



## Mr. Richard "Dick" DiOrio

August 15, 1946 - January 22, 2021

Mr. Richard "Dick" E. DiOrio, 74, of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, January 22, 2021 surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. Born in North Adams, MA, on August 15, 1946, the son of Raymond and Dorothy (Dunsmore) DiOrio, he graduated from Pittsfield High School.

Richard worked as a lineman and supervisor for Western MA Electric Company (Northeast Utilities) for 46 years. Work was a big part of his life. He enjoyed all aspects of his job from the camaraderie of the lineman to organizing a storm plan and everything in between. He enjoyed the work so much; overtime was never turned down.

Richard's life was rich in family, friends, and good times. He enjoyed the outdoors, and his hobbies of canoeing, hiking, biking, pheasant hunting and being a car and motorcycle enthusiast. He was a member of Berkshire Nautilus for over 30 years. He took pride in his home projects as well as helping friends and family with theirs. We imagine now he is talking with his father, rollerblading with his sister, and walking through the woods with his dogs: Shannon, Remy, and Orvis.

Richard was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He is survived by his beloved family; his wife of 50 years, the former Kathy Bailey, whom he married on October 17, 1970; and his mother, Dorothy DiOrio of Pittsfield, MA. He also leaves behind his son, Brian DiOrio, and partner, Elizabeth Ingenito, of Hinsdale, MA; and daughter, Kelly (DiOrio) Lange and

her husband, Paul Lange, of Dalton, MA, three granddaughters, Sophia DiOrio, and Lauren and Brooke Lange. Richard is also survived by many good friends, family, and neighbors who will miss him dearly. Richard was predeceased by his father, Raymond DiOrio and sister, Marcia Cassavant.

Funeral Notice:

At this time, there will be a private service for Mr. Richard E. DiOrio. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date when Covid restrictions are lifted and all are able to safely gather together. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, NY, 10163-4777, in his memory.

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Thinking of you and wishing you are at peace. I have lots of memories of you keeping the children busy and happy. For that you have my sincere thanks. Rest in well deserved Peace.

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**dorothy doktor** - February 03, 2021 at 01:12 PM

GB

“ Kathy & family, the whole Bissell family sends condolences to you on your loss. We enjoyed many years with you folks on Sunset Drive where Dick was always a helpful and friendly neighbor! Later we knew him as a good friend on Plunket Lake. We are thankful for these good memories and are sorry for your loss.  
George & Nancy Bissell & family

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**George & Nancy Bissell** - February 01, 2021 at 06:59 PM

MP

“ My condolences to you Kathy and your family. I so enjoyed getting to know you two on my visits to you on your beautiful lake. My thoughts and prayers are with you today always.

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**Mary Ellen Palmer** - January 31, 2021 at 07:18 PM

FK

“ Kathy and family. So sorry to hear of Dicks passing. I had the privilege of working with Dick for 38 years. He had ability to make friends and get along with everyone. Thank you for sharing him with us . God bless you and your family. Frank Kellar.

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**Frank Kellar** - January 28, 2021 at 11:13 AM

MK

“ Dick was a great friend both at and out of work and will be truly missed. My thoughts go out to Kathy, Brian, Kelly and the rest of the family.

*Mike Kurowski*

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**Michael Kurowski** - January 26, 2021 at 06:20 PM

BK

“ I first met Dick in seventh grade at North Junior High. We become life long friends. Dick was a class act. He loved his family and his work. Last time I saw him, he had become affiliated with Parkinson's. I'm sure he battled courageously. So sorry he's gone, but he will not be forgotten!😭😭😭💕💕💕

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**Bill Kerwood** - January 26, 2021 at 05:40 PM

JK

“ I was sorry to hear of Dicks passing. I worked many nights along side him and was always glad when I heard he had been called in To help. He will be in my thoughts.

*Joe Kellar*

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**Joe Kellar** - January 26, 2021 at 12:32 PM

DD

“ Kathy and family. So very sorry for your loss. Have known Dick since we were kids. Great guy. He will be missed my everyone who knew him.

*Denny & Maureen DeVergilio*

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**Denny DeVergilio** - January 26, 2021 at 11:52 AM

SD

“ *Kathy, Kelly, Brian and families. So sad to learn of Dick's passing. Really enjoyed working with him at WMECo and NU. No matter how crazy it got, especially during bad storms, he always had that nice mild manner, quick wit and awesome smile. Not only was he a great co-worker he was also a great friend. As hard as this time is for all of you, he is at peace now and looking down at you all. Let all the great memories help you through this difficult time.*

*My sympathy,*

*Sally Dean*

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**Sarah J Dean** - January 25, 2021 at 07:15 PM