



'Tank' Lionel R. Sylvestre Jr

February 2, 1947 - February 5, 2022

COLEBROOK – 'Tank' Lionel R. Sylvestre, Jr., 75, of Colebrook, passed away at his home with his wife by his side after a period of declining health on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022.

He was born in Littleton, N.H., on Feb. 2, 1947, a son to the late Lionel R. and Maebelle (Olney) Sylvestre, Sr. Tank grew up in the Littleton and was a 1965 graduate of Littleton High School.

For his entire working life, Tank was an auto and truck mechanic and truck driver. Also a 'Jack-of-all-trades,' he worked for the Town of Littleton Highway Dept. for 21 years. After his retirement from there, he also worked part-time as a truck driver for R. Brooks Trucking in Stewartstown.

Tank was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he was a motorcycle enthusiast who loved to ride his Harley-Davidson. In his early years, he also enjoyed windsailing on Lake Champlain in Vermont and off the coast of Cape Hatteras in North Carolina. He taught Hunter Safety Education courses for a period of time in Littleton prior to his move to the north country. A true people-person, he had a wonderful sense of humor and made friends with whoever he talked to. Tank was loved by many and will be missed by them all.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sandra (Pihl) Sylvestre of Colebrook.

Memorial calling hours will be held on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Tank may be made to an animal organization or charity of one's choice.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

DR

“ We were so sad to hear of Tank’s passing. We have such wonderful memories of Tank from Vermont and Cape Hatteras. The only windsurfer we knew with an 11.0. Sail on, Tank. - Jimmy & Denise Ritchie

Denise Ritchie - December 15, 2022 at 10:35 AM

SN

“ So sorry to hear of Tanks passing. Sending our thoughts and prayers to Sandy as well as those who shared in the life of this man who who found joy in the Lord’s simple pleasures. May his soul and join those who have gone before him rest in the peace of Christ. Linda and Steve noyes

steve noyes - February 13, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ My first job was at High J Gallen at 16. I often was assigned as Tank’s helper. I always liked working with Tank. He plowed our road when he was with Littleton highway crew. He was the best. Great guy
Alan Hampson
Lillian Hampson

Deborah Hampson - February 12, 2022 at 10:59 AM

MB

“ Tank and I have been friends since childhood. Over the years we have been in touch to catch up on life. He was a great person with lots of laughter and a friendships that lasted. You will be missed Tank. Our prayers to Sandy. Mike and Linda Boulay

Mike Boulay - February 10, 2022 at 09:51 PM

CF

“ Sandy,
We are so sorry to hear about Tank. Bob and tank worked together for 16 years at the Littleton town garage . We just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and your family at this time.

Love Connie & Bob Fenner

Connie Fenner - February 10, 2022 at 12:09 PM

NL

“ It only seems like a short time ago that we were on Medow Street and going to Saint Rose school and Littleton High. Time slips by so quickly and we have no real time to connect. life is so very bussie and we lose contact. All we have are memories rest easy you have always been a great person. Respectfully Norman Laflamme.

Norman Laflamme - February 09, 2022 at 10:52 PM

PM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Peter McCabe - February 09, 2022 at 03:41 PM

PM

Tank Sylvester had all eyes and everybody's attention at his friend Arthur Corey's funeral on Sept. 11,2011.

Peter McCabe - February 09, 2022 at 03:45 PM

PM

“ I was saddened to hear of Tank's passing. He was truly one of the "good ones". I last saw Tank late last summer when he made the trip down to Littleton for breakfast at the topic of the town. It was a weekly breakfast with some of "the boys" from Tank's high school days.

He admitted the trip wasn't as easy as it once was, but no one dwelled on that and he was in good mood and more than willing and able to tell a good story. If I remember his seat faced the entrance of the restaurant and I swear he knew and greeted most folks that came in, including his friend, David Daine from his Littleton Chevrolet days. Just glad I saw him that day. My condolences Sandra. Pete McCabe

Peter McCabe - February 09, 2022 at 01:45 PM

JD

“ Such a loss for us all. I only met Tank this past summer and he instantly received a special place in my heart. I knew little of him and reading his obituary I see we had more in common than I realized previously and I regret will never get a chance to exchange more stories. In his final months he frequented our bicycle shop and became dear not only to myself but also to my children. He would come by to fetch Nicholas when he needed a hand, and I would send Nicholas away with him despite him mostly being a stranger because his genuine personality made him easy to trust. I regret that the dreams of tank and Nicholas fishing together won't be realized, but I have a feeling tank will be with us every time we cast the line in moving forward.

Jonathon Dodge - February 09, 2022 at 09:58 AM

DL

“ Tank was a neighbor and a new fishing buddy of Dick when he lived in Stewartstown. Tank and Thad always took Dick fishing and they were just as crazy about as he was. Neither one could get enough of it.

Denis Ladd - February 08, 2022 at 09:23 PM

HB

“ Tank was an amazing man....a gentle giant with a heart of gold. He would help anyone who needed it. His booming deep voice and deep joyful laugh always made me smile. We used to ride our Harleys together....Brad Reynolds, the Horner Brothers, Mike Collins, Sandy and I....we rode some roads together....I will miss his big Teddy Bear hugs that he gave me whenever he saw me....rest in peace buddy....hugs and loves☐☐.....Herbie Bartlett, Franconia, NH

Herbie Bartlett - February 07, 2022 at 08:59 PM

RC

“ Hi Sandy, So sorry for your loss. I remember Tank at Littleton Town Garage I would walk there after school and get a ride home with dad Robert Grammo. One day I was late dad had left and Tank brought me home he would do anything for you. Nice man thoughts are with you and family

Robin Clough - February 07, 2022 at 07:46 PM

TC

“ Hi. I'm sorry to hear of Tank's passing. Although I haven't seen him in quite a while, I always remember him as a great, friendly guy. He always took the time to say "Hi."

Peace be with you. Tim Cramer. Blaktop Inc.

Timothy Cramer - February 07, 2022 at 12:59 PM

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of 'Tank' Lionel R. Sylvestre Jr



Sharon - February 07, 2022 at 12:34 PM

SH

“ My thoughts are with you Sandy in this difficult time, So many memories of you and Tank, from your wedding to others times when I stopped by and visit when you lived in Littleton. I remember going for a walk with the Boys and Art and Tank had a deer on the front of a four wheeler, I thought oh gross the boys were like cool. May you find peace knowing he is always watching over you. hugs from a old friend Sharon Thomas

Sharon - February 07, 2022 at 12:34 PM

AN

“ Annette Nelson lit a candle in memory of 'Tank' Lionel R. Sylvestre Jr



Annette Nelson - February 07, 2022 at 09:09 AM

HH

“ We send out our deepest condolences to the family on your loss.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - February 06, 2022 at 08:36 PM

VP

“ Oh Sandy I am soo heart broken to hear this. I am grateful to have known him and will forever remember his many stories of all his youthful escapades. My girls still remember him driving them in the tow truck for one of the parades when they were small and always referred to him as the "Big Teddy Bear" Tank had a huge heart and that is what I will remember him for. Hugs to you 💕💕

Vicki Potter - February 06, 2022 at 07:31 PM

AN

“ We are so sorry Sandy to hear of Tanks passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. He was such a kind person and always reminded me of a big teddy bear. From the good old days at the Town garage with Grampa & Dad up until he came to dads service. He was a great man & will be missed by many!
Annette & Bucky Nelson

Annette Nelson - February 06, 2022 at 07:14 PM

JF

“ Bud and I are so very sorry to hear of Tank's passing. He was such a good man. May all your memories of you time together bring you comfort. I will always remember that big man with the booming laugh. Hugs Sandy

Bud and Judy Foster

Judy Foster - February 06, 2022 at 03:12 PM

LB

“ *Sandra,
So sorry to hear about Tank! I loved our visits when he came to the
store! He was a good man! Prayers and thoughts go out to you and
your family!
Lisa Bouchard*

Lisa Bouchard - February 06, 2022 at 01:16 PM