



Mr. Richard "Dick" French

January 31, 1943 - November 25, 2023

Richard "Dick" French, 80, of Pittsfield, MA, passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2023.

Born in Pittsfield, the son of the late John and Katherine Rice French, he graduated from Pittsfield High School and later from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he was a marketing major and the president of his fraternity, Q.T.V.

Dick was a Vietnam War veteran. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1964 and completed a 13-month tour of duty in Vietnam. He later served as an instructor at the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, until his honorable discharge in 1967. He was the proud owner of Electric Supply and Repair Co. in Pittsfield, which his grandfather founded in 1931.

Dick was an avid reader, a dedicated Red Sox and Buffalo Bills fan and enjoyed fishing. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family on their annual vacations at the beach in Ocean Park, ME.

Dick is survived by his wife, the former Diane Phillips. He leaves behind his children, Brian French (Maya) and Kevin French (Kelly), and his two stepdaughters, Kim Pemble (David) and Pamela Egan. Dick is also survived

by his 10 grandchildren (Ethan French, Ava French, Lucy French, Stella French, Aiden French, Ally Egan, Nick Egan, Jason Pemble, Jeremy Pemble and Lindsay Duff), all of whom he adored.

Besides his parents, Dick was predeceased by his son, Jeffrey French as well as his siblings, Cynthia French and Gilbert French.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Richard French will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 12 noon at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. There will be an hour of visitation at the funeral home directly prior to the service, from 11 am to 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory can be made to Friends of Renal Dialysis in care of the Dwyer Funeral Parlor.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

DEC 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" French.



December 02, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ Ally, Nick, Tom Egan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard "Dick" French.

Ally, Nick, Tom Egan - December 02, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - December 02, 2023 at 01:06 PM

AL

“ Dick was a QTV brother at UMass. We later renewed our friendship in the 1980s.
He was one of the good guys. Always fun to be around.
My condolences to his family and friends. RIP “Reggie”

Al Labelle - December 02, 2023 at 12:20 PM

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Al Labelle - December 02, 2023 at 12:18 PM

DC

“ Diane and family,
I was saddened to learn of Dick’s passing. I always considered him a friend whether it was through our business dealing at ES & R, or in our association through AFE Chapter 143. It was always a pleasure.

You have my sincere condolences, and may he rest in peace.

Dennis & Chris Croughwell

Dennis Croughwell - December 02, 2023 at 10:20 AM

MC

“ *Dick was a special person in my life, and I will always cherish the memories we shared. RIP Dick! <3*

Maurren Connors - December 01, 2023 at 06:17 PM