



## Robert T. Obea

February 12, 1957 - September 6, 2022

TOWNSEND: Robert T. Obea,, 65 of Swanzey, NH, formerly of Townsend, Mass. died Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at his home.

Bob was born in Groton, Mass February 12, 1957, a son of the late Thomas Obea and Christine (Macleod) Gatchell and resided most of his life in the Townsend & Pepperell area before moving to Swanzey twelve years ago.

He was a 1975 graduate of North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served for three years.

For over 30 years Bob worked at Courier Printing in Westford before retiring in 2012. Bob was an avid hockey player and remained active in various leagues for over thirty years. He was a diehard fan of the Boston Sports teams and enjoyed playing Keno.

He leaves his longtime companion, Karen L. Chenette; and two grandchildren, Hennasea McMahon and Elijah Gagnon with whom he resided in Swanzey, NH; a stepson Josh Gagnon and companion Step Malcolm and their five children from .Fitzwilliam, NH; a stepdaughter, Desiree Gagnon and Alex Monteiro and child of Brooklyn, CT; his stepbrother, John Gatchell of Boise, Idaho; two step sisters, Jerrilyn Malboeuf of Greenville, NH, Barbara

Farnsworth of Leominster; various cousins from Pepperell and Townsend, several cousins from PEI, .Canada also many longtime friends.

Bob's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours Sunday September 18, 2022 from 2 PM - 3:30 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Man Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center. A time of prayer and reflection will be held at 3:30 PM . In honor of Bob it is requested that everyone please wear clothing from one of the Boston Sports teams.

For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com),

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **18.** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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

## Time of Remembrance & Celebration

SEP **18.** 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HE

“ bob the man who helped cook food out It on the table bring me to school practices help with school put up with the drama and mood swings and listen to me cry on hard nights bring me drinks while I was sick help me with math and gg to but bob was smarter In math subject bob was the man who helped gg put up with raising me and my anger Issues and my problems his words of advice helped me with lots he Is now a second reason I push harder In life going to miss watching the hockey games with bob watching him cheer me on at my hockey games and tell me he’s proud after I exit the ice help me tie my skates and shoulder pads off he was a big part In my life he was not just my grampa he was my best friend and we had ups and downs with my problems but he put up with this family and he did so good with helping us with it all may he rest in peace and watch over us all and guide us the right way

hennasea - September 15, 2022 at 11:25 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Robert T. Obea.



September 13, 2022 at 12:38 PM

HJ

“ Bob my cousin, my friend and great hockey player, thanks for given me so many wonderful memories over the years. As kids playing hockey on the ice, street hockey and table top hockey when we couldn't play outside. Family vacations and dirt biking on PEI, to driving Elmers school bus wildly thru the hay fields on the MacLeod farm, lots of laughs. We sure had some fun rink ratting all night long, and playing in many leagues and tournaments together. You were always so kind to me and the Jones's. You will be greatly missed!  
Hal & the Jones girls

Hal Jones - September 12, 2022 at 09:14 PM

SH

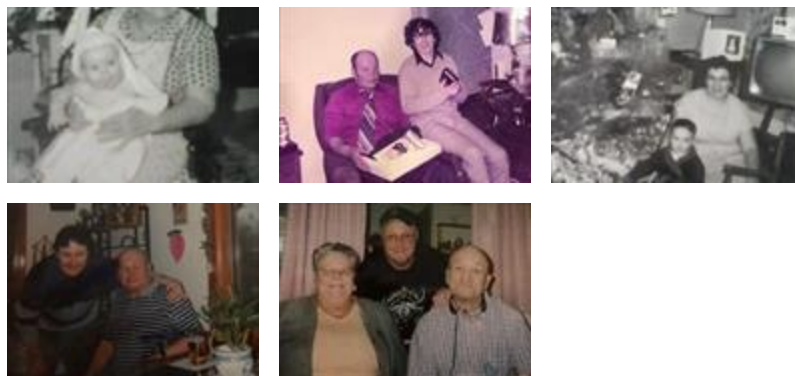
“ Robert was a kind and gentle giant. He was also a fastidious historian of the PEI relatives. We found some new relatives, revisited some old ones and had a glorious re-visit of PEI. You will be missed Robert, as his mother made us call him, for all the historical PEI news.

Susan Holohan

Susan Holohan - September 10, 2022 at 06:56 PM

CM

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Cheryl Millman - September 09, 2022 at 12:29 PM

CM

*Just a few beautiful memories of our beloved cousin Robert on his Mom Chris's side of the family in Prince Edward Island Canada. Sending our love.*

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**Cheryl Millman** - September 09, 2022 at 12:31 PM

DS

*“ Bob, Thank you for all the great times, laughs and the fun memory's we shared. Countless hours at the rinks, many all night long or just hanging out. I could fill books with them all. It's is an honor to call you my friend! I can't say your name without smiling. We had some fun and gut busting laughs my friend. You are a very special person, they broke the mold when they made you! You were takings way to soon. You might not be here now, but won't never be forgotten because you will always live on threw the all the memories. You made everyone's life's better by just knowing you. RIP my dear friend!*

*Dave Saball*

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**Dave Saball** - September 09, 2022 at 07:53 AM

TH

*Great words my friend Dave. Todd*

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**Todd Hussey** - September 09, 2022 at 11:23 AM

DR

“ Karen and family, Alan and I send our sincere condolences from Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada. Our American cousin fondly known to all of us as Robert may have not been born and bred on PEI but I do believe in some ways he thought of himself as an Islander. For over 50 years Robert spent time in the summer on this island, and for many of those years in a tiny place called Mount Hope, where his mother (my Aunt) Chris was raised. Here he relished the time on the farm with his grandmother, uncles and cousins. It was always an exciting time for his cousins knowing that Robert was going to be at grammies! When Robert started coming to the island on his own, he would bring friends with him to primarily attend the Dundas Plowing Match (lol). We would all have a good chuckle as he would be telling us how he sensationalized this plowing match to sound like a national exhibition; whereas his friends would come to realize that it was just a very small 2 day community fair. Speaking only for myself, I believe Robert knew the genealogy of his Island relatives better than any of us. I was amazed at the information and pictures that he could glean and then share. He took such an interest in knowing everything he could about his mother's family and their past, growing up in the eastern end of the island. As everyone can attest, Robert had a big heart and he always gave without expecting anything from anyone. Robert Obea you will be missed. You were a good person taken, way too soon. God Bless you Karen and take care during these difficult days. Sincerely Darlene (MacLeod) and Alan Robison

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**Darlene Robison** - September 08, 2022 at 08:36 PM

TH

“ That pic of “Obe” tells it all. After 30+ years Obe is one the best human beings I have ever had the please to meet, grow up with, spend time with and call a dear friend. There is nothing he would not do for a friend and someone in need. The stories of fun, mischief and roll on the ground laughter are endless. Obe will be dearly missed by me and many. God Bless you my friend - Todd Hussey

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**Todd Hussey** - September 08, 2022 at 02:41 PM

DW

“ Bob will be missed by many people. He was a good sportsman and fun to be around wether you were on his team or the opposition. God bless.

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**Dave Woodford** - September 08, 2022 at 01:51 PM

GF

“ So sorry and deepest condolences to KAREN Chenette and her family. ROBERT was my stepbrother in law. I learned thru the years that ROBERT was quite an athlete. We were friends on FACEBOOK and I will miss his comments about sports on television. R.I.P. ROBERT 🥺💔

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**Gary Farnsworth** - September 07, 2022 at 06:12 PM

JM

“ Lots of childhood memories like sandlot baseball, football in the field, sledding in winter, and motorcycling through the wooded trails! Prayers to all friends and family.

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**Jim Martin** - September 07, 2022 at 01:11 PM

DF

*Was right there with you and Obes back then Jim. On Bobs Hondamatic !! Was an awesome dude....ton of laughs.... You and Bob even carried me under the wings when Bob gave me stitches while playing Army (we recently laughed about that and Bob remembered it....was a kid sorta accident)...But he was a great guy...and between him and Dennis Glow one of the best pranksters i knew !! Awesome guy.....*

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**David Freeman** - September 07, 2022 at 06:39 PM

TS

*“ Bob Obea....what a guy....great friend...always there and has been for 60 years. There is no one funnier...always looking to prank you...the stories are endless! Our hickey journeys are memories that will last forever! Montreal...Vegas...Moncton...we had some great times Ob...I will miss you... till we met again my friend...my brother!*

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**TOMMIE SCHOFIELD** - September 07, 2022 at 07:55 AM

TS

*Lol...hockey journies!!*

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**TOMMIE SCHOFIELD** - September 07, 2022 at 07:56 AM

CC

*Bob was full of smiles, jokes, and made us all laugh. He was one of the good guys in the class of 1975. RIP*

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**Cathy Collins** - September 09, 2022 at 06:18 PM