



Richard C. Fortin

January 25, 2019

Richard C. Fortin, 70, a resident of Somerset for over 45 years, passed away unexpectedly in the Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River, on Friday, January 25th. He was the husband of Jeannine A. (Mizher) Fortin.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late Roger H. Fortin Sr. and the late Georgette (Michaud) Fortin, he graduated from Diman Vocational High School in 1966 and then graduated from the former Rhode Island Radio and Electronics School. Richard spent four years in the US Air Force during the Vietnam Era, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He then returned with his wife to live in Somerset.

He worked nearly 40 years for WCVB-Chanel 5 Boston, serving in the position of Engineer in Charge for many years. He was a communicant of St. Thomas More Church, Somerset, and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1228.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, Roger H. Fortin, Jr. and his partner Kevin Slayton of Fall River; two sisters, Denise I. Coulombe and her husband Gerald of Fall River, and Donna M. Raymond and her husband Russell of Fall River; also nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 11:00 AM, in St. Thomas More Church, Luther Ave., Somerset. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Somerset. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Calling hours Wednesday, 4-7 PM, in the Hathaway Community Home for Funerals, 900 Buffinton St., Somerset.

Flowers welcome, or donations to the Greater Boston Food Bank, 70 South Bay Ave., Boston, MA 02118-2700.

Cemetery

Events

St. Patrick Cemetery, Somerset

Somerset, MA,

JAN

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Calling Hours

04:00PM - 07:00PM

Hathaway Community Home For Funerals

900 Buffinton Street, Somerset, MA, US, 02726

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Funeral Mass

11:00AM

St. Thomas More Church, Someret

386 Luther Ave., Somerset, MA, US

Comments



“ Rich was a brilliant engineer and technician. He had a well-honed wit and cared about people. He left us too early. To Jeannine and Rich's family, may you find peace and comfort in your memories of Rich. Today's services were a fitting tribute to a good man.

Dave Beauvais

Dave Beauvais - January 31 at 03:04 PM



“ Thank you

Donna Raymond - February 01 at 11:42 AM



“ I worked with Rich for 32+ years, and was always amazed with how much he knew about all of our equipment and systems- which were ever-evolving! He was Brilliant! Rich was always there to solve whatever crisis was happening at the moment, and just knowing he was in the building was a comfort to many of us! He was our go-to guy. He taught me a great deal about many technical things, especially video , which I put to use every day on the job. I am truly saddened by his loss. He and I also shared many meaningful conversations of faith, and life in general, so I know he is at perfect peace now with our Lord. I just wish he had had more time in retirement to enjoy all of his family and friends. My deepest condolences, Jeannine, and to all Rich's family and loved ones. RIP dear friend, thank you for everything. Kim Devolve

kim devolve - January 31 at 10:46 AM



“ Thank You

Donna Raymond - February 01 at 11:44 AM



“ I have had the privilege of knowing Rich for many years. We first met and worked together in 2001. Even when I moved back west I would routinely ask Rich for his insight and thoughts on equipment. In 2015 I again had the pleasure to work with him side by side at WCVB. He was a gentleman and always spoke his mind. I enjoyed every interaction we ever had together, and he will truly be missed by me and all his very good friends. My deepest condolences to Jeannine and the entire Fortin family. Sincerely, Stefan Hadl

Stefan Hadl - January 30 at 03:54 PM



“ Thank you

Donna Raymond - February 01 at 11:45 AM



“ So much laughter, so many memories. Rich was one of my first friends at WCVB - his passing hurts my heart. Rest in peace my friend. My condolences and prayers of comfort to the Fortin family.

Tammi

Tammi - January 30 at 12:14 PM



“ Thank You

Donna Raymond - February 01 at 11:45 AM



“ Rich was a class guy. All who worked with him admired his work ethic and his wonderful way with people. Condolences to his family.
Peter Mehegan

PeterMhegan - January 29 at 09:20 PM



“ Very few with Rich's engineering no how. He made difference at CVB.
A problem solver. He will be missed.
Bruce Drucker

bruce drucker - January 29 at 02:45 PM



“ Heartbreaking to have lost such a helpful and kind person. Rich was always the "Go To Guy" when I had questions regarding new technology. He always took the time to help navigate me through the digital transition of broadcasting. Rest in Peace Rich.
-Scott Nadeau

Scott Nadeau - January 29 at 10:27 AM



“ Very saddened to hear of Rich's passing. He was always genuinely kind to me. I will remember him with a sparkle in his eye, moving around the studio ready to fix whatever wasn't working properly. So sorry he didn't get a chance to enjoy his retirement longer.
Thoughts and prayers to his family.
-Cindy Fitzgibbon, WCVB

Cindy Fitzgibbon - January 29 at 09:29 AM



“ Thank You
Donna Raymond - February 01 at 11:46 AM



“ Mrs. Fortin we are so sorry for your loss.

Richard was a great neighbor and gentleman. We will miss him.

Jim and Joan Smith - January 29 at 09:06 AM



“ Jeannine, my condolences to you and all your family. My thoughts are with you at this time.

Jerry Ferreira

Jerry Ferreira - January 29 at 07:19 AM



“ I was so very sad to hear this. My thoughts and prayers go out to you his family. I will always remember Rich as a true gentlemen and nice guy. I only wish he could of enjoyed his retirement longer. Rest In Peace Rich.
Kimm DelGizzi



kim - January 28 at 11:48 PM



“ This is so very sad. Rich truly cared about the quality of work he did at WCVB but more important, he cared about the people he worked with. Love and prayers go out to his family.

Bob Oliver

Bob Oliver - January 28 at 09:52 PM



“ Rich & I had an inside joke about taking the last bowl of soup at the 5 & Dine...(he beat me a few times) I'm sure many reading this will remember him in the 5&Dine sitting at his high top in the window, enjoying with that smile..I'm happy he got the last one

Cara - January 28 at 09:47 PM



“ This is so very, very sad. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Rich was a gentleman with a quick and ready smile every time I saw him. His knowledge of this business was second to none and he had a sharp intellect I admired. I missed him when he left here and am so saddened by his passing. My heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Anthony Everett - January 28 at 06:31 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn of Rich's passing. I counted him as a good friend, and a calm and empathetic influence on me and all his colleagues at Channel 5. He was a very good man and will be missed. My family sends all our love and sympathy to Jeannine and the whole Fortin Family.

Tim Geers, WCVB

Tim Geers - January 28 at 06:05 PM



“ I hope all of Rich's family knows how loved he was by his Ch5 family. He was simply a wonderful guy. Sincere condolences.

Russ Nelligan, WCVB - January 28 at 06:00 PM



“ I was so sad to hear of Rich's passing ... much too young. My heart goes out to all of his family and friends.

Chris Stirling, WCVB

Chris Stirling - January 28 at 05:40 PM



“ Rich, I will never forget the kindness you showed to me when I came here to Channel 5. You are always quick with a smile and kind word. My heart is with your family. You will be missed. RIP -Maria

Maria WCVB - January 28 at 05:37 PM



“ Remember that first trip to Las Vegas and putting the AC on “High Heat”. As well as those many nights in the apartment in Somerset playing Monopoly or some other board game. In my mind's eye you are still in your late 30s and we are having wonderful Lebanese food at your house. May you rest in peace. Ed Booth

Edward Booth - January 28 at 05:21 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to Jeannine and the entire Fortin family. Rich was always a gentleman, kind and dedicated. He will be truly missed.....

Bill Fine WCVB

Bill Fine - January 28 at 06:24 PM



“ I have such a heavy heart. Rich was nothing shy of a kind, talented man. Never anything but smiles and a helping hand. I'm so so sorry to his family ...so sad. May his memory be a blessing. Julie Bowers

Julie - January 28 at 06:37 PM



“ In all the many visits I made to WCVB, I always tried to make time to spend time with Rich. I enjoyed our conversations about HTV technology choices and directions. He was "wicked" smart and always inquisitive. I did want to know his opinion Of course, in the summer months - we always chatted about his gardening and his tomatoes. Never had one, but I heard they were really good Rich made a difference and not just with equipment - he made a difference in all who knew him and worked with him.

My condolences to his family and to Jeannine

Martin Faubell - January 29 at 09:20 AM