



## Mr. Eric "Rick" Newton

March 22, 1949 - December 12, 2019

Mr. Eric "Rick" E. Newton, 70, of Pittsfield, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2019. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on March 22, 1949, the son of the late Ellis and Vivian Sheldon Newton, he graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1968.

Rick enlisted in the United States Navy. He was a Vietnam War veteran and served in the military from 1970 through 1972. He spent most of his Navy tenure aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, which was stationed for many months in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Rick was the co-owner of a family business started by his father Ellis in 1949, E.W. Newton and Son, Inc., an excavating and paving company. From a young age Rick fell in love with cars and machinery. He was a gifted mechanic and welder, building trucks and heavy equipment. His prized possession was a 1997 Peterbilt truck that he rebuilt himself, as well as a 1987 Auto Car.

Rick leaves behind his 2 daughters and their families; Kristina Newton-Ulrich, Lars Ulrich and his grandson Finn Eric Ulrich of Hamburg Germany, and Vanessa Newton and Fernando Puyana of Framingham, MA. Besides his daughters, Rick is survived by his two sisters, Gail Clement and Brenda Delphia. He leaves behind his nephews Trevor and Justin Clement, and many cousins. Rick also leaves behind his former brother-in-law and close friend Paul LaCasse.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Eric "Rick" Newton will be Thursday, December 19,

2019 at 1 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home with the Rev. William Furey officiating. Calling hours at the funeral home will be held prior to the service, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Danny Boy Adoption Fund or the Moments House in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in his memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

FU

“ *My Grandpa, one of the greatest men I was able to met. Unfortunately he passed away from cancer but he fought all the way to the end and I am so proud of him. Such an inspirational man everyday he is. I love and miss you Grandpa soo much.*

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**Finn Ulrich** - November 01, 2022 at 01:12 PM

MK

“ *Deepest sympathy to Kristina and Vanessa and also to his former wife Diane to whom he was married 40 years.*

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**Marion King** - December 23, 2019 at 03:42 PM

CM

“ *We are so sad our friend has passed. Good times and great memories. Our prayers are with all of Rick's family. Mickey & Carol Mazza*

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**Carol Mazza** - December 19, 2019 at 10:33 AM

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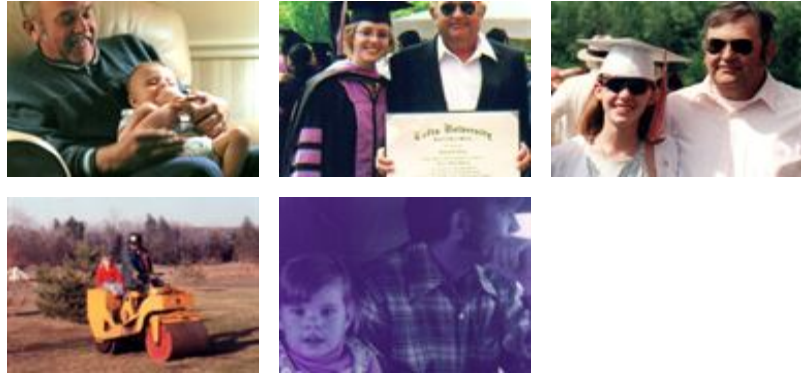
“ *My condolences to Rick's family and friends. Especially to Christina, and Vanessa. Always had a kind word for my kids and a laugh and smile when we talked. A mans man, a hard worker who put people to work. I think they have a truck up there ready for you ! No blacktop, maybe white to match the clouds. See tho not to soon.*

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**Michael Fields** - December 18, 2019 at 02:21 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - December 17, 2019 at 04:54 PM



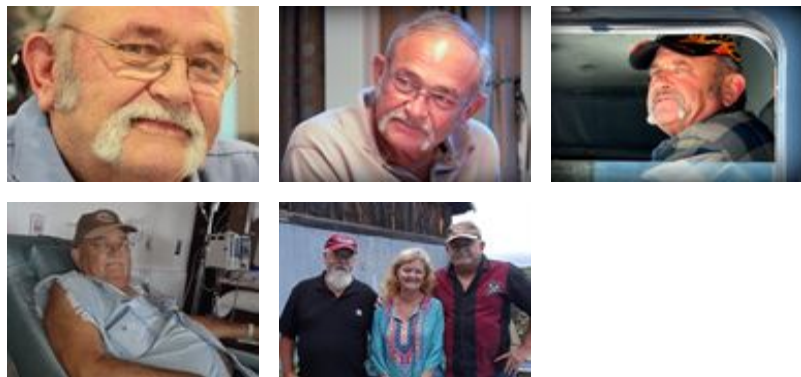
“ Remembering with fondness wonderful times with a wonderful friend. My sincere sympathy to Rick's wife and family.

Vinny Stracuzzi

Vincent Stracuzzi - December 17, 2019 at 03:14 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - December 17, 2019 at 02:21 PM

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“ *Giang Nguyen purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Eric "Rick" Newton.*



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**Giang Nguyen** - December 15, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric "Rick" Newton.*



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December 14, 2019 at 08:34 PM

CP

“ *Our sincere and deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as well. May the Almighty provide the comfort you need at these trying times...The Puyana Forero family from Bogotá, Colombia: Camilo, Martha, Jacobo, Felipe and baby David.*

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**Camilo Puyana** - December 14, 2019 at 09:58 AM

EB

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Erika Bristol** - December 14, 2019 at 09:56 AM

EB

“ *My love for my Uncle Rick started early! I still have the toy truck replica of his 80's era Power Wagon and have passed it down to my kids (see the photos I posted). Rest In Peace, Uncle Rick and my condolences to his family and friends.*

*Love, Erika Bristol*

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**Erika Bristol** - December 14, 2019 at 09:56 AM