

David Pingree

DOVER - David Pingree of Dover, New Hampshire, died on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at age 68, after battling pancreatic cancer for a year and a half. David died on his own terms--in his home, holding his wife's hand, surrounded by family and friends.

David was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts on July 1, 1946. He grew up in Georgetown, Massachusetts with his three brothers and his sister. A young man of great character, David was an Eagle Scout and the valedictorian of his high school class. He attended Williams College for 2 years before leaving to join the US Air Force. David was stationed in Germany from 1967-1971 where he served as a Sergeant and a member of the military ski patrol. After his service, he returned to Williams College and graduated with a degree in fine arts in 1973.

David met his wife Beth in the early 1980s and they married in Zurich, Switzerland in 1987. The Pingrees made their home in Dover where they raised their two sons. David was a juried artist and an entrepreneur. His first entrepreneurial venture was as owner and art director of the Portsmouth advertising agency Fickett, Pingree & Walsh. David went on to open WePrint, a graphic design and printing company in Portland. He also worked for Gallagher's Sporting Goods and Kudo Leather while freelancing as graphic designer for numerous other local businesses. As a juried artist, David's most recent gallery show was in January of this year at Art Stream in Dover. His creativity and passion served him well--he completed his final piece of art just 2 days before his death.

David will be remembered for his love of Classic Rock and gardening. He will be remembered for crashing his motorcycle just months after his diagnosis and surviving to take his last ride, one year later, on the day he entered hospice care. He will be remembered for years of paintball and snowboarding with his son Todd and for his years as devoted soccer cheerleader for his son, Devin. He will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty to his wife, his family and his friends. He will be remembered for his talent, his spirit, and his love of a good beer. But for those of us who were able to spend time with David during the last year and a half of his life, he may be best remembered for his sense of humor and his strength of character.

David is survived by his wife, Beth; his sons, Devin and Todd; his three brothers, Bill, Dick and Don; and his father, Lew (age 101). He is pre-deceased by his mother, Gertrude (Gigi) and his sister, Mary Keating.

In keeping with David's wishes, friends and family will gather at the home of Dana and Rob Lincoln on 15 West Road in Rye on Sunday, July 5 from 2-4:30 p.m. to celebrate a life filled with love and a death filled with grace.

With profound gratitude to the Wentworth Douglas Cancer Center and Hospice, Beth asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Wentworth Homecare & Hospice, 121 Broadway Suite 117, Dover N.H. 03820.

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