



# **Richard D. "Dickie" Montminy**

## **October 19, 1943 — May 11, 2023**

### **Laconia, New Hampshire**

Richard D. Montminy, 79, of Laconia, NH, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2023 after a courageous battle with dementia. "Dickie" as he was known to friends and family, was born to Henry and Marjorie Montminy on October 19, 1943. After graduating from Matignon High School in Cambridge, MA, Richard went on to Boston College, majoring in Business and graduating in 1965. In 1966 he married his high school and college sweetheart, Ann Kelly.

Richard started his business career as a condiment salesman for Lever Brothers. He would then work for his father selling aluminum pie plates and tins for Bauxmont Aluminum/H.P. Montminy Company. Following his father's passing, he took over as owner of the company, operating it from 1973 until its close in 2015. Table Talk Pies, JJ Nissen, Entenmann's, and Au Bon Pain bakeries are just a few of the many bakeries he was proud to call customers.

After relocating his family to Littleton, MA in 1970, Richard became an active member of the community, serving in the Littleton Lions Club and the Concord Minute Men reenactment militia (where he would eventually march in Jimmy Carter's Presidential Inauguration parade). He was also very active in town politics, serving on both the Littleton Select Board and Board of Finance for 15 years. Richard also helped oversee the design and construction of the new high school on King Street. He could often be found discussing politics with his fellow board and community members at the L'il Peach convenience store. Or, as he liked to say, "I was out getting the dirt!"

"Grumpy," as he was known to his grandkids, had many interests. As a teenager, he and his brothers raced their sailboat on the Mystic Lakes outside Boston. His love of the water led him to embrace the Maine coast, Bermuda, and Lake Winnepesaukee, where he traded in his sailboat for a motor boat. He was an avid dog lover, especially the Boxer breed. He could not let a Boxer go by without saying hello, often ending up on the ground laughing as his new friend happily licked and jumped all over him as the dog's owner looked on in amusement.

Dick loved running errands. A trip to the dump. A diet Pepsi run. Or a visit to the hot dog stand on Route 119. He enjoyed "making the rounds" to see friends and colleagues, and later, taking his grandkids to the arcade, or to play mini-golf. And always an ice cream. No errand, or boat ride, would be complete without a stop for a Pepsi (eventually, Diet) and Twinkies. Or maybe Cracker Jacks. Or M&Ms - for everyone!

He was a great skier and graceful ice skater. He loved to read, especially history and autobiographies. He liked collecting old things, and gadgets. Lots of gadgets, sometimes extras, just in case somebody else might need one. He loved to meet new people and learn new things. His work ethic was second to none. He was generous and always willing to do things for others if he could. Most importantly, he was a loving husband, dedicated father, and playful grandfather.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Ann, as well as his children Kelly of Weymouth, MA, Richard Jr. (Betsy) of Gilford NH, and Mark (Tracy) of Montpelier, VT; his two grandchildren, Maddison and Henry; his sister Phyllis Kilpatrick and brother Peter. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John.

Please join us in celebrating his life on May 18, 2023, between 8:15AM and 9:30AM at Badger Funeral Home, 347 King Street, Littleton, MA. Followed by a Mass at St. Anne's Church, 75 King Street, at 10:00AM. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to help others suffering from dementia at the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)), or the New Hampshire Human Society ([nhhumane.org](http://nhhumane.org)). And if you're out running errands, stop and get an ice cream.

