



## Michael S. Sobol

September 25, 1936 - April 16, 2022

TOWNSEND: Michael S. Sobol, 85, of Townsend died Saturday, April 16, 2022 at his home.

Mr. Sobol was born in Worcester, September 25, 1936, the son of the late Michael Sobol and Olga (Yakuben) Sobol Lehmann and grew up in Gardner. During the late 1950's Mr. Sobol served his country for four years in the United States Navy.

He graduated from Gardner High School and continued his education at Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg where he received his Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Education.

Mr. Sobol began his teaching career of thirty four years in the Concord Carlisle School district before moving to Townsend where he taught at North Middlesex Regional High School and later at Hawthorne Brook Middle School, retiring in 1997.

He was a former member of the Townsend Couples Club and enjoyed fishing, reading, bird watching and camping. He was an avid fan of the New England Patriots, Celtics and Red Sox.

Mr. Sobol leaves his wife of 61 years, Jean C. (Soule) Sobol; four sons,

Randy Riggins and his wife, Susan (Coalter) Riggins, of Townsend, Frank Sobol of Berlin, NH, John G. Sobol of Oregon and Christopher M. Sobol of Tennessee; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was also predeceased by his stepfather Thornton C. Lehmann.

Funeral services will be held privately. Memorial contributions may be made to the Townsend Congregational Church, PO Box 487, Townsend, MA 01469.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Mr. Sobol and his family are the kind, selfless people who made the best of neighbors. Their patient and generous support saw many of us trying teens through some challenging times. He will be missed and remembered.*

*So sorry for your loss. May you find some comfort in the memories of your time together.*

*With love and thanks,  
Robin (Almeida) Gospodarek*

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**robin gopodarek** - May 17, 2022 at 05:50 PM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear. I will always remember his willingness to help others. Thinking of you Jean.*

*Jay Resmini*

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**Jay Resmini** - April 21, 2022 at 02:41 PM

LB

“ *I am sorry for your loss - I feel your pain.*

*Linda (Owen)Brown THS '58*

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**Linda L. Brown** - April 21, 2022 at 12:58 PM

JS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Sobol's passing. I had him and Mrs. Sobol as teachers. My condolences to his family.*



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**Jean E Staples** - April 21, 2022 at 12:50 PM

BP

“ Bill and I were so sorry to hear of Mike’s passing. He was an inspiration to me as a new teacher at Hawthorne Brook, as well as a great friend. He was always there to offer his sage advice. I remember when I taught “between” Mike and Jean as my classroom was right between the two of them, while Bill’s classroom was on the other side of Jean. Those were some of our best teaching experiences! Mike, you will be missed. Jean, we send you and your family our loving thoughts and prayers.

*Bill & Jan Pothier*

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**Bill & Jan Pothier** - April 21, 2022 at 06:02 AM

DN

“ We are sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He will be remembered for many things. My memory will be his friendship as a new teacher at HBMS. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jean and his family.

*David and Maureen Nelson  
Aspatia, England*

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**David Nelson** - April 20, 2022 at 12:21 PM

GS

“ Ginny Spinney lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Sobol



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**Ginny Spinney** - April 20, 2022 at 08:08 AM

SW

“ One of my very favorite teachers. I may have given him a hard time—and he gave it right back, that's for sure—but he was the one who inspired and encouraged my love of writing and storytelling. Thank you Mr. Sobol for everything.

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**Sherri (Lombardo) Westbury** - April 20, 2022 at 08:07 AM

MP

“ Jean & family, so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a wonderful teacher and a good friend. I enjoyed our sports conversations at HBMS and Smith St. He will be missed. Terry and I will keep him and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mike Parent** - April 20, 2022 at 06:58 AM

MH

“ I had Mr. Sobol in the 7th grade. I had never seen a teacher be openly sarcastic and acerbic to his students. I loved it. it helped me develop my sense of humor.

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**Michael Higgins** - April 20, 2022 at 05:20 AM

CT

“ I am forever grateful to Mr and Mrs Sobol for being there for me as my teachers when my Mom was sick and later as friends cheering me on through high school, college and beyond. I am heartbroken and sending lots of love to Mrs. Sobol and their family.

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**Christine Tremblay** - April 20, 2022 at 03:17 AM

CW

“ *Caren (Conant) Williams lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Sobol*



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**Caren (Conant) Williams** - April 20, 2022 at 01:56 AM

JM

“ *Mr. Sobol was a genuinely nice man. I fondly remember his smile and kind words while at NMRHS. He and his family were a welcomed addition as neighbors on Smith Street. Rest peacefully Sir.*

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**Jimmy Morris** - April 19, 2022 at 11:23 PM

LC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Sobol's passing. I had him and Mrs. Sobol as teachers. My condolences to his family.*  
*Lee Gourdeau Cordaro*

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**Lee Cordaro** - April 19, 2022 at 11:03 PM

LG

“ *To the Sobol and Riggins family. We are so sorry for your loss. I had Mr Sobol for 6 th and 7 th grade at HBMS and he was always one of my favorite teachers. Lisa and Donnie Girard*

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**Lisa Girard** - April 19, 2022 at 09:39 PM

DC

“ *Debby Coalter lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Sobol*



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**Debby Coalter** - April 19, 2022 at 08:27 PM

MM

“ *Michael Meehan lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Sobol*



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**Michael Meehan** - April 19, 2022 at 06:18 PM

SS

“ *Sharon Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Sobol*



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**Sharon Sawyer** - April 19, 2022 at 12:26 PM