



## Richard A. Butler

February 18, 1953 - October 25, 2023

Townsend - Richard A. Butler, "Zampa", 70, of Townsend passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, after a courageous battle with lymphoma.

He was born in Woburn on February 18, 1953 and grew up in Billerica before moving to Groton. He graduated from Groton-Dunstable High School in 1972, and would later settle in Townsend in the home he and his wife built with help from their friends the Murrays.

Rick served in the U.S. Army National Guard.

Rick was a truck driver throughout his career and had worked independently as well as for P.J. Keating, and Powell Stone and Gravel. He was a member of the Teamsters Union Local 170.

Rick was a jack of all trades and cherished spending time in his garage with his dog Dixie, where he loved building and working on cars. He also loved telling stories with family and friends at cookouts and parades.

One of his favorite places was the house he built on Cat Island in the Bahamas.

He leaves his wife of 45 years Mary L. (Taylor) Butler of Townsend, children,

Amanda M. Meltzer and her husband, Shane of Lyndeborough, NH, Rebekah L.

Butler of Milford, NH; two brothers, Donald Butler of Fitchburg and William Butler and his wife Jeannine of Pepperell; two sisters, Carol Jones, and her husband, Dennis of Lunenburg and Dianne St Peter and her husband, Ronnie of Nashua; a sister-in-law Joanne Butler of Hollis, NH; two grandchildren, Ezra and Miriam and several nephews and nieces.

He is predeceased by a brother David Butler.

His funeral service will be held on Friday, November 3rd at 10 AM in the Pepperell Christian Fellowship, 17 Main St., Pepperell. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, November 2nd, from 4-7 PM in the T.J.

Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend. [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com)

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to K9 for Veterans or Leukemia/Lymphoma Society

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Service

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Pepperell Christian Fellowship  
17 Main St.  
Pepperell, MA

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ My deepest condolences Mary, Becky & Amanda, Donnie, Carol and Di. I have so many laugh memories - yankee swops with the family, so many family events, but most recent and probably most funny would have to be when we all danced with Grammy Gin at the Pepperell Community Center. Di, Mary, Rick, Carol and would most often be laughing while trying to dance especially watching Rick and his exaggerated moves - truly great times. Peaceful journey home Rick. Love, Lou Lou

Mary Lou Balis - November 02, 2023 at 09:35 AM

NG

“ Nick, Laura, Cole and Grady purchased the Strengh & Solace Spray for the family of Richard A. Butler.



Nick, Laura, Cole and Grady - November 02, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard A. Butler.

November 01, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard A. Butler.



November 01, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. Butler.*



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October 30, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ *RIP Ricky! You grew up next door to us and were very close to my younger sister and brother. I lost touch with you as we got older but will never forget you. God Bless you and celebrate with the rest of the family in Heaven.*

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**Sandra Rondeau** - October 30, 2023 at 07:07 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. My condolences to the Butler family and especially Carol . I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. R I P Richard*



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**jessica ruff** - October 28, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ *Amanda, Mary and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family .Rich Mathews*

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**Rich Mathews** - October 27, 2023 at 09:38 PM

RB

“ We cherished Rick's friendship while we lived in Brookline and attended Faith Baptist church. He had an amazing garage and so talented to repair, restore or build most anything. We too look forward to the time we will all be reunited for eternity. Ron and Suzanne Brown

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**Ron Brown** - October 27, 2023 at 09:37 PM

SB

“ We're so grateful for all the fun memories (like "fishing" for dentures) we've shared over the past 40 plus years that we've been friends. You always amazed us with your mad MacGyver like skills. We'll miss your stories, laughter, and smiles. Looking forward to spending eternity with you. Ron and Sue

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**Sue Beauchamp** - October 27, 2023 at 08:26 PM

DB

“ Ricky you were a great son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend but to me you were the best uncle. You always had a smile on your face and a story to tell. We'll miss you a lot. Keep on Trucking!  
❤️ Dale and Amanda

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**Dale Butler** - October 27, 2023 at 07:08 PM