



Mr. Richard R. Cote

September 25, 1958 - October 26, 2018

Mr. Richard R. Cote, 60, of Dalton passed away suddenly on Friday, October 26, 2018 at Berkshire Medical Center. Born in Berlin, NH on September 25, 1958 the eldest son of Helen Murray Cote and the late Rosaire Cote, he attended Berlin High School in New Hampshire. He received his Bachelors of Education from Keene State University which he was able to attend after receiving a scholarship to compete as a ski jumper, and his Masters of Education from Westfield State University.

Before his current position as a Special Education teacher at Reid Middle School, Rich taught at Hibbard Alternative School. Over his thirty plus years of teaching, he also taught in the residential school system including Colburn School and Hillcrest Educational Centers.

Rich was an avid sailor who dedicated many years of his life to teaching others to sail. After managing the YMCA marina for many years he founded Berkshire Community Sailing, a non-profit sailing club. He was previously the Dean of Sailing for the Red Cross of Northeastern New York's National Aquatic School and the head coach of the Williams College Sailing team.

When not on the water Rich could be found at Elm St. Martial Arts where he attained the rank of Kyoshi 7 Dan. He devoted over 30 years to studying and teaching karate, participating in local tournaments and teaching an afterschool program at the Boy's and Girl's Club. Rich had also returned to a favorite old hobby and spent many hours golfing with friends and family. Most recently he had purchased and started rebuilding his dream home in the woods of

Cummington.

Besides his mother of New Hampshire, he is survived by his daughter Erin Landquist and her husband Brian, daughter Nicole Walsh her husband Corey and daughter Kelly Cote. He is also leaving behind five grandchildren Guinevere, Molly, Charlotte, Brian, and Theodore. Rich will also be missed by his former wife Lori Cote and siblings Carl Cote, Gerry Cote, and Christine O'Hara along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Donald Cote. Rich is also leaving behind his companion Wendy Stebbins.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Richard R. Cote will be Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, with the Rev. Peter Naranjo, officiating. Calling hours will be Tuesday evening, October 30, 2018 from 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Elm St. Martial Arts for the Rich Cote Scholarship Fund 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 the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathy for your loss. He was too young to be taken.
RIP*

Trish Saunders - October 30, 2018 at 04:31 PM

PR

“ *To Mrs. Cote, Carl, Gerry and Christine. So Sorry to hear of
Richard's passing, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Some of
my fondest memories of Richard have to do with Gerry mostly. He
certainly was a man of good character. He carried the Cote Name
very well. I suppose all you have is memories now. May God use
them to bring healing and peace....Paul Riendeau*

Paul Riendeau - October 30, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ *37 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - October 30, 2018 at 12:58 PM

KG

“ Rich cote was the person I called dad. He wasn't my real dad but he took care of me since I was 11. He was the only dad I knew. Rich gave me my first job at Berkshire community sailing. He taught me values and morals of life itself. He never gave up on me and was always there for me. I lived with him and he fostered me for a while.. He faithfully took me out every Saturday up untill the week he past. He meant the world to me and tought me many things I will never forget. He was the best dad in the world and he will always be remembered and forever he will be missed. I will always love him and I just want to thank him for turning my life around and making it worth living. I love you Richard R. Cote with all my heart. Love your daughter Katelynn Goodwin



Katelynn Goodwin - October 29, 2018 at 07:15 PM

AU

“ I was sad to hear of Mr Cote's passing. He was a great guy. He helped me out when my grandson was going into middle school. He reasured me that all would be ok and it was. My grandson was a student of Mr Cote at the Elm Street Martial Arts. He liked Mr Cote very much but what kid wouldn't, he was good at what he did. All the kids liked and had great respect for him. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Angela Underhill and ChristopherUnderhill

Angela Underhill - October 29, 2018 at 02:37 PM

KE

We are so thankful that our father was able to help kids the way he did.

Kelly - October 29, 2018 at 06:10 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Cote.*



October 29, 2018 at 01:37 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Cote.*



October 29, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ *I will always remember Rich as the great guy he was, who married my best friend, giving her three amazing daughters. To all his family and friends, my deepest condolences. So sorry I couldn't be there with you right now. Rich will be missed, and never forgotten.*

Diane Carey - October 29, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Cote.*



October 28, 2018 at 05:29 PM

SC

“ To the family of my dear nephew Richard. He was a very special person and only he knew how special the Jolly Rum Cookies were to him and myself. You will be sadly missed and I will miss talking with you on how we viewed many things. We had much in common, thank you for all those special moments. We are all broken hearted over this great loss.

Sam Cordwell - October 28, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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Thank you Aunt Sam.

Kelly - October 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM