



## Richard M. Ennis

December 1, 1953 - February 10, 2021

Richard M. Ennis, 67, passed away on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Northampton, MA on December 1, 1953 to the late Hubert and Leona (Turgeon) Ennis. Adopted through a Native American marriage into the Mohawk Tribe, he is known as Whispering Wind and married Gentle Wind (Nancy L. Perkins) in 2008. Having a gentle and kind spirit he enjoyed helping people and was loved by everyone, a member of the Native American Ceremony Pit Crew at Riverside Mohawk Trail Pow Wow Grounds, in his free time he liked working on engines, and being a volunteer firefighter.

He is survived by his loving partner Nancy L. Perkins and their two daughters Crystal Ennis of Northampton and Naomi Ennis and her fiancé Richard Brown and a sister Cindy Ennis of Springfield.

A walk-thru visitation will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 11-12PM at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA 01108. A Native American service will be held on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 1PM at the Indian Plaza Pow Wow Grounds, 1527-1551 Mohawk Trail, Rte. 2, Charlemont, MA.

For expressions of sympathy please visit Richard's memorial page at [email protected]

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Richard M. Ennis.



# Tribute Wall

CE

“ On this Memorial Day, 2025, I recall fond memories of us playing Hide & Seek in the house many times! I'd scare you before you could find me...jumping out of the closet & we then scared each other, jumping in the air & falling to our parent's bedroom hardwood floor! How we laughed! And thank you for finally telling me how you got up on top of the wall right below the ceiling in our home on Sun Valley Rd, Holyoke—your best kept secret hiding place was so mysterious to me as the much younger sibling! Thanks for the talk exactly 1 month before your passing & thanks for giving me a head's up that 1 night after we'd spoken on the phone the last time. I'm glad you're free. You surely picked a hard life, my brother. ❤️ 🕯️  
— Cynthia Ennis

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**Cynthia Ennis** - May 26, 2025 at 12:08 PM

CC

“ We are very sorry for your loss, and you are in our thoughts,

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**celina, kristen, John Boucher and Sharon Connell** - February 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM

SA

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. \nRick was my neighbor for many years on Sun Valley Road in Holyoke. Cindy his sister and I are still very close. My thoughts and prayers are with you. \nSharon Amos



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**Sharon Amos** - February 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM

CE

“ My deepest condolences to Nancy, Crystal (Shayla) & Naomi for you loss of Rick. It's such a shock. May time, fond memories & love comfort all of you.

Cynthia Ennis - February 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM

CE

“ The ancient flames  
Fire that burns  
Fire that scorches  
Fire's path that leads us  
We are warriors  
An ancient tribe  
We stand strong  
Blades sharp  
Shields steady  
Against the wind  
Ancient we stand  
Spirits of all  
The eagle that cry's  
A bear that roars  
Forever we endure  
Never falling  
Fire that burns  
Fire that scorches  
Centuries of time passes  
We survive never conceding  
Trees of old we are many  
We are everywhere  
Scarlet rose dragon  
5-24-16  
Though I wrote this poem a long time ago I never had a reason to share it with anyone till now because I could not find anyone who deserved to here the words but I see that the words now must be heard by this warrior who as Fallen. So let them ring loud and clear.

Crystal Edwina Ennis - February 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM

SH

“ Dear Nancy, Crystal, and Naomi,  
It was with great sadness that I discovered the memorial notice in today's Gazette. My heart goes out to the three of you. We were glad to be your neighbors from when you moved to Holyoke Street until we moved out in 1998, when your girls and our two were still young. Rick had a big heart and a unique view of the world. Crystal, your poem is beautiful.  
Sending hugs,  
Shel

Shel Horowitz - February 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM