



Richard "Rick" J. Simpson

January 17, 1953 - July 12, 2021

Richard "Rick" Jon Simpson, 68, of Lewiston, ME, passed peacefully from this earth at 10:14 PM on July 12, 2021. He transitioned in the arms of his wife, Lee, and in the loving care of the angels at the Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice, Hospice House. This, after a valiant 22-month battle with "The Beast," Esophageal Cancer.

Rick was born January 17, 1953, at CMG, to Hildred Victoria Robinson Simpson and John Cecil Simpson of Auburn. He joined his sister, Sandra Ann Simpson, growing up in Auburn, "playing cars and trucks" with neighborhood friends. Despite never really leaving the L/A area, Rick's passions, manifested by his various occupations and hobbies, were fully realized. A courageous man in so many ways. Rick and his former wife, Donna, raised 2 beautiful sons, Mark Jon Simpson of Lisbon, and Mathew Keith Simpson of Auburn. After a period of personal growth, Rick married long-time friend and colleague, Lee Ann Duncan Simpson. He became influential in the lives of his stepchildren, Melissa Joy Jones Demers of Auburn and Andrew Ryan Jones of Lewiston. The adventure has been full.

Rick was predeceased by his parents and infant sister, Mary Ann. He is survived by his "Honey," Lee of Lewiston, and their rambunctious Newfoundlands, Ozzy and Mookow; his sister, Sandra and wife Jean of Cape Elizabeth; son Mark and companion Ashley of Lisbon/OOB; Son Mathew and long-time fiancé, Nicole Burgess of Auburn; Mark's son Zachary Simpson of Greene; Mat and Nikki's children, Amelia, Jaccob and Nora Simpson of Auburn; his step-daughter, Melissa Demers and husband Moe of Auburn; Melissa's children, Taryn, Brandon, and Aaden Demers of Auburn; step-son, Andrew and wife, Lisa Jones of Lewiston, their furbaby, Ranger, and many special cousins, friends and colleagues.

Rick's family sends sincere gratitude to his vast medical team: Dr. Dan Rausch; oncology NPs Julie Booker, Sarah Menke, and Emily Reese; Dr. Sam Klempner, of MGH; the staff of CM Hematology/Oncology office; the expert nurses at CM infusion center; the nursing staff of CMMC M1 and Y3; Hospitalists Dr. Zach Mueller, Dr. Martha Stagaman, and Dr Chad Lachance; Critical Care Specialists Dr. Philip Stone and Dr. Chris Cook; long-time cardiologist, Dr. Roy Ulin; long-time PCP, Dr. Pamela Wansker; and last, but certainly not least, the angels at The Hospice House.

Heartfelt gratitude also goes out to Lee's work family at Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice. Special friends: Long-time mentor and colleague, Crystal Guerrette RN; Long-time colleague Sara McGlaufflin RN; Spiritual advisor and Dog Whisperer, Sergei Bachkovsky and wife Lisa; Spiritual and life advisor, Marilyn Maher; and Spiritual advisor and long-time hair stylist-extraordinaire, Tammy Burns.

Planning for a Celebration of Rick's Life is in the works for the afternoon of August 7, 2021. Details will be forthcoming. For those who wish, donations may be made to Androscoggin Hospice <https://androscoggin.org/donate/> or The LifeFlight of Maine Foundation

<https://www.lifeflightmaine.org/support-our-mission/campaigns/future-is-bright.aspx> .

Arrangements by the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home in Lewiston 784-4023.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com .

Comments



“ The gentle smile, the soft voice, and the Compassion he brought to the patients and to all those he worked with will never be forgotten. I consider myself one of the fortunate who worked with Rick as a partner at United. RIP Rick....you will be carried in many hearts

Laurie Cyr-Martel - August 07, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ I worked many shifts with Rick, a talented man as a paramedic, mechanic, computer guru, and much more. Decades of partnership of mundane as well as critical calls...always a caring, gentle, and fun loving soul. He'll be missed by many more people than he would ever think was possible. RIP Rick. I loved every moment with you.

Rick T - August 07, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ "A great man and friend, enjoyed working with and knowing Rick."
He is missed by many.
Joe Mattingly AFD

Joseph Mattingly - August 06, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ A great partner and friend in what was the greatest career time in my EMS life. He, as so many others in the core group at UNITED, will be sorely missed.
Paul Farrington EMT-P Retired

Paul Farrington - July 31, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ Paul, please reach out to me at ParamedicMike@yahoo.com.
Mike Hilliard

Mike Hilliard - August 01, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ Rick loved working on his car toys n hobby's so he came to work at yudys part timer to basically play with cars. We all had fun while Rick was there. Will miss his inspirational tone. Man that guy could eat donuts

bill spearrin - July 25, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ Rick and I were high school sweethearts. We married in 1974. We had 23+ years together, two beautiful boys and many, many adventures including drag racing at Oxford Plains and our love of Mustang cars. We had a lot of fun over those years and there were rich times and poor times but we always hung together. I will miss his friendship.

Donna Hamilton Simpson Hutchins - July 24, 2021 at 02:54 PM



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Lee Simpson - July 23, 2021 at 01:48 AM



“ I am so grateful to have been a part of Rick's life for the last twenty years. Wonderful memories of a wonderful man.

Rest In Peace, dear Rick.

Love from Jean, Sandy's wife

Jean Haron - July 29, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ I so appreciated Rick's dedication to education and work in the simlab. My thoughts and prayers are with Lee and family, wishing you comfort during this time. With sympathy.

Peggy McRae - July 16, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ So saddened to hear of Rick's death in his long struggle with cancer. He will be remembered for his wit, great smile, and love of life. My heart goes out to Lee and family, I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Carmen Fortin - July 16, 2021 at 09:54 AM