



Richard Rene Gingras

June 14, 1947 - April 2, 2018

Richard Rene Gingras of Quinton, Va passed away unexpectedly at home on April 2, 2018. Dick was born in Lawrence Mass. on June 14, 1947, the eldest son of the late Rene E. and Theresa F. (Soucy) Gingras of Derry, New Hampshire. He was a resident of Quinton for over 30 years. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he proudly served his country as a Combat Medic in the Army's 1st Armored Division, participating in Operation Burlington Trail and the Battle of Kham Duc. He returned home in 1968 and began what would become a lifelong career in computer science technology. To family and friends, he was everyone's go-to computer guru. Dick had a passion for science and was an avid reader of science fiction collecting thousands of novels over his lifetime. He was devoted to the game of softball, playing in the local softball leagues for New Kent, Hanover and Henrico. He loved to spend time outdoors walking and exploring with his beloved german shepherd, Toby-Wan Kenobe, by his side.

Dick leaves behind his wife of 34 years, Debbie Gingras (Gooden); two daughters, Lisa Gingras of Quinton and Laura (Ben) Stanfield of Varina; his stepson, Robert Owen of Richmond; three grandchildren, Anna (12), Aurora (7) and Gideon (5); three brothers, Roger (Barbara) of Salem, NH, Raymond (Cindy) of Methuen, MA and Ronald (Susan) of Windham, NH; two sisters, Celeste (John) Beaulieu of Concord, NH and Christine (Mark) Beaudoin of Merrimac, MA and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends to honor his memory from 2:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, April 14th at Wallace Manor located at 3821 N. Courthouse Road in Providence Forge. While you are here on the website, you are invited to leave a tribute, share a memory or light a candle. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dick's memory to Semper K9 Assistance Dogs (Semperk9.org) or to Disabled American Veterans (www.dav.org).

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“ Dick was great in general. We use to spend hours talking about everything from computers, politics, and the memories of being overseas, serving in the military. It's amazing how much we had in common and I feel like I was lucky to have known him. His military service was exceptional for the short time he was in. He made SP5 (E5) at about a year and a half, which is amazing. He could have avoided the draft for college, but he felt obliged to do his duty for the country when he was called upon. Of all jobs, he picked combat medic and the many soldiers he saved were lucky he did. He was a stern, but peaceful person, and I think he was too good of a man to leave the experience in Vietnam behind and move on. I will miss all of the conversations we had and the conversations we could have had. Even though he did not speak of his service very often, he was proud of what he did for his country. He even had printouts of his unit's history and after action reports from some of the

battles/operations they were in.

I am glad we got to spend more time with him in the past few months, but I wish it could have been longer. I was looking forward to helping him with yard work, debating what new components we should get for our PCs, getting him a service dog, and discussing politics with the one person I completely agreed with. You will be missed, loved, and bragged about. Thank you for everything and rest peacefully!

Ben Stanfield

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“ Dick is and was always there ... He taught me about my computer... my guru... my go to... my always there guy. He always made me laugh ...He Made me laugh at myself, a politics of the day... at how silly people can be... and explained techno stuff in a way that I could understand. He gave himself and his knowledge freely. He will always be in my heart as a long time dear friend. Hard to believe he is gone from this earth but never ever from my heart. You are missed.

Peggy Moore





Peggy Moore - April 13, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ Dickey is my oldest brother. I always baby sat me and I looked up to him. Because of him I wanted to play baseball and I always had fun watching him play. I remember the years he learned to fly the remote control planes and race the remote control cars. Anything electronic he would enjoy. Dickey was a great big brother. Rest in Peace Dickey. I love you



Celeste Beaulieu - April 12, 2018 at 07:05 PM



“ I enjoyed playing ball with Dick for several years. He was a good player and an excellent teammate. He was always dependable. A very reliable player, consistent at the plate and in the field. He will be missed not only as a player but as a friend.

Dave Bickett - April 12, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ I didn't know Dick personally. I did know him as a fellow softball player. He was a darn good hitter and a pretty good fielder. I never would guess that he was as old as I am. He played like a much younger person. Everyone I have talked to is shocked about his sudden passing. He will be missed.

Raye Harper - April 11, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ Dick was a good friend, and a very good softball player. He is going to be missed on the softball field. Rest in peace my friend

PRISCILLA BRIGHTWELL



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