



Eric R. Lawton

August 10, 1976 - November 22, 2008

COLEBROOK, NH -- Mr. Eric R. Lawton, 32, of Brooklyn, NY, and formerly of Colebrook, died early on Saturday morning, November 22, 2008, in Colebrook.

Mr. Lawton was born on August 10, 1976, in Hanover, NH, a son of Richard Lawton and Eloise (Bennett) Lawton.

Eric was a 1994 graduate of Colebrook Academy. After graduation he attended Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island where he studied travel and tourism. Eric loved to travel, and began to do so at a young age. He was an exchange student to Australia while still in high school, and his travels since took him to Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and many different places in Europe. Eric moved to Brooklyn in the late 90s, but he loved to experience different cultures, and he loved to be out in nature and in the mountains. He loved to keep in shape and enjoyed many different sports activities.

One of Eric's deepest loves was the concept of the Special Olympics, and he especially enjoyed supporting his sister, Vicki, when she participated in those events.

Eric leaves behind by his father, Richard Lawton and wife Trisha, of Colebrook; his sister, Vicki, of Colebrook to whom he was very close; his

paternal grandmother, Blanche Lawton, of Colebrook; his maternal grandparents, Robert and Jean Kenney of Errol; his dear friend, Nick Gjeca of Brooklyn, NY; eight aunts and eight uncles; as well as numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death last year by his mother, Eloise Watson; his brother, Shawn, in 1994; and his grandfather, Elmer Lawton, in 2000.

Calling hours and a funeral service will be private. Interment will follow in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in Mr. Lawton's memory may be made to the Special Olympics New Hampshire, 650 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ *Its very lonely w.o. You.##imported-begin##nick##imported-end##*

November 16, 2010 at 09:36 PM



“ *I am very distressed to know that Eric is no longer with us. I have the fondest memories of having him as an exchange student in our house when I was younger. I will always remember his big smile and his happy disposition. I'm sorry to all his family for such a terrible loss. He is not forgotten.*

Tegan Moss##imported-begin##Tegan Moss##imported-end##

February 24, 2010 at 07:16 AM



“ I had the pleasure to be Eric's host Mum in Australia. From the first time I met Eric, we connected. Eric took to my family because of his gentle nature and fun loving ways. Eric kept in contact throughout the years, somehow he would find a way or myself to reunite our friendship and always Eric remained the same friendly beautiful soul I come to know and love. Eric traveled back to Australia for another visit, as he always promised. We met in Melbourne and caught up with all the kids. Eric and I flew back to Mackay together where he took us on a surprise holiday to Long Island. I had the time of my life and I felt like a princess. I am heartbroken that our Eric is no longer here. I tried contacting Eric to say we were thinking about taking a trip to see him. Eric, I am going to miss you!! and I am truly heartbroken,, whatever it was God had planned for you, I wish I had of known and I am sure if you were in pain then you are at peace now. I love you Eric and always will, you were like a son to me and that will never change, not for me, never. I will see you again one day Eric and that beautiful smile so so freely gave.
My condolences to the Lawton family and those of you that loved Eric.

Forever your Aussie Mom
Leanne Hopkins

my god my god....how painful life can be###imported-begin###Leanne Hopkins###imported-end###

February 23, 2010 at 08:47 PM



I am still missing you Eric. There's not much time between my thoughts of you. You are still incredibly special. There's only time between us, all of us. My memories of you keep me smiling. Now and then I get terribly sad that your not here but I know your close by. Xx

Leanne Hopkins - October 23, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss, Eric was such a fun loving person and easy to be around. I have many happy childhood memories of him while we were growing up, no matter what he would always make me laugh. He was so full of life and happiness, he will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Michelle Comazzetto (Little)##imported-end##

December 08, 2008 at 06:30 PM



“ Dear Mr. Lawton, My deepest condolences to you and your family. I miss Eric greatly. I will always cherish the many memories of our wonderful friendship in my heart.##imported-begin##Jeannette Reveron##imported-end##

December 08, 2008 at 10:25 AM



“ Richie and family,
We wish you the most sincere sympathy during this difficult time. We know words are little consolation right now, but know you're surrounded by people who truly care. Take comfort in knowing that Eric isn't gone forever but that you'll see each other again one day. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Take care.##imported-begin##Hope Bolton and family,##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 08:49 PM



“ Richie, Trish and Vicki- Thoughts of deep and sincere sympathy are with you at this time. We will always remember his smile.##imported-begin##Ellen and Sonny ##imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 09:00 PM



“ My condolences go out to Eric's family. I knew Eric in high school and sadly we lost touch. He was obviously well loved by all and he will be missed.##imported-begin##Monique Beaudoin Van Leuven##imported-end##

November 27, 2008 at 01:18 PM



“ Dear Lawton Family, We are so sorry to hear about Eric. We live in 70 Washington and have a cabana near his. I would always run into him on the roof and in the gym, he would always have something pleasant to say with a big smile on his face. We will miss him. We are very sorry for your loss. Pam & Bill##imported-begin##Pam & Bill Rohl##imported-end##

November 27, 2008 at 09:41 AM



“ Dear Family I'm so sorry for your loss. Wonderful people who left messages on the web Guest book was a great comfort to me when we lost our son this year. May you find comfort in our small town and wonderful people and you great family Love Karlene Grover##imported-begin##Karlene Grover##imported-end##

November 26, 2008 at 06:25 PM



“ Eric was one of the first friends we made when we moved to New York - He had a presence about him that just lit up a room. We will sorely miss his wonderful smile, contagious laughter and tremendous spirit. We are grateful for the joy he brought into our lives. We will miss him so very much. Our heartfelt condolences to all the family and Nick - our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Marlyn Sallery & Claude Roy##imported-end##

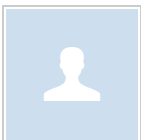
November 26, 2008 at 05:34 PM



“ I have known Eric for almost 4 years when 70 Washington was still under construction, I use to run the elevator the took everyone to the sales office and Eric has always been very very nice to me. Its not the same with out him here in the building. I am sorry for the family loss and Nick (WE) Your staff here at 70 washington are here for you if you need anything. And again I am sorry. HE will be greatly missed.

Reggie##imported-begin##Reginald Fowle (Concierge of 70 Washiongton)##imported-end##

November 26, 2008 at 12:34 AM



“ I was shocked and devastated to learn about your son Eric. I wish to express my deepest and most sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Dennis Grondin##imported-end##

November 25, 2008 at 06:59 PM



“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Eric was such a kind and wonderful person and a great friend. We will miss him so much.##imported-begin##Pallas Comnenos and Kurt Dimitriadis##imported-end##

November 25, 2008 at 12:30 PM



“ My thoughts go out to the Lawton family. I grew up with Eric and got to know him more after we graduated, he was a wonderful person with the best ability to make anyone laugh.##imported-begin##Bethany Shenton##imported-end##

November 25, 2008 at 08:56 AM



“ Trish, Richie, Vicki, the Lawton and the Kenney Family. I am very sorry to hear of your loss.##imported-begin##Carey Clark##imported-end##

November 25, 2008 at 08:53 AM



“ It's always a sorrowful moment when someone you love and care for pass away. We leave the pain and grief behind. Knowing that God has a purpose for each one of us. May his soul rest in peace. I send my condolences to Erica's family and friends. May God be with you all.##imported-begin##Kim (housekeeper)##imported-end##

November 24, 2008 at 09:38 PM



“ Dear Lawton Family,
Eric was so loved and had so many friends. He had such a great sense of humor and always made me laugh. What a wonderful spirit and great friend. My life is richer for having known him. In this very difficult time please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers...
Robin Sparks

November 24, 2008 at 09:35 PM



“ Richi, Trish, and Vicki

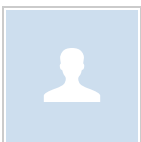
Letting you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Eric was a great person. I could never have imagined growing up without him. To this day nobody could make me laugh the way he did. He will be missed.
Melissa Dimmitt

November 24, 2008 at 08:38 PM



“ Ritchie, Trish & Vickie, Our thoughts & prayers are with you and the family. Eric was a very loving & fun person to be near. We really enjoyed him during his school years with Melissa. He will be greatly missed.
George & Pamela Kenney

November 24, 2008 at 07:57 PM



“ Love and prayers to Eric's family, Eric was a warm and outgoing friend. He is missed so very much.
Mary Micali

November 24, 2008 at 07:48 PM



“ All the Lawtons, especially Rich, Trish & Vicky. My heart aches for all of you, you are in my thoughts & Prayers. Joyce Cass##imported-begin##joyce cass##imported-end##

November 24, 2008 at 02:43 PM



“ Eric was one of my best friends. I am heart broken. My thoughts and prayers to your family.##imported-begin##Enitan Ladipo##imported-end##

November 24, 2008 at 12:30 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ray, Jane, Tammy Thivierge##imported-end##

November 24, 2008 at 11:57 AM



“ Richie, Trish and Vicki,

I am so sorry for your loss. Eric was a wonderful person. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this very hard time.##imported-begin##Corina Parker##imported-end##

November 24, 2008 at 11:17 AM



“ *Richie and Family,*

Please accept our sincere condolences for you loss of Eric. Our hearts are with you.

*Rick and Linda Tillotson##imported-begin##Rick Tillotson
##imported-end##*

November 24, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ *Vicki - We are so sorry about Eric. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is ANYTHING that we can do, please let us know. Hugs and kisses to you. Jan and Phil##imported-begin##Jan and Phil Corliss##imported-end##*

November 24, 2008 at 08:44 AM



“ *My prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Eric was a great friend who was deeply loved and he will be greatly missed. Eric and I will always have the "upper- deck".##imported-begin##Tami Dillin##imported-end##*

November 23, 2008 at 09:10 PM



“ *Richie & Trish-Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Lawton/Kenney families at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##wally & faith##imported-end##*

November 23, 2008 at 05:11 PM



“ *Richie, Trish, Vicki, and Nick*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this extremely difficult time. Eric was a very special person and we are so very proud to have been his godparents. If any of you need anything we are just a phone call away!

All our Love, Robert and Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy and Robert Bissonnette##imported-end##

November 23, 2008 at 02:52 PM