him Santa Claus when he called into dispatch and he would laugh so hard.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

I raise a shot of Irish Whiskey to honor you my ole Irish Friend..

R Cole - November 21, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ 22 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - November 20, 2018 at 07:52 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob. I worked with him as a parent, PTO president and numerous committees he volunteered me for. He was devoted to his students. You have my deepest sympathy.

Connie Cavallaro

connie cavallaro - November 20, 2018 at 07:18 AM



“ I worked for Bob for many years at both McCarthy and Parker Middle Schools. He was a wonderful boss who loved his job and created a school culture that made us love our jobs. I'll never forget the year he dressed up and rode his motorcycle on stage to " Leader of the Pack" during the annual Showboat fundraiser. I learned a great deal from him. Rest in peace Danny Boy until we meet again.

Carol Comins - November 20, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ MF, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I loved working with him and was so sad when he retired and “left us”. I have many wonderful memories of our years both at Parker and McCarthy.

Laura Sexton - November 20, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ To the Bennett family: I will be forever grateful for the time my path crossed your father's the year prior to his retirement from Chelmsford Public Schools. I was a substitute teacher getting ready to quit teaching because of the lack of jobs available. Even though Bob had only known me for a month, he called me into his office and praised me for the time, effort, and professionalism at Parker. He told me I had a gift and to keep at it for Chelmsford would be lucky to hire me. That one moment changed my life and because of him I can say I've been teaching at Chelmsford's Parker Middle School for 16 years all because of one conversation with one remarkable man.

Thank you Mr. Bennett. You'll be missed.

With sympathy,

Jennifer Aylward

Jennifer Aylward - November 22, 2018 at 09:06 PM