



Laurence M. Rappaport

December 21, 1940 - February 22, 2020

CANAAN – Laurence M. Rappaport, 79, of Canaan and formerly of Colebrook, died Saturday morning, Feb. 22, 2020, at his home after a long period of declining health and with his beloved wife and stepdaughter by his side.

Larry was born in Brooklyn, NY, on Dec. 21, 1940, to the late Louis H. and Mollie (Collins) Rappaport. He was raised in New York City. He attended the University of Rochester and New York University earning degrees in Electrical Engineering and Economics.

Larry joined the U.S. Army in 1968 following the tragic loss of his first wife, Gloria (Rouse) Rappaport and served with honor during the Vietnam conflict.

Larry started his career as a broker, later becoming a hedge fund manager for Smith Barney. In 1974 he moved to Colebrook and led a busy and productive life in his local community. He owned and operated Independence Electronics and with it a Radio Shack franchise. After the sale of Independence Electronics, Larry started a career in software development and worked as a software developer around the world until his retirement. He served on the Colebrook Planning Board for 20 years, as a selectman in Colebrook for multiple terms, and was elected for 8 years as the District 1 Representative to the NH General Court. Larry was a HAM radio enthusiast and operator, known

far and wide by his call sign of "W1HJF." He was instrumental in facilitating the first cellular tower to the area, and was a vocal and passionate opponent of the Northern Pass power transmission line project that was ultimately defeated. Larry was named Colebrook's "Citizen of the Year" in 2013.

He leaves behind his beloved wife and partner of 40 years, Blenda (Johnsen) Rappaport of Canaan; a daughter, Katherine Rappaport of Manchester, NH, and her mother Suzanne Stofflet of Norwich, Vt.; two step-children, Katelin Socci-Dupuis of Colebrook and Indian Wells, CA, and Frank Socci of Colebrook; two grandchildren, Cheyenne Socci and Adrien Dupuis; two great-grandchildren, Stephen Savage and Xavier Dupuis; and three cousins.

There will be no public calling hours. A graveside interment with military honors will occur at a later date in the Colebrook Village Cemetery of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Rappaport may be made to the Warriors @ 45th North, P.O. Box 132, Pittsburg, NH 03592; or to the Liberty House, Inc., 75 W. Baker St., Manchester, NH 03103.

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

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *My condolences on hearing about Terry's death. I am his cousin Phyllis. I remember our childhood together and at that time we all called him Terry. Since our grand mother lived with the family and I was the only girl I spent a lot of time at the house. Terry and his dad used to build model airplanes which they would fly at a park by their house I remember when he got involved in ham radios. Their home in Great Neck Long Island was where we spent the most time together. Another thing that comes to my mind is that he would always try to get me to laugh at dinner which would get Aunt Mollie to give us the look which only made Terry try harder which would get us in more trouble.*

My mother Helen was the sister of Mollie. I am so sorry that we lost touch.

Phyllis Stein Bratton

phyllis bratton - August 27, 2020 at 11:59 AM

DA

“ *Blenda*

So sorry to hear about Larry's passing. He was one of the people I was happy to call my friend in the North country. I regret not having stayed in touch the last few years and now will miss that opportunity. Larry had a life well lived.

Dana Merrithew

Dana - March 04, 2020 at 01:15 PM

MK

“ *Blenda, I am so sorry for your loss. Sounds like a fantastic man.*

Marea Kerrigan

Marea Kerrigan - March 03, 2020 at 05:39 AM

CR

“ Condolences to the family of "Larry Rap". Always a friendly hello and a good voice for our neck of the woods.

Cindy Roy - March 02, 2020 at 11:46 AM

LR

“ Blenda, my heart goes out to you and the family. We have such fond memory of him. I remember your first date. He was so nervous he talked nonstop. I always enjoyed running into him - he always made you feel like he was really glad to see you. Thank you for your service Larry. God speed.

Linda Renaud - February 29, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Dear Blenda, Katherine and the Rappaport family, I was so sad to hear of Larry's passing. I always enjoyed our conversations about the Northern Pass and other community matters. He was a honorable man who dedicated a lot of his time to so many causes and he will truly be missed. My deepest condolences to all of you at this difficult time.

Bette Guerin

Elizabeth Guerin - February 28, 2020 at 02:45 PM

CH

“ Blenda,
So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I miss the old times at Colebrook Office Supply and seeing Larry come in now and then. Truly a nice , nice man. I love Colebrook because of people like Larry and you. Take care.
Colleen

Colleen Howland - February 27, 2020 at 09:01 PM

JD

“ *Blenda and Family, We are sending our sincere condolences to you all. Larry was one of the smartest people I have met, and had a wonderful sense of service in politics. He was an easy person to talk with, and listened to people with interest. Larry was an asset to our area, and one of the "good guys". He is in our prayers.*

Joeng & Mike Divney

Joeng & Mike Divney - February 26, 2020 at 08:49 PM

MD

“ *My condolences to to the families*

Max Dagesse - February 26, 2020 at 07:25 PM

NT

“ *So sorry to learn of the loss of Larry--an honorable man who held the Honorable title. Larry's positive attitude, love for America, and patience and consistency are all appreciated.*

God bless Blenda and all the Rappoport's who are surely grieving the loss of a great gentleman.

Norman Tregenza - February 26, 2020 at 02:39 PM

BB

“ *dear blenda I am so sorry for your loss. becky bunnell*

becky bunnell - February 25, 2020 at 01:36 PM

MJ

“ *So very sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He did a lot for our community and will be missed.*

Michele and Rick Johnsen

Michele Johnsen - February 25, 2020 at 09:22 AM

LK

“ We were sorry to hear of Larry’s passing. He had a significant, positive impact on the North Country.

Pat and Les Klinefelter

Leslie Klinefelter - February 24, 2020 at 11:09 PM

PT

“ So sorry to hear of Larry’s death. He was my seat mate for a term and we had the best time. He was always joking he’d grow a ponytail. He made going to session a fun event. He will be missed. - Pamela T.

pamela Tucker - February 24, 2020 at 10:22 PM

KF

“ Kathleen Moore Fontes lit a candle in memory of Laurence M. Rappaport



Kathleen Moore Fontes - February 24, 2020 at 08:48 PM

 Joe Barton

I was happy to know Larry through his service to the state party, having grown up in Coos, I often interacted with him on committee matters. He will be missed.

Joe Barton - February 25, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ *From George Wright and Tom Mullen
We remember having lunch with Larry many
times at the State house and discussing
Northern Pass . The People of NH owe him a
token of gratitude for all he has done
George Wright
Thomas Mullen*



George Wright - February 24, 2020 at 05:52 PM

CB

“ *I met Larry in a big open field- very appropriate setting. He was
opposing Northern Pass, very vocally. Won my heart from that
moment on. And his sense of humor was very refreshing. The North
Country is indebted to this heart on his sleeve guy. I always thought
he was a native. Well, in his big HEART,, & in the area's eyes, he
was. Our condolences, Rappaport family. May he RIP. Gone too
soon, but never to be forgotten.*

Carol A Bond - February 24, 2020 at 04:09 PM

CF

“ *I enjoyed with Larry as members of the Colebrook Development
Corp. He always had a good sense of direction and keen insight. He
was also a good friend of my dad's and my dad always spoke very
highly of him.*

*I am so sorry for your loss. May your fond memories help comfort
you in your loss.*

Carolyn Foss - February 24, 2020 at 03:32 PM

CF

spoke not spike

Carolyn Foss - February 24, 2020 at 03:34 PM

SD

Larry was a hero of the Northern Pass resistance.

Against all odds, Larry worked with a small group to prepare anti- eminent domain legislation taking away what would have been a clear path for Northern Pass to seize private land for their lines.

HB648, Larry's bill, was the first major defeat for Northern Pass. The project suddenly went from being inevitable to being deeply wounded. After Larry's success, NP had to scurry around trying to piece together a patchwork of abutting land for their lines. They lost momentum, years of time and ultimately failed.

Larry will always be remembered for his inspirational and tireless work on HB648. Thank you Larry, and rest in peace.

Sandy and Jim Dannis - February 24, 2020 at 03:52 PM



You will be sadly missed

George Wright - February 24, 2020 at 05:53 PM

DD

“ *Condolences to the Rappaport family from Duffy Daygherty, a fellow Coos Country District 1 Republican serving with Larry in the NH House of Representatives. Great times and great accomplishments together.*

Duffy Dauggerty - February 24, 2020 at 02:16 PM

CM

“ *Larry was a hard working advocate of broadband for all while in the legislature. He sat on the Telecom Advisory Board for years while at DRED-DED in Concord. Occasionally we would get together and have dinner with other North Country Reps. He will be missed!*
Carol Miller

Carol Miller - February 24, 2020 at 02:09 PM