



Richard E. Koivu Sr.

February 16, 2018

Mr. Koivu was born in Fitchburg, March 6, 1932, a son of Ernest N. and Aino H. (Etelemaki) Koivu, and was a lifelong Townsend resident. He was a 1950 graduate of Townsend High School.

From 1952 -1954, during the Korean Conflict, Mr. Koivu served his country in combat with the United States Army where he attained the rank of Sergeant.

He was a life member of the Townsend VFW and American Legion Posts.

For sixty one years he owned and operated Country Auto Service in West Townsend. He was an avid motorcycle racing competitor racing in Daytona, Watkins Glen, Laconia and Langhorn. He attended the First Baptist Church in West Townsend.

He leaves two sons and daughters in law, Richard E. and Annmarie Koivu of West Townsend, Ronald E. and Debra Koivu of Pepperell; a daughter, Sally A. Koivu and her partner, Louis Kiklis of Townsend; a sister, Marilyn L. Laitala of Townsend; six grandchildren, Dan Koivu, Jason Koivu, Greg Koivu, Michael Koivu, Shaina Brooks and Jasmin Brooks; four great grandchildren, Skyla, Saoirse, Shealeigh and Makayla.

He was predeceased by his stepmother, Aili M. (Rantamaki) Koivu, his sister,

Evelyn A. Burnside of Townsend and his grandson, Andrew Koivu of Pepperell
in 1983.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Condolences to the Koivu family...*

Dolores Lotze Boucher - March 01, 2018 at 10:25 AM

RP

“ *Ron*

I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Dicks passing from Dave. I am so happy that I had the chance to meet him last summer in Maine and learning about his younger days w family. Getting to meet him was a real treasure that I will not forget. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you, Debra and your entire family. Take care.

Richard Proulx - February 28, 2018 at 06:17 PM

AS

“ *My thoughts are with Dick's family. Although years had gone by, I last saw him when I was in Townsend and visited him and Marion. They were the same solid friends that I (and my husband) had spent much time with during our high-school "double-dating" years. He and Marion left me, and many others, with fond memories. Rest in peace, Dick.*

Alice Conner Selfridge - February 28, 2018 at 05:30 PM

BB

“ *Dick created a sort of 'landmark' in Townsend. 'Country Auto' - a great place to do business!
Think of the fond memories he left behind. They will help to ease the loss.*

Bill Fors & Linda Brown - February 23, 2018 at 08:53 AM

JR

“ Sleep soundly my dear friend and classmate. We shared many memories of times now passed. My heartfelt sympathy to the whole Koivu family, please take comfort knowing he is now with your mother. Thanks Rick for your call.

Jeanne Richardson-Palmer - February 22, 2018 at 06:53 PM

DS

“ Mr. Koivu was a calm, steady and kind man who was always very helpful to me in the Auto Parts store. He let me call him Dad and understood that I meant it fondly and sincerely. He and his lovely wife Marion did a good job raising their children, who turned out just as kind and compassionate....and with a sense of humor. What more could one want out of life? Love and hugs to family....he will be missed.

Deb Stoll - February 22, 2018 at 02:34 PM

GG

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I considered him my best friend and we spent many days together racing motorcycles. In my eyes, he was a genius and I learned so much from him! He and Marion were wonderful people with a great family. He will be greatly missed. I pray that one day we will be together in heaven!

Gene & Sharon Gravelle - February 22, 2018 at 07:29 AM

CW

“ We are so sorry to hear that Dick has passed. We were hoping to see him when we get back to Townsend. Dick will be sorely missed. Charlie lost not only a friend, but another classmate as well. Our heartfelt sympathy to all of the Koivu family. May the knowledge that he is with Marion again give you some comfort, at this difficult time.

Charlie Kilbourn and Carol Wright - February 21, 2018 at 09:43 AM

DS

“ To the Koivu Family,
I first met Dick as Mr. Koivu when my dad and I went to Country Auto to pick up parts for the family car. There were lots more trips up Bayberry Hill Rd in the years that followed, for parts for the next family car, the truck, the tractor, and more. In 1969, he was one of the first to welcome me home from Vietnam. Now, after 59 years of true friendship, I share the loss of this fine man. All who knew him are aware of how he served his customers, his community, and his country. We will all – both family and friends – continue to remember his kindness and recall a lifetime of great stories.

Don Smith - February 20, 2018 at 03:43 PM

GV

“ Dick was a classmate and friend from the Class of 1950 in Townsend. It was from him that Julie and I bought our first car, which ended up in Germany when we got out of the service. Dick and Marion were good, quiet people who enriched many lives. Dick, like Marion, will be missed by many, and we send our sincere condolences and prayers to Dick's family.

Guy and Julie Vernwy - February 19, 2018 at 08:15 PM

HM

“ DICK WAS ALL HEART. WE THINK BACK AND SEE THAT HIS LOVE FOR MARION AND FAMILY WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT IN HIS CARE FOR THEM THROUGH THE YEARS. THAT SAME LOVE AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS COULD BE SEEN IN HIS GENEROSITY TOWARDS ALL. OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENRICHED TO HAVE HAD HIM AS A FRIEND. WE PRAY THAT YOUR GRIEF BE LESSENERED IN REMEMBERING HIS LOVE AND EMBRACING HIS ATTRIBUTES. MAY GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY.

HARRY & LOUISE MARSHALL - February 19, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ *The the Koivu*

We are so very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in all your memories.

The Shifrin Family

February 19, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ *Dick was a busy man. Seems like he always had something going on. He was never to busy to lend a helping hand or do a favor. Rest in Peace, Dick.*

Ruth & Jim Conner - February 19, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Koivu family, Spent fun times with him!*
Ray

Ray Makela - February 19, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ *I have done a lot of business with Dick and you couldn't have found a more honest and fair man to do business with and also played horse shoes with and against him and he played a great game and if you happened to play against him ,you better have practiced first.*

May he rest in peace.

Roger Hamel - February 19, 2018 at 08:10 AM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Together again with Marion. Sending prayer and hugs to all the family.*

Bob & Carole Stone - February 19, 2018 at 07:54 AM

BB

“ *To The Koivu Family sorry To Hear About Dick He Will Be Missed
By Many R.I.P Dick*

Bill and Karen Baro - February 19, 2018 at 04:36 AM

RR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of dicks family.he was a great
man and a great friend to my family.im so sorry for your loss*

Ron rajaniemi - February 19, 2018 at 04:33 AM

SA

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. The fond memories of
collecting polliwogs on Gramp's pond, hiding in the feed in the barn,
and then scooting through the electric fence as we made our way
down to Country Auto will always be remembered. Dick's strength
and kindness lives on through all of you. We are sending our
prayers and love.*

Shelley And Dave Amari - February 19, 2018 at 04:30 AM

KL

“ *Although we are a distance away, know that our thoughts and
prayers are of with your family at this time. We know Dick will be
sorely missed by many friends and family members.*

Karen and Bill Lorden - February 19, 2018 at 04:16 AM

JW

“ For years , Dick took care of all my father’s cars, and all the carts of us kids! I have happy childhood memories of going to visit the lot , and Dick always had another inexpensive car for us as we grew up. But we always knew it was safe and he would take care of us.. He was a very kind man and a good friend to my father, Larry Wood. Praying for blessings and peace on this sweet family.

Janice Dianne Wood - February 19, 2018 at 03:32 AM

BB

“ To the Koivu Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Dicky was like an uncle to both of us. We will miss his funny stories and catching up with him on Memorial Day. May you hold close all your memories of him. Dick & Marion are now together, and both are watching over all of you. Much love to each of you ❤️

Brian & Becky Borneman - February 18, 2018 at 05:22 PM

DW

“ Russ and I were so sorry to read about the passing of your dad. Now your mom and dad are now together again. We are sending warm and loving thoughts from sunny Florida.

Debora Woollacott - February 18, 2018 at 05:11 PM

HB

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of our dear friend Dick. Hector will miss time spent with him in the firing squad .. will dearly miss our personal time in VT at the camp. Our prayers are with all of the Koivu family. RIP my friend Dick. May God bless.
Hector and Margaret

Hector And Margaret Bedard - February 18, 2018 at 04:12 PM

BA

“ We were sad to hear of your Dad's passing.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
May your memories of him bring you comfort during this difficult
time.
Fondly,
Billy and Linda

Billy and Linda Amadon - February 18, 2018 at 03:37 PM

PH

“ I knew Dick for years, Always liked him. I have done business with
his garage years back. And I am very Sorry to hear of his passing..
My thoughts and Prayers go out to the Family. R I P my Friend You
will be missed...

Phil Hamel - February 18, 2018 at 03:15 PM

ER

“ RICK SALLY AND RON SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF
YOUR DAD HE WAS A VERY SMART MAN AND A GOOD
FRIEND

ED RAUHALA - February 18, 2018 at 12:33 PM

AB

“ To the Koivu family, very sorry to hear of Dick's passing, he was a
great friend and neighbor, always willing to help anyone, he will be
missed by many, thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow

Andrew & Marilyn Brown - February 18, 2018 at 07:53 AM