



## Richard S. Buffum

June 28, 1935 - October 1, 2024

Longmeadow – Richard S. Buffum, 89, a fifty- seven year Longmeadow, MA resident, passed away on October 1, 2024. He was born in Westfield, MA on June 28, 1935, the son of the late Raymond Buffum and Emma (Beals) Strong Buffum Lyon. He attended local schools and was a graduate of Springfield Technical High School Class of 1953. He started his career as a manager at the Friendly’s Restaurant in Middletown, CT. He then went on to run the Newman Center Cafeteria at UMASS for thirty- six years. His next venture was Jennifer’s Kitchen in Chicopee along with his son Scott and daughter Cindi where he was the bookkeeper, greeter and friend to all the people he had the pleasure of meeting. He loved working at Jennifer’s, yard work, his canine companion “Hutch” and in his free time, fishing off his boat at the Cape. He is survived by his son Scott Buffum of Longmeadow, his brother Brad Lyon and sister Sarah Lyon, both of New Mexico. He also leaves his grandson John Sances, four great-grandchildren and many friends. Sadly, he was predeceased by his beloved wife Barbara (Hutcheons) Buffum, his daughter Cynthia Bell and grandson Stephen Sances. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 from 4-7PM at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA. Burial will be held at a later date. Please visit Dickie’s memorial page at [www.nefcc.net](http://www.nefcc.net) for expressions of sympathy.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New England Funeral & Cremation Center

25 Mill Street

Springfield, MA 01108

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<https://www.nefcc.net/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album Family



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**Sara** - October 15, 2024 at 02:37 PM

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“ *Rapid Richard.....I will miss our conversations.....I will miss your wit.....I will miss your sense of humor.....I will miss your kindness.....I will miss your generosity.....but most of all I miss you Richard Buffum, my friend. B.L.*

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**BOBBY** - October 15, 2024 at 02:29 PM

CB

“ *Dick was a great neighbor. We kept in touch after we moved. He was very optimistic and had a terrific smile. Rest in peace  
Chris & Diane Boutin*

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**Christopher Boutin** - October 11, 2024 at 06:39 PM

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“ *Scott, sorry for your loss. I worked for your dad at the Newman Center in the 1980s-I used to live with Kevin Scibelli. Dick was always so nice to me, just a wonderful guy with a great outlook on life. Rest in peace.*

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**Matt Flanagan** - October 11, 2024 at 02:35 PM

DB

“ Dick was my favorite brother in law! I have many loving memories of time spent with him and my sister Bobby. He loved my sister to the moon and back. I am at peace now that he is united with Bobby, Cindi and Stephen. My condolences to Scottie and Hutchie. This is a painful time to all those who loved Dick. Dottie

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**Dorothy J Bliven** - October 11, 2024 at 11:25 AM

BD

“ Dear Scott,

*Bob & I are so sorry for the passing of your father. You and Uncle Dick shared a special bond. I'm so glad you have many wonderful memories with your father. I hope "Hutch" and your cat bring you much comfort.*

*I'll always miss his humor and laughter, and our special conversations. He was always fun to be around. RIP Uncle Dick.*

*With Love, Barb & Bob*

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**Barbara Davis** - October 11, 2024 at 07:57 AM

