

# OBITUARIES

**STAN SMITH** of Andover died on Thursday, September 5, 2019 from a prolonged battle with COPD. He never lost his sense of humor, no matter how sick he got, often entertaining doctors, nurses, and healthcare aides with his “twisted and corny” sense of humor.

He was an avid fan of all the New England sports teams, but especially the Red Sox. He was a gifted woodworker and artist (oil paintings), and was always willing to give of himself to help others.

In Andover, he leaves behind his wife of 37 years, Andi; his son Justin and his wife Heather and their daughter Bailey; his son Patrick and his girlfriend Kellie. He also leaves behind his siblings: Karen Branda of Mississippi, Fred and wife Caroline of Washington State; Sue and her husband Gary Colella of New Jersey; Margaret and her husband Robert Bovee of Idaho; Linda Blattner of Ohio; Kate Maynard of Virginia; and Joe and his wife Sharon of Wisconsin; plus many nieces and nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. He is also greatly missed by his two rescue dogs, Rufus and Spunky, and his cat Abby.

A memorial service was held on September 14 at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London. Memorial contributions may be made to Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord NH 03301.

**LESLIE MARTIN FORD, Jr.,**

“Skip,” 73, died on October 8, 2019 at the Veterans Administration in White River Junction, Vermont, after a long bat-



tle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was born on January 7, 1946 in Quincy, Massachusetts, the eldest son and second born to Leslie Martin Ford, Sr. and Dorothy Oakley Schrader Ford.

He attended Andover High School and at the age of 17 enlisted in the Navy, where he obtained his GED. He served in the Navy for the next eight years, with a tour of duty in Cuba on Guantanamo Bay. He was honorably discharged with the rank of ABH second class.

In 1969, while stationed at the Brunswick Navy Air Base, he met and married his wife, Linda Elliott. They settled in Phippsburg, Maine, Linda’s home town, and were married for 36 years, raising their daughter Liz.

Les worked on a small, family-owned fishing boat out of Phippsburg. He owned his own 18-wheeler, driving coast-to-coast and locally for years. After Linda passed, he moved to the Carabasset Valley and worked at Sugarloaf Ski Resort as a mechanic and fabricator. After retiring in 2006, he moved to Potter Place to live on the family land with his sister, Buffy Thurston.

Les loved being a mentor and a teacher. He spent his life teaching mechanics and welding and was certainly a “jack of all trades.” He restored many vehicles in his shop at his home in Phippsburg, with many a young man learning the trades at his side.

When he moved to Potter Place, he enjoyed fixing tractors, cutting down trees, mowing fields, plowing snow, and most of all driving his red jeep “Squid” to visit his friends.

Leslie is survived by his daughter, Lisabeth, and her husband Bert; their children: Leslie, Albert Jr., and Kayla, Eric, Nikki, and Nathan, and his great-grandchildren Salvador, Georgia, Alex, and Caleb; his sisters Linda and Elizabeth “Buffy”; his brothers Lawrence

“Larry,” Lance, and Loring “Spunk”, and the extended and numerous Ford family.

There was a private family service held at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen on October 25. The Cremation Society of New Hampshire assisted the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please visit CSNH.com.

**RICHARD GERARD WILLIAMS**

passed peacefully on Sunday morning, October 13, 2019 at the age of 77. He was born on December 1, 1941 in Manchester to Gerard and Rita Williams. He graduated from Central High School in 1959, then entered the Army, bravely serving during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He married Sandra Marie (Powers) Williams on February 15, 1975 in Derry. After moving to Andover, he worked for the State of New Hampshire for 20 years. They welcomed three children, to join with Richard’s daughter from a previous marriage. He’s remembered as a dedicated father and devoted husband who was always looking out for friends and family.



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In addition to his other interests, he possessed an incredible gift for model building. He was often serious and quietly thoughtful, but his sense of humor was immense. His most endearing quality was his dedication to his wife of 44 years, with whom he always shared his love and heart fully and completely.

He was an active and dedicated member of the Elkins Fish and Game Club, where he volunteered as a shooting instructor and was recently given a certificate of achievement. He loved camping in the White Mountains, visiting with friends, and being surrounded by loving family.

Richard was predeceased by his parents Rita and Girard Williams of Derry. Surviving family include his loving wife, Sandra (Powers) Williams of Andover; children Kimberly Williams Rossignol of Morrisville, Vermont; Karen Gosselin of Sunapee; Jerry Williams of Salisbury; and Sandra Williams-Crossley of Hartland, Vermont. He also leaves his beautiful legacy to his grandchildren: David Rossignol, Nathalie Rossignol, Michael Rossignol, Robert Rossignol, Summer Gosselin, Hector Crossley, and Natalie Chute.

Richard will be welcoming his youngest grandchild in spirit this November. He also leaves his beloved goddaughter Denise Bennett. Extended family include his children’s spouses and partners, Thomas Gosselin, John Crossley, and Marcie Chute.

A full church service was held at Our Lady of Fatima Church in New London on October 19. Donations may be made to New London Hospital, Med/Surg Department, at 273 County Road, New London NH 03257. For more information, visit [NewLondonHospital.org/ways-to-support/](http://NewLondonHospital.org/ways-to-support/).

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We are very grateful.

**We are reminded, especially at this time of year, how thankful we are for family and friends. We live in a wonderful community and feel privileged to help so many families at a critical time in their lives. We are also thankful to the groups and organizations who invite us to come and have a conversation with their members about preplanning and funeral service.**

**Dan, Charlie, Marion and Raschel have met with church groups, Rotary, COA, Retired Nurses, and other folks who gather together for a common interest. If you would like us to come to a meeting or gathering please give us a call.**

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