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event Roads, PR during the last months of the Cuban Missile Crisis. His last duty station with the Navy was as an instructor pilot in Kingsville, Texas.

Following his Naval service in 1966, he was employed by American Airlines and flew a variety of aircraft for American until his retirement as Captain in 1998 at the age of 60. His last assignment before retirement was flying the Airbus to Paris, France, with Gretchen aboard.

After completing his service in the Navy, his career with American Airlines brought him to New England where Boston became his base. In 1975 he moved to "The Farm" in East Andover with Gretchen and their five daughters. Together, the family thrived with the daily wonders and challenges of living in a circa 1783 colonial homestead. They raised a menagerie of farm animals and were sustained by their huge garden, berry bushes, fruit trees, a lot of humor, fun, and laughter. They shared a zest for living the good life.

Jim was generous with his time and know-how and was committed to serving his community in a multitude of ways throughout his life. He was an active member of The Andover Congregational Church for many years, served in the Andover Lions Club in a variety of leadership positions, including serving on the District Governor's Cabinet. As a Lion, Jim possessed a strong commitment to working on projects and fundraisers, particularly eye screenings with school children and annual lobster bakes. He was known to deliver dozens of roses around town to anyone he thought he could cheer. He was a member of the American Legion, like his father before him. He served as Service Officer of Post 101 in Andover. He was thoughtful of others in small and momentous ways. Jim dubbed himself "facilitator" of "Heron's Walk Farm" and adopted the credo "to help those in need". Indeed, he helped and brought joy to many people in his lifetime.

During his long, robust life, Jim enjoyed flying, traveling, time with family and friends at Charley Lake in the Adirondacks, telling stories and singing around the campfire, gardening, sports,

fishing, riding his Harley, tinkering with engines, woodworking, baking bread and creating the best bowl of bean soup you've ever tasted. He loved maintaining the farm and caring for family, friends, and neighbors. With his tall, lanky frame, vivacious personality, robust laughter, and booming voice, "Big Jim" appeared larger than life to those who knew and loved him.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, older brother, Charles P. Goody, a sister-in-law, three nieces, and a great nephew. In 2003, he lost Gretchen, the love of his life and wife of 42 years. She was the North Star in his sky. Surviving family members include his "Starting Five" and their families; Beth Goody, Jason Cyr, Lucky, Tessa, and Baylee of Maine, Kim Goody, John Munson, Antonia and Hollis of Vermont, Shenny Goody and Sharon Brock of Texas, Tina Goody Choe, Keith Choe, and Kyle of Florida, Kathy Goody, Sarah Matchett, Brook, Beryl, Dexter and Murphy of North Carolina, two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, several nieces and nephews, and a stellar collection of lifetime friends and neighbors.

A "Celebration of Big Jim's Life" is being planned for this upcoming summer. The date, time and location is to yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Andover Lions Club, Andover, New Hampshire. To sign an online guestbook, please visit [www.chadwickfuneralservice.com](http://www.chadwickfuneralservice.com).

**JOSEPH KELLY D'AMORE**, 59, of Acton, MA, son of M. Sarah (McFadden) and Robert E. D'Amore succumbed Thursday afternoon, February 21, 2019 at the LifeCare of Acton facility following a ten-year battle with cancer and collateral complications.

Joe is survived by his parents, his step mother Christine, his daughter Renee D'Amore of Wellesley and grand daughter Genevieve D'Amore, sisters Catherine D'Amore and Donna D'Amore of Allentown, PA., along with many cousins.

Joe spent his early years in Bad

Kreuznach, Germany as an "Army Brat" before settling in the Acton area.

Joe graduated from Acton/Boxborough high school, was class salutatorian at Proctor Academy, Andover, NH where he starred in three sports, matriculated and played football at UNH, and earned Math and Computer Science degrees from Salem State University. As a college student he also worked for Don Law Entertainment as a security specialist.

Joe worked as a software engineer for several companies before founding his own consulting firm which specialized in machine shop computer coding and CAD-CAM programming. He was the primary software engineer in the development of a revolutionary automatic CAD-CAM design/engineering program for Sonoco Products Co. and was a preferred consultant to Digital Equipment Corp. Joe enjoyed dirt bike racing and hi-speed motor boating. He was a Little League and Pop Warner standout and excelled at football, lacrosse, hockey, boxing and wrestling. He also was crew chief for his dad's race cars until his illness.

In 1985 Joe was featured in a two page spread by the Lowell Sun for his Golden Gloves upset knockout of the tournament's super-heavy weight favorite. His opponent was so devastating that tourney officials would not tell Joe whom he was fighting until minutes before the bout, fearing that Joe would forfeit. Upon learning his opponent's identity Joe smiled, climbed up into the ring and knocked "Goliath" out early in the second round.

Joe suffered from stage four oral cancer and was given less than a month to live in 2009. Ever the fighter he held off the inevitable for nearly a decade taking on each new setback with incredible courage and determination. His spirit and positive approach have been an inspiration to his family, friends and caregivers.

Visiting hours and a service were held March 2 at the Acton Funeral Home, Acton, MA. Flowers are greatly appreciated, or those who wish may make memorial donations in Joe's name to a favorite charity or organization. Memorial page [actonfuneralhome.com](http://actonfuneralhome.com).

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