



Richard Otis, 79, of Leominster

September 1, 1946 - October 31, 2025

LEOMINSTER – Richard A. Otis, 79, of Leominster, formerly of Fitchburg and Worcester, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 31, 2025, at Hope Health Hospice in Providence, RI.

His beloved wife of 31 years, Jean E. (Thomasian) Otis, passed away on January 30, 2015.

Richard was born in Worcester on September 1, 1946, the son of the late Albert A. and Virginia (Berry) Otis, and grew up in Worcester. He attended Doherty Memorial High School and went on to earn his degree from Fitchburg State College.

Until his retirement, Richard worked as a dedicated woodshop teacher in the Worcester and Tewksbury school systems, where he impacted countless students over the years.

After retirement, Richard embraced life fully by traveling the world with his wife Jean and sharing countless adventures together. From exploring the canals of Venice to discovering the wonders of Egypt, traveling was one of his greatest joys, and he was grateful to have shared those experiences with Jean.

Richard also had a deep passion for cooking. He loved hosting family and friends for holidays and dinners, always making sure that everyone was well-

fed and happy. His love for food and hospitality was something he always was showing his granddaughters, Alexis and Olivia. He leaves behind many recipes for his family to enjoy.

Family meant everything to Richard. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who cherished every moment spent with his loved ones. He especially loved cheering on his granddaughters at their tennis matches and was one of their biggest supporters, both on and off the court. Anyone who knew Dick knew how proud he was of his daughter and granddaughters, not only for their accomplishments, but for the kind, genuine people they became under his guidance. He taught them countless lessons over the years, always reminding them to greet everyone with a smile.

He leaves his son-in-law, Sean P. Almy of Naples, Florida; his sister, Carol A. Avedisian of Millbury; and his beloved granddaughters, Alexis and Olivia Almy. In 2023, he was predeceased by his daughter, Samantha J. Almy of Naples, Florida.

Mr. Otis' family will receive family and friends at a visitation period from 10 -11 AM Thursday, November 6, 2025 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte 2A) Ayer. www.andersonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Calling Hour

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

CA

“ We were so blessed to have Dick in our lives. A wonderful brother, brother-in-law, uncle, husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather as well as friend to many. Many beautiful memories in the delightful years with him. Forever in our hearts and prayers.

*Please continue to keep Dick and our our family in your prayers.
God Bless and love, Carol, Jim, and Virginia Mary Avedisian*

Carol Avedisian - November 04, 2025 at 02:25 PM

LM

“ Love, Jim, Carol, and Virginia Mary purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Otis, 79, of Leominster.



Love, Jim, Carol, and Virginia Mary - November 04, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“ Love, Jim, Carol, and Virginia Mary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Otis, 79, of Leominster.

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TF

“ The Conlon Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Otis, 79, of Leominster.



The Conlon Family - November 03, 2025 at 11:31 AM

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JP

“ Our deepest condolences on the passing of Dick. Dick always had stories to entertain and share with us. Dick and Jean were part of our lives for over 20 years. We spent a lot of time together - having pizza every Fridays - weeks in Newport, R.I. -inviting us for holiday dinners with their family- going to their parties and so many others fun times. Dick and Jean gave us many wonderful memories, and their friendship will always be remembered. Dick is at peace.
Julie and Bill Palioca

Julie and Bill Palioca - November 02, 2025 at 11:31 PM

DC

“ I have know Dick for many years and have so many great memories of wonderful Christmas parties that he and Jean had in their home. Sincere sympathy to all his family for their loss. My thoughts and prayers and with them. Doris Clow

Doris Clow - November 01, 2025 at 11:14 AM