



Rick Taylor

September 3, 1946 - April 23, 2011

SPRINGFIELD - Alan Richard "Rick" Taylor, 64, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, April 23, 2011, surrounded by his loving family after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born in Wilmington, Delaware on September 3, 1946, Rick graduated from Conrad High School in Wilmington and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Delaware and eventually his PhD from the University of Massachusetts. Rick had a successful career as a chemical engineer for many different companies, including the former Rexam Graphics, The Rogers Corp. of CT, and most recently, Fibermark in West Springfield. He lived for 22 years in Blandford, MA, where he was active in town government and enjoyed restoring his old home built in the 1700s. For the past 15 years, he lived in Forest Park section of Springfield and spent as much time as he could at his home in Brewster on Cape Cod, where he planned to retire. Rick enjoyed many outdoor sports and activities including hiking, skiing, camping and sailing in Cape Cod Bay with his friend Dean. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son and brother and friend to many. His tender and open-hearted personality drew others to him and his generosity and love for his family and friends was without end. Rick touched many lives and will be truly and deeply missed by all who were blessed to know him. He is predeceased by his father William and survived by his wife, Joan Flahive, his mother, Muriel Lloyd of Lancaster, PA, his brother Russell and wife Ann of Fountain Hills, AZ, and seven devoted children and step-children and their spouses including Jonathan and his wife

Jody of Tolland, CT, Katherine and her husband Oliver of Cambridge, MA, Christopher Quinby and his wife Sharise of Castro Valley, CA, Peter Quinby and his wife Rebecca of Springfield, Tina Quinby and her husband Ross Dionne of Jamaica, Matthew Quinby and his wife Elizabeth of Feeding Hills, and Nicholas Quinby of Springfield and his fiancée Jill Bearfield. Rick also leaves behind nine beautiful grandchildren, Rachel, Max, Abigail, Nathan, Matthew, Leo, Caleb, Sierra, and Cayden. Calling hours will be held Thursday, April 28 from 5pm to 8pm at the Cornerstone Church, (formerly Faith Tabernacle) 15 Kibbe Rd, East Longmeadow, MA. A celebration of life will be held in Rick's honor on Friday, April 29 at 10 am at the Cornerstone Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cornerstone Church, 15 Kibbe Rd, East Longmeadow, MA 01028, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Rt 6A, Brewster, MA 02631 and Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., G430B, Boston, MA. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. For directions and expressions of sympathy please visit www.nefcc.net

Tribute Wall

FW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Rick for the past two+ years, enjoying his incite, intelligence and gentleness in addressing difficult situations. Having seen how he waged his battle against cancer - working diligently until the end - will be an everlasting inspiration for me and others. Rick will be missed.

Fred Wiginton - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

MH

“ Rick was a great man and a true friend and mentor. Rick brought me and my wife Alli to New England. His leadership and friendship helped me attain all of my career goals. It is with deep sadness that I cannot attend the services as I am out of town this week. Rick will be sorely missed.\r\n\r\nMy condolences,\r\n\r\nMichael W. Holmberg

Michael Holmberg - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

YT

“ Rick, we will miss you. I will miss you. You have been such a great person and a wonderful friend.

YuYing Tang - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

DH

“ I am thinking back to the glorious days we shared on the Pilot Coater at the Rexam Graphics Research Center in the 80's. Thanks for being a great and understanding supervisor and friend. My prayers go out to your family and close friends in this time of greif. Miss you.

Dave Helman - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

JF

“ I was very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I had worked with Rick for over 20 years through the Graphics research center and more recently with FiberMark. I always found him to be a very honest, straight-forward person who certainly was very capable in all he did. He was always a pleasure to work with. I will miss him as a friend "from the old days" and a valuable resource in the business. I am sorry but I will not be able to make the service due to prior commitments out of town.

Jim Farrand - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

LG

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Linda Kondik and Roger Gilmore - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

LH

“ Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Rick's family. Rick was a long time friend, with whom we spent many enjoyable times together. He will always hold a special place in our hearts as he was a fun, kind, smart, and loving person. He was a devoted friend, husband, and father. We know he will be sorely missed by his two children, Jonathan and Katie. May he never be forgotten. Lee Ann and Randy Herald

Lee Ann & Randy Herald - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM