



Richard W. Hamel

September 7, 1940 - February 11, 2012

Richard Walter Hamel died suddenly, but peacefully, at his Litchfield, NH home on February 11, 2012.

Born September 7, 1940 in Lawrence, MA, Richard was a proud graduate of the Central Catholic High School Class of 1958. (He delighted in receiving his Golden Diploma at his 50th reunion several years ago.) He grew up in Lawrence, met and married his wife, Kay there, and worked at Greico Bros in Lawrence for the entirety of his career. In 1984, he moved with his family to Salem, NH, and later to Litchfield, NH after his retirement.

Richard was a life-long member of the Knights of Columbus, and was an active and committed member of his parish community wherever he lived, notably at his current church, St. Francis of Assisi in Litchfield. His faith in God and Church, and his love and devotion for his wife and family defined and enriched his life. Like many from his generation, he was a frugal and hard-working man, and though he never aspired to have or achieve wealth or acclaim of any sort, he counted himself bountifully rich in what he valued and cherished most: his family.

Richard had a close circle of friends, especially from among his church community and his home community. He enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, especially playing his current favorite, Texas Hold-em, where he

could buy-in for 5 or 10 bucks and win \$25 or more on a lucky night. He especially loved to play cards on nights like those.

Richard's surviving family include his wife, Kay, with whom he celebrated in health and gratitude, 50 years of marriage of November 11, 2011; his son, David and his wife, Janet of Bristow, OK and their children Stephen and Kevin; daughter, Debbie and grandchildren, Blaise, Bradley, and Donna of Salisbury, MA; son, Michael, his wife, Betsy, and grandchildren, Austin and Allison of Salem, NH; daughter, Julie and her husband Dick Bernier and their daughter, Katie of Pepperell, MA; and son, Jim, his wife, Jude, and their children, Eden and Forest of Sanbornton, NH. Richard is additionally survived by his nine siblings, Doris Alakel, Yvette Richards, Raymond Hamel, Roland Hamel, Fr. Joseph Hamel, M.M., Albert Hamel, Paul Hamel, Terry Waggett, and Roger Hamel. He was predeceased by his grandson, Aaron Hamel

Richard lived a virtuous, industrious, happy, and spirit-filled life. By every important measure, he lived life beautifully well—perhaps his only real failing, leaving it too early. He had a heart of gold, and will be deeply missed, and always loved.

Visiting Hours will be held on Wed. Feb. 15th from 4pm -7pm in THE DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST. IN HUDSON. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thurs. Feb. 16th at 10am in St. Francis of Assisi Church, 9 St. Francis Way, Litchfield, NH. All May Meet at Church. Burial will be in Edgewood Cemetery, Nashua. Those wishing to make gestures of remembrance and thanksgiving for Richard's life are invited to send donations in his memory to Catholic Charities of New Hampshire (www.nh-cc.org/how-you-can-help.aspx) or St. Francis of Assisi Church in Litchfield, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard W. Hamel



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Richard W. Hamel

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Richard W. Hamel

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ To Deacon Dave & Janet and the rest of the family,

We wish you all comfort, peace and consolation and pray that Richard receive a warm welcome frm his Creator.##imported-begin##Deacon Larry & Theresa Cummins##imported-end##

February 15, 2012 at 07:32 PM



“ Dear Kay

I am so sorry for the loss of your dear husband. Please accept my condolences.

*Irene Proulx
(cousin)##imported-begin##Irene Proulx##imported-end##*

February 15, 2012 at 07:12 PM



“ Kay:

My condolences to you and your family. I had a lot of respect for Richard. I enjoyed working with him at Grieco Bros.

He was such an honest genteel gentleman :)

With Sympathy

Kath Antista##imported-begin##Kath Antitsa##imported-end##

February 15, 2012 at 06:11 PM



“ *Our condolences on Richard's passing. Just recently, I found a picture of Albert, Joseph, Richard & I sitting in a red wagon on West Street. I was probably 5 and the rest of you a 2 to 4 years older. I wondered how you all were & where you were. Such fond memories of those days on West Street. Such wonderful people. So sorry for your loss.*

Kay, you and all your family are in our prayers.

*Rita Quintal Humphrey & Lorraine Quintal Roy, Richardson,
Texas.##imported-begin##Rita Quintal Humphrey##imported-end##*

February 15, 2012 at 05:09 PM



“ Dear Dave & Janet;

Just heard about your father, I am so sorry for your lose, I know you will miss him very much, take careof yourselves. You will all be in my prayers.

Blessings and love

Eleanor & Bob###imported-begin##Eleanor Coyne

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February 15, 2012 at 02:24 PM



“ Dear Kay & family,

My heart goes out to all of you on loosing such a wonderful,faithfilled man.

When I arrived @ St. Francis he was one of the first to welcome me.

He made me feel part of St. Francis family.

Richard & all his family will forever remain in my daily prayers.

T'ill we meet again Dear Richard

God Bless

Madeleine###imported-begin##Madeleine Pimley###imported-end##

February 15, 2012 at 01:21 PM



“ Our sincere heartfelt sympathy is with your family. GOD rest YOUR SOUL & give YOU peace in HEAVEN You are in the arms of our SAVIOR!###imported-begin##Gertrud * Wilfred Bamford###imported-end##

February 14, 2012 at 02:00 PM



“ Dear David and Janet,

I'm sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Therese Fontaine##imported-end##

February 14, 2012 at 08:51 AM



“ Dear Kay and Family,

So sorry to hear of your husband's unexpected death. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ann and Frank Silva##imported-begin##Ann Silva##imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 06:41 PM



“ Kay, I am so sorry for your loss of your dear husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.##imported-begin##Marylou Hearty Salois##imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 05:59 PM



“ Mike and Family,

We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. May memories keep your dad always in your heart.

sharon, Colin Adamson##imported-begin##Sharon & Colin Adamson##imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 04:47 PM



“ *David and Janet,*

Jackie and I wish to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to you, your Mom and your family on the loss of your dad.

Jackie and Dick White##imported-begin##Jackie and Dick White##imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 04:45 PM



“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kevin Durkin##imported-end##*

February 13, 2012 at 02:37 PM



“ *Our prayers go out to Kay and the entire family. We are very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Brian & Kerrie Croteau##imported-end##*

February 13, 2012 at 01:31 PM



“ *Julie & Dick,*
I'm sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Lisa Fleming##imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 01:14 PM



“ Dear Kay and Family, Janet and I are deeply saddened for your loss. We wish we were there right now to pay our respects. Richard's goodness and the fun we had playing cards will always remain in our memory. God has a special place for such a wonderful man. For sure Richard is in heaven having fun playing his favorite game with a stack of "fordeene". Please accept our love and sympathy. Rick & Janet###imported-begin###Rick & Janet Martin###imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 09:29 AM



“ My prayers to you family during this difficult time. I am very sorry for your loss.###imported-begin###Cynthia Valiton###imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 09:20 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of such a kind aNd spiritual devoted man. He will be missed in all the places where he shared his time and treasure , most especially at our church and school###imported-begin###Sheryl Gallagan###imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 08:55 AM



“ Our prayers go out to you at this very difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss.###imported-begin###Scott and Sandy Fitzgerald###imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 06:14 AM



“ How dearly you were loved, friend. Our condolences to Kay and the entire Hamel family. We were lucky enough to have met them all at the happy 50th wedding anniversary party. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Connie & Cecil Williams##imported-end##

February 12, 2012 at 08:35 PM



“ My condolences to Kay and Family. Richard will be deeply missed by the St. Francis Community. The light of Christ shone clearly through him.##imported-begin##Peg Valenti##imported-end##

February 12, 2012 at 01:57 PM