



Terry Coes

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Loring "Terry" Coes III, 65, of Wakefield, died Saturday, June 13, 2015. Terry was born in Ware, Massachusetts, on September 3, 1949. He grew up in Brookfield and Princeton, Massachusetts, and North Waterford, Maine.

He graduated from Hebron Academy in 1967, and earned his Bachelor's degree in English from Williams College in 1971. In 1986, he completed his Master's degree in mathematics at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he also received an honorary doctorate in 1991. He taught fourth grade at the Georgetown Day School in Washington, D.C., from 1971-1974. In 1974, he began teaching at the Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich, chairing its mathematics department from 1980-2006, as well as serving as its school photographer for many years.

In 2010, Terry founded Coes Photography, a boutique photography service specializing in family and event photography. He loved being behind the camera, capturing moments in time, lending his warmth and quiet grace to photography of the natural world and of friends, family, and colleagues in the greater New England community. He was a passionate and innovative educator who consulted, wrote, and lectured widely throughout the mathematics education community. His love of mathematics inspired an equal love among his students. He was a 1987 Woodrow Wilson Fellow, and in 1988, he earned a Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics. A teachers' teacher, he testified before Congress, contributed to multiple mathematics textbooks and journals, provided his expertise in numerous local television appearances, and served as a dedicated officer and board member for several regional and national mathematics education organizations. He planned to retire from Rocky Hill School in June 2015 after 41 years.

He had a variety of serious hobbies and interests, including fishing, hiking, traveling, chess, and reading extensively in industrial, art, military, scientific, and political history. He had a wry, wicked sense of humor that will be deeply missed as we march on without him by our side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth (Carlton/Coes) Newhall and Loring Coes Jr., and his sister, Priscilla (Coes) Bean. He is survived by his wife of almost 43 years, Dana (Cross) Coes of Wakefield; sister Martha (Coes) Thayer of Rutland, Massachusetts; brother-in-law Robert Bean of Grand Isle, Vermont; daughters Katherine Swanson (Kevin Charles Swanson) of East Greenwich and Jennifer Coes (Jason Huffman) of Malden, Massachusetts; one grandchild, Wesley Loring Huffman; and a large extended family.

Burial will be private. A memorial service in celebration of Terry's life will be held at 11 a.m. on September 12, 2015, at the Rocky Hill School, 530 Ives Road, East Greenwich, RI. Private messages of condolence for the family may be sent to Avery-Storti Funeral Home, 88 Columbia Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation either to the Terry Coes Know Thyself Endowed Teaching Chair at Rocky Hill School, <http://www.rockyhill.org/donate/coes-endowment/>; to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Mathematics Education Trust, <http://www.nctm.org/met/>; or to the Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown, RI: <http://normanbirdsantuary.org/support/ways-to-give/>

