



## Richard M. Tonks

June 11, 1993 - June 13, 2019

TOWNSEND: Richard M. Tonks, 26, of Andover, formerly of Townsend, died unexpectedly Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence.

Rick was born in Fitchburg, June 11, 1993, a son of Philip J. Tonks and Shelly A. Miller and resided several years in Townsend before moving to Andover five years ago. He was a 2012 graduate of Nashoba Technical High School where his focus of study was Culinary Arts. He currently was working as a cook at Samuel's Restaurant in Andover.

He was active in the Townsend Boy Scout program Troop # 81 and rose to the level of Eagle Scout. He was an accomplished artist and enjoyed playing the bass guitar.

In addition to his father of Andover and his mother of Woburn, he leaves his brother, Cole Mance of Townsend; his sister Alexius Tonks of Townsend; his paternal grandfather, Richard Tonks of Andover; his uncles and aunts, David and Lauren Miller of Charlton, Glenn Tonks of Florida, Maxwell Tonks of Andover. Tracie Tonks Curcio of CT; his high school sweetheart, Morgan Miles of Andover; his stepmother, Stacy McLaughlin of Townsend; his extended family Diane and Edwin Naylor, Jessica McLaughlin, Jacob and Angela Gates, Amanda Naylor and Caitlyn Naylor. He also leaves behind many cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Debra Tonks, Linda Tonks, Richard

and Francine Miller and his uncle Christopher Tonks.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to: New House Wildlife Rescue - <http://NewhouseWildlifeRescue.org/> or Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR) <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1443540>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Oh Shelly I am so so sorry about your son - you and your mom used to work with me at NEBS/Deluxe many years ago. You are in my prayers

*Love Marcia Buscemi*

---

**Marcia Buscemi** - June 25, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.



---

June 19, 2019 at 01:20 PM

RA

“ My heartfelt condolences.

---

**Rick Alliegro** - June 19, 2019 at 01:01 PM

DM

“ Dear Shelly  
Liz and I and the entire North Shore Bridge family have you in our hearts. We love you and are praying that the God of peace will comfort you during this time of upheaval.  
*Pastors Drew and Liz McGee*

---

**Drew McGee** - June 19, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



June 18, 2019 at 10:52 PM



“ *There are no words we could say to bring comfort to you at this time, Shelly. We are just heart broken for you. You are in our prayers. All our love xoxox, David Gebo, Teresa Mitchell, Louise Potter and families.*



**Louise Potter** - June 18, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



June 18, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



June 18, 2019 at 12:52 PM

MA

“ *Much love Tony, Pam, Vanessa, and Andrea purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



---

**Much love Tony, Pam, Vanessa, and Andrea** - June 18, 2019  
at 11:25 AM

HC

“ *Dear Shelly,  
Pat and I were heartsick to hear of Ricky's death. We remember all the Thanksgivings we spent with you and Ricky at Dottie and Harry's house. He was such a nice boy. Just a love. So very sorry. Keeping you both in our prayers.  
Love,  
Pat and Helen Curley (Dottie's sister)*

---

**Helen Curley** - June 18, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *It's been a really long time man... but hearing this hurt my heart! You were like the little brother I never had!! You will never be forgotten.*



---

**Shannon Smith** - June 17, 2019 at 08:55 PM

BS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



---

**Bill Stearns** - June 17, 2019 at 06:24 PM

BS

*Rick was a great kid on our trips and always had a smile. it was a pleasure know him.*

---

**Bill Stearns** - June 17, 2019 at 08:17 PM

WF

“ With love, Randy and Donna Williams and family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Richard M. Tonks.



---

**With love, Randy and Donna Williams and family** - June 17, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.



---

June 17, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



June 17, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



June 17, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



June 17, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *Boy Scout Troop 81 Townsend purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



**Boy Scout Troop 81 Townsend** - June 17, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



---

June 17, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *I am so very shocked and saddened by this news. I worked with him at the Horseshoe Grille in North Reading and he was the sweetest soul. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

---

**Jeanne Russell** - June 17, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ *BRIAN & LYNN TONKS purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Richard M. Tonks.*



---

**BRIAN & LYNN TONKS** - June 17, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ *Rick was such a great kid, always respectable even when the boys were causing mischief. He will be great missed 🥺*

---

**Rebecca Whittemore-Beaudoin** - June 16, 2019 at 05:39 PM