



## Richard E. Lawton

February 26, 1952 - May 5, 2018

COLEBROOK – Richard Lawton, 66, of Colebrook passed away on Saturday evening, May 5, 2018, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital with his wife and members of his family by his side, and after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in West Stewartstown on Feb. 26, 1952, the third son to the late Elmer and Blanche (Gray) Lawton. Richie was a 1970 graduate of Colebrook Academy, and he later joined the U.S. Navy after school and served as a radio operator aboard the USS Milwaukee during the Vietnam conflict.

Prior to his military service, and then again afterwards for almost 40 years, Richie was the production manager for the Tillotson Rubber Co. He was also a 20-year member of the Colebrook Fire Dept. from 1989-2009, serving on the ladder & rescue company. He was an avid sports fan of all the New England professional sports teams. Always the navy man, Richie loved to go on cruises, and he also just enjoyed going out for drives. He was a member of the VFW in North Stratford and the American Legion Post 47 in Canaan. He will be remembered by his family and friends as a devoted family man, always willing to help others, and he will be truly be missed by all.

Richie is survived by his wife, Trisha (Marier) Lawton of Colebrook; his daughter, Victoria Lawton of Colebrook; 14 siblings, Ronald Lawton (Mary Ann) of Portsmouth, NH, Gerald Lawton (Bonnie) of Colebrook, E. Sue Bailey (Dennis) of Colebrook, Raymond Lawton of Colebrook, Linda Perry (Dennis) of Columbia, Beverly Hibbard (Elliott) of Berlin, NH, Irene Maxwell (Robin) of Colebrook, Deborah Lawton (Bill Carter) of Fairbanks, Alaska, Robert Lawton (Josee) of Columbia, David Lawton of West Stewartstown, Cindy Hamel (Ray) of Colebrook, Cheryl Curley (Mark) of Huntsville, Ala., Kathleen Lawton-Haynes (Kerry) of Colebrook, and Daniel Lawton (Julie) of Beecher Falls; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and countless friends.

He is preceded in death by two sons, Shawn and Eric Lawton.

Calling hours will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A graveside service with military honors will be held on Friday, May 18, at 11 a.m. in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Lawton may be made to Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 8.** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

## Service

**MAY 18.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ From across the miles, I send my most heartfelt condolences to the whole Lawton family. Richie was a really great guy and it saddens me to see that he has passed. May the Lord grant peace and comfort to all of you during this heartbreaking time.

Jill (Rowe) Gadwah - May 23, 2018 at 07:22 PM

KT

“ For the entire Lawton family, please accept our heartfelt condolences in the loss of your brother, husband, father, uncle, cousin, Richie. We remember him as the quiet, gentle person that he was. Gabs and Katherine Tremblay

Katherine Tremblay - May 14, 2018 at 03:33 PM

DB

“ Denise And Rita Van Beuren lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton



Denise and Rita Van Beuren - May 13, 2018 at 07:29 AM

DB

Our deepest sympathies to the Lawton family.

Denise & Rita Van Beuren - May 13, 2018 at 07:32 AM

SC

“ Stacey Campbell lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton



Stacey Campbell - May 10, 2018 at 08:48 PM

GL

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time!

Gilles and Priscilla Lambert - May 09, 2018 at 09:44 AM

SD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Tricia and family



shirley Dagesse - May 09, 2018 at 06:16 AM



“ Richie played an important role in my dad's life. When my father fell on hard times Richie did everything in his power to help my dad and our family, that I will never forget and I will always be grateful. Richie was a man of great compassion. I'm sure he and my dad are jokingly arguing over Yankees / Red Sox once again. May he Rest In Peace.

Bob Mills - May 08, 2018 at 06:51 PM

SK

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please accept our deepest condolences.

Steve Knapp and Patty Kreuzburg

Steve Knapp - May 08, 2018 at 02:36 PM

BN

“ My condolences to Richie's family for your loss.

Bob Noyes - May 08, 2018 at 01:11 PM

DG

“ Richie and I, have been the best of friends since the eighth grade in school, and I've never known a greater person, and I will truly miss him. My deepest condolence to the Lawton family.  
Dennis Grondin

Dennis Grondin - May 08, 2018 at 12:47 PM

LC

“ Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton



Linda Clogston - May 08, 2018 at 12:38 PM

LC

*So sorry for your loss*

**Linda Clogston** - May 08, 2018 at 12:39 PM

LB

“ *Lawton Family,*

*So sorry to hear about Richard. Our prayer and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.*

*Lisa, Michael, Katelyn and Nicholas Bouchard*

**Lisa Bouchard** - May 08, 2018 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ *The Brady family would like to extend our sincere condolences to the Lawton family. May your memories of Richard give you comfort during this time of loss. Praying for you all.*

**Jeannine Brady** - May 08, 2018 at 08:50 AM

PW

“ *Condolences to the whole Lawton families RIP Ritchie*

**Penny Worrell** - May 07, 2018 at 09:50 PM

RK

“ *Rosalie King sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard E. Lawton*



**Rosalie King** - May 07, 2018 at 09:27 PM

DL

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Lawton family.*

*Dale & Sharon Lynch*

**Dale & Sharon Lynch** - May 07, 2018 at 07:54 PM

KK

“ We've come a long way Rickie. Comfort and peace to your family. Rest in peace my friend.



Ken Knapp - May 07, 2018 at 06:26 PM

MB

“ Sincere sympathy to the Lawton family.

Tom and Micheline Brooks

Micheline Brooks - May 07, 2018 at 05:22 PM

ML

“ Heart felt condolences to the Lawton family. Dan and I have many memories of Richie. He was a man of not many words and a big heart. God Bless.  
Dan and Mel

Melony Dan Lyons - May 07, 2018 at 04:38 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the whole Lawton family on this loss.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - May 07, 2018 at 03:59 PM

RG

“ Robert & Martha Brooks Gadwah lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton



Robert & Martha Brooks Gadwah - May 07, 2018 at 03:57 PM

Jen  
Jeffers

“ Dan,

I didn't know your brother, but am so sorry to hear of your loss.

Jen (Van Horn) Jeffers

Jen Jeffers - May 07, 2018 at 03:52 PM

KF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lawton family. I worked for Richie at Tillotson back in the 80's. When I left to join the Navy myself he gave me a great reference that helped me enlist, I never knew about until years later. He was a good man and will be missed....

Keith Lacoy & Family - May 07, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard E. Lawton.



May 07, 2018 at 12:51 PM

RB

“ Trish, Vicki and the Lawton family. Richie was a very quiet, kind and friendly man. He was there to always help out any way he could. He will be missed by many. He is at rest and peace.  
Ron & Linda Beloin

Ron & Linda Beloin - May 07, 2018 at 12:32 PM

JL

“ Trish Vicki & The Lawton Family Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Richie was a kind & loving person & will be miss by all. His battle is over & gone to his reward.  
John & Christiane Lanctot

john lanctot - May 07, 2018 at 11:16 AM

NG

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Trish, Vicki and the entire Lawton family. I have many memories we shared both in good and bad times over the years. I will always remember Richie for his strength, courage and kindness. Most importantly, I will be forever grateful to Richie for making me feel like I was a member of his family.

Nick Gjeca

Nick Gjeca - May 07, 2018 at 10:56 AM



Valerie Mahnke

“ Valerie Mahnke lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton



Valerie Mahnke - May 07, 2018 at 09:49 AM

NG

“ Nick Gjeca purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Richard E. Lawton.



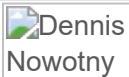
Nick Gjeca - May 07, 2018 at 09:48 AM

LH

“ Our hugs, thoughts and prayers for you, Trisha, and your family. May your happy memories help with the sadness. Lucinda & Spence



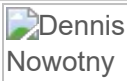
Lucinda W. Hill - May 07, 2018 at 08:41 AM



Dennis Nowotny

“ I was Drafted but Richie wanted to see the World. AND we did. We saw TWo Caribbean, TWO Mediterean, TWO Shell back Equater crossings, and South Pacific with MANY ports. Signed up with Richie on Every bus DAY trip WORLD WIDE!!!! FIRST to HUG at OUR FIRST Milwaukee Reunion ten years ago !!!! WILL BE MISSED!!!!

Dennis Nowotny - May 07, 2018 at 07:52 AM



“ My best friend while in the Navy were while I had bend DRAFTED and was on Bridge lookout watch Id have head phones on talking to Richie down in CIC Combat Control. Telling everything I saw Mostly small ships the he would point out as he was on the radar. One time he spotted a small BLIP and it took a while but found it. A 20' RIDING and SURVIVING the waves to get in our way THREE ships tied up Barrelling down on a BOAT Far out in the Pacific. Well Richie called up and we Somehow Missed them. Could have been just so much more JUNK in the ocean! BUT that was Richies JOB!

Dennis Nowotny - May 07, 2018 at 07:06 AM



“ Trish, Vicki and the entire Lawton family. Richie was one of a kind, always caring and giving to all around him. He was a very special friend since grade school, whom I will never forget. You were dealt many hard times loosing your sons. You were the most wonderful dad to your very special Vicki. Prayers and strength to everyone, especially Vicki and Trish. I was Blessed to have been able to see you often in the last few months, and have so many laughs and talk about our days at Colebrook Academy... will miss you !  
Love, Cindy and Robert



Cindy Bissonnette - May 06, 2018 at 09:54 PM

MI

“ Very sorry for your loss,  
Micheline and family

micheline - May 06, 2018 at 07:49 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry to all of the Lawton family for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Cindy Brigham - May 06, 2018 at 06:29 PM

JB

“ *My condolences to the Lawton family. I am so very sorry for your loss.*



Judy Hunt Budge - May 06, 2018 at 05:02 PM

RT

“ *My sympathies to the entire Lawton family! I am so very sorry for your loss. He was always such a kind man. I hope your memories bring you peace. Sending love!*

*Rachele Thivierge*

Rachele Thivierge - May 06, 2018 at 04:48 PM

FM

“ *Faith And Mike lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton*



Faith and Mike - May 06, 2018 at 03:33 PM

JF

“ *So sorry David and the rest of the Lawton family. I only met him when Jean passed, but liked him very much regardless of David calling him Deli. Hugs and prayers to all.*

Josh, lola and family - May 06, 2018 at 03:22 PM

JF

“ *Josh, lola And Family lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton*



Josh, lola and family - May 06, 2018 at 03:19 PM

AC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Vicki and the rest of the Lawton family. I have many memories as a child at his house.*

Amanda Cameron - May 06, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ *Lisa Godzyk lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton*



**Lisa Godzyk** - May 06, 2018 at 12:42 PM

TK

“ *Our prayers to Trish, Vickie and the Lawton family. Have many great memories Rob and Tam Kenney*

**Tammy Kenney** - May 06, 2018 at 12:31 PM

GJ

“ *To Cindy and all the Lawton family - many thoughts and prayers at this sad time.*

*Ginger Jannenga*

**Ginger Jannenga** - May 06, 2018 at 11:47 AM

FA

“ *I first met Richie when he worked for Dad and Eddie at H & J. Dad thought the world of him. Wally and Richie shared many good times on the fire dept. My heart goes out to Tricia, Vicky and the whole Lawton family.*

**Faith and Wally Adair** - May 06, 2018 at 11:39 AM

LV

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Layton family. He was a great neighbor, and will be missed.*

*Bob and Lisa Vashaw*

**Lisa Vashaw** - May 06, 2018 at 11:38 AM

LV

*Sorry about the misspelling of Lawton. That was auto correct.*

**Lisa Vashaw** - May 06, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JC

“ No



Jan Corliss - May 06, 2018 at 11:05 AM

JC

*Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Jan and Phil*

Jan Corliss - May 06, 2018 at 11:06 AM

AD

“ *Alan And Cindy Dorman sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard E. Lawton*



Alan and Cindy Dorman - May 06, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *Helen Daudelin lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Lawton*



Helen Daudelin - May 06, 2018 at 10:58 AM

SC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Lawton family.  
~CSM.Bradley E. Cross & Stephanie*



Steph Cross - May 06, 2018 at 10:39 AM