



## Richard G. Wickham

February 13, 1945 - August 24, 2018

Richard “Rick” G. Wickham, 73, of Hudson, passed away Friday, August 24, 2018 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston following a brief illness.

He was born February 13, 1945 in Syracuse, NY, son of the late Richard H. and Roberta (Straub) Wickham. He grew up and attended schools in Fayetteville/Manlius NY, graduated High School in 1963, served as an altar boy at Immaculate Conception Church and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 13.

Rick was a career Air Force Veteran having served his country honorably for over 20 years. One of his many assignments was to the Island of Fiji where he met and married his true love, Bernadette. The first of his three daughters was born there, Lisa Marie. Following Fiji he was assigned to Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, NE where he spent the remainder of his 20 year Air Force career. His final assignment was Communications Team Chief aboard the National Emergency Action Command Post which provided direct support to the President of the United States. During this time in Omaha, he was blessed with two more daughters, Laura Lynn and Shana Lee.

In 1985, Rick was honorably discharged from the Air Force. The family traveled to Hudson NH and he began his second career with ARINC

Research Corporation where he worked on the Milstar Program for 18 years. After that, he worked at Raytheon in Marlboro, MA in the Program Office for Satellite Communications for the next 11 years where he retired.

Rick was a communicant of St. Kathryn's Church of Hudson, NH, and volunteered as their Business Manager. He was a Eucharistic Minister and served on the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Tithing Committee. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Besides his loving wife Bernadette, his family includes three daughters and two son in laws; Lisa Olsen and her husband Ben of Nashua, Laura Gebing and her husband Emerson of Hudson, Shana Wickham of Nashua, five grandsons, Riley Olsen, Rory Olsen, Revin Olsen all of Nashua and Bryson Gebing and Cade Gebing both of Hudson.

Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday, August 28th from 4pm -7pm in the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST., IN HUDSON. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, August 29th at 11am in St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road in Hudson. All may meet at church. Burial in the NH State Veteran Cemetery in Boscawen, NH will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Rick's loving memory to your charity of choice.

# Previous Events

## VISITING HOURS

AUG **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH  
50 Ferry Street  
Hudson, NH 03051  
(603) 882-9431  
[info@dumontsullivan.com](mailto:info@dumontsullivan.com)

## MASS AT CHURCH

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kathryn's Church  
4 Dracut Rd.  
Hudson, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard G. Wickham*



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**Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes** - August 28, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ *Richard G. Wickham*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Richard G. Wickham*

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September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *To the family my deepest condolences on your loss. The pain is great and can last for quite some time. Even our Lord Jesus who had the power to resurrect wept bitterly when he lost his dear friend Lazarus. The account at John chapter 11 can give us all hope for the future to see our loved ones again. I find this account to be soothing on such an occasion and perhaps it will be for you. Once again my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.*

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**Tim Bruen** - August 30, 2018 at 06:07 PM

BL

“ *Bernadette and family!*  
*I am so sorry for the loss of Rick. What an incredible person he was.*  
*He was so good to everyone.*  
*I will have a Mass offered by Fr. Joe soon.*  
*God bless you all.*  
*With love, sympathy and prayers,*  
*Bev Landry*

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**Bev Landry** - August 30, 2018 at 09:00 AM

VG

“ *Dear Bernie.....You are in my thoughts and*  
*prayers my friend.*  
*~Veronica*



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**Veronica Gallant** - August 29, 2018 at 01:18 PM

LS

“ *Bernadette and family, I am truly saddened by the loss of your*  
*husband and father, Rick. I don't know if you remember me, I am*  
*Georgie and Freddie Rowland's daughter. I reconnected with Rick*  
*on Facebook when my husband and I moved to NH 3 years ago. I*  
*have many fond childhood memories of Ricky, Roberta and Dick.*  
*Georgie and Roberta had such fun working together.*

*My heart breaks for all of you. He was so loved. My thoughts and*  
*prayers go out to his entire family. God Bless.*

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**Lisa Rowland Serling** - August 29, 2018 at 10:54 AM

JG

“ Many thanks for the fond memories of your hospitality shown to both myself and my mother during visits to St Kathryn’s. Blessing to you Bernadette & your family as you grieve the loss of Rick.  
Prayers, Lee & Jim Gould

Jim Gould - August 29, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.



August 27, 2018 at 08:09 PM

CF

“ Lisa, Bernadette and family, very sorry to hear of the loss of Rick. Thinking of you all. A very nice man and a very nice family!  
-Craig Flaherty

Craig Flaherty - August 27, 2018 at 05:57 PM

JC

“ Jeanette, Matt and Bob Cassidy  
I loved working in the office at St. Kathryn’s with you! You were smart, kind, witty, kindhearted and funny! You were a mentor and friend to Matthew and he will miss your guidance, advice, kindness and friendship ! My most heartfelt sympathy to Bernie, the girls, grandsons and entire family! My shoulders are not going up and down with laughter Rick, but they will in time with all the memories! I know God is welcoming you into heaven with open arms! RIP my friend! 🙏💜

Jeanette Cassidy - August 27, 2018 at 05:23 PM

CA

“ I'll never forget his larger than life smile, he was a genuine person who always saw the positive side of any situation. He was the first one to lend a helping hand to those in need, St Kathryn's Church won't be the same without him; I'm glad I got to know him he will be sorely missed

Cecile Adams - August 27, 2018 at 03:55 PM

PU

“ A genuine person who was always funny and full of life. He loved spending time with the grandchildren and giving tractor rides in the back yard.. Always made you feel welcome and at home at his house. He and Bernie were a great team! Very close to his 3 daughters....and he loved them very much! A very loving family! RIP Rick you will be missed!

Patty, Hannah and Isabella Unni

Patty Unni - August 27, 2018 at 01:14 PM

RT

“ Roy, Christine, Anthony and Gianna Teti purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard G. Wickham.



Roy, Christine, Anthony and Gianna Teti - August 27, 2018 at 01:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



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August 27, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ *Bernie so sorry for your great loss. My prayers go out for you and for your family while you are healing. God is with you lean on him for all things. Love Claudia Pelkey*

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**Claudia Pelkey** - August 27, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *I worked and flew with Rick from 1978 to 85 in the Air Force. He was a great guy and supervisor. A great guy that made the world a happier place to be in is gone.*

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**Russ Krueger** - August 27, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



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August 27, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



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August 27, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



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August 27, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



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August 26, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



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August 26, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



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August 26, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



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August 26, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ *Bernie my heart aches for you Lisa, Laura ,Shana and the boys for the loss of Rick . He was a wonderful man  
Heartfelt sympathy  
Angeline*

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**Angeline LeMere** - August 26, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ *I remember meeting Rick when my family and I started going to St Kathryn's Church. He was always active in the parish with many things and always a friendly guy. I especially remember him at our parish picnics helping. Our hearts go out to him and his family. They are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**The Todisco Family** - August 26, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



August 26, 2018 at 10:33 AM



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



**Dave Squire** - August 25, 2018 at 11:28 PM



*Wont forget this happy hour in Savusavu 2015 at Wally,s*

**Dave Squire** - August 27, 2018 at 01:09 AM



*Please accept our condolences and prayers during this difficult time and always. Dana McCoy and staff*

**Dana McCoy** - August 27, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard G. Wickham.*



August 25, 2018 at 11:08 PM

CF

“ Caroline Kotoisuva & Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Richard G. Wickham.



Caroline Kotoisuva & Family - August 25, 2018 at 07:39 PM

RF

“ Raquel & Family purchased the Sympathy Messages - Kind Notes for the family of Richard G. Wickham.



Raquel & Family - August 25, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Party at Rick & Bernie"s place in SSV



Ivor Powick - August 25, 2018 at 06:54 PM

WD

“ Lolomas from Lami, Fiji. With Uncle Rick there is not one, but a lifetime of wonderful memories. There are not enough words to describe what a privilege to have such an Uncle. A more loving , supportive, encouraging and then not to mention happy, witty Uncle a person could not find. A man of faith and service to the Lord, he lived his faith and we were blessed because of it. Uncle Rick we will miss you so , so much. Rest in Peace now, never forgotten. Love always,

*Emily, John, Wallyne, Julien , Joshua and Annaliese.*

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**Wallyne Dovale** - August 25, 2018 at 06:11 PM

DS

“ Rick was a good man and a great mate. First met Rick in 1966 in Fiji and have seen him regularly in Fiji in last few years and visited in Hudson. Fond memories of trip to Quamea Island 2016 with Bernie. Our love and condolences to Bernie and family. Dave and Anne Squire



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**Dave Squire** - August 25, 2018 at 05:39 PM

MC

“ I moved to Fayetteville in 1952 and Rick became my first friend there. I could walk through the fields to get to his house and did so regularly. We remained friends through our school years and shared some frankly pretty crazy times. The one that stands out was the night he talked me into driving Rock Cut Road, at night, with no headlights, because the moon was “so bright”. Then there was the day we skipped school...but that’s another story. I am so glad to have reconnected with him a few years ago and could see what a fine man, husband and father he had become. My sincerest condolences to his wife, daughters grandchildren and his many friends. I will cherish his memories.

Michael Crowley - August 25, 2018 at 02:04 PM

LY

“ What a wonderful man! I loved to go in his office and mess up his perfectly positioned piles of paper. Now I am sure he is straightening up God’s desk. Sympathies and Angels’ Blessings.

Lynne - August 25, 2018 at 12:51 PM

MH

“ He always put a smile on my face. He was a amazing husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. I will miss him terribly. Always look down and give us warmth and peace. Love Maureen and Cliff

Maureen Hicks - August 25, 2018 at 12:25 PM

DU

We are so deeply sorry to hear of Ricks passing.....  
We will always hold Rick in high regard as one of the nicest people we had ever met.  
Please accept our condolences and prayers as you all navigate this life without him. His smile was a gift!!  
Much love..... Paul, Diane and Paige Unni

Diane Unni - August 25, 2018 at 12:50 PM



*Our love, strength, and prayers to you all! Your family has such an amazing bond and he will continue to lead the love you all share! God will hold your family close as you share beautiful memories. The Johnsons*

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**Marc N Heidi Johnson** - August 26, 2018 at 08:04 AM



*I first met Rick during the late 70's when I worked as a tech in the PACCS shop and he was flying. Right away, he displayed a cordial attitude and, at the same time, made it clear how it was important to have an airborne command post aircraft always ready to fly a mission. He told me that once the wheels leave the ground, the mission is on a wartime footing. We used to talk about how people could sleep at night because of the "Looking Glass" mission and that we were proud to be part of it knowing we had some muscle we could use from the aircraft if need be. No doubt, Rick will keep things straight on the other side. You've taken the link for the last time Rick...sleep in peace.*

*Lee*

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**Lee Bruce** - August 26, 2018 at 09:57 PM