



## Richard H. Iovine

May 22, 1954 - October 16, 2019

Richard H. Iovine, 65, died early Wednesday morning, October 16, 2019. He was the loving husband of Billie M. (Nimblett) Iovine, with whom he shared nearly forty years of love and partnership.

Born in Boston on May 22, 1954 to Michael and Agnes (Taylor) Iovine, Richard was raised and educated in Somerville and was the valedictorian of Somerville High School in 1972. He went on to graduate from Harvard College with a degree in biology in 1976.

A natural caregiver, Richard was employed for more than thirty years as an EMT, paramedic, and supervisor at Lyons Ambulance Service. He was a skilled practitioner and a gifted teacher and preceptor, helping new paramedics gain the skills and confidence required in their field. He was an outspoken advocate for pre-hospital ambulance care and was one of a core group responsible for bringing advanced life support services to the North Shore.

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Richard volunteered for service after the Gulf Coast was devastated, and served in East Texas for six weeks, working alongside local EMS providers to help underserved populations.

In 2003, the American Ambulance Association recognized him for his years of service and commitment to EMS with its "Star of Life" Award.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two step-sons, Christopher Tavares and his wife Amy of Franklin, TN and Michael Tavares and his wife Nicole of Danvers, six grandchildren, Lily, Parker, Harrison, Nicholas, Matthew, and Timothy, his sister, Michele Davis and her husband Joe of Marblehead, his brother Michael Iovine and his wife Mary-Lou of Houston, TX, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his loving sister, Pamela Richard.

His Funeral Service will be on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 11AM in the Danvers Church

of the Nazarene, 181 Dayton St., Danvers. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours are Friday, October 25, 2019 from 4-7PM in C.R. Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors, 28 Elm St., Danvers Square. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richie's name may be made to Special Olympics, 512 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lyons Funeral Home  
28 Elm Street  
Danvers, MA 01923  
[info@lyonsfuneral.com](mailto:info@lyonsfuneral.com)  
<https://www.lyonsfuneral.com/>

## Service

OCT 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Danvers Church of the Nazarene  
181 Dayton St.  
Danvers, MA 01923

# Tribute Wall



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Richard. I will always remember the times I spent at the Iovine home spending time with cousin , Pamela. He was always nice to me, some times big brothers can be pesky. God bless and rest his soul.*  
*With love, Francie (Graney) and Michael Ryl family*

Francie Ryl - November 12, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Francie Ryl lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Iovine*



Francie Ryl - November 12, 2021 at 02:28 PM

DB

“ *I've known Richie for my entire career, he was a great human being and a great friend, he actually saved my life twice. RIP my friend.*

Dick Beaulieu - December 18, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Richard H. Iovine.*



November 11, 2019 at 08:32 PM

CB

“ *So many memories of one of the most compassionate and kind paramedic I ever had the privilege of working with. My sincere condolences to your loving family.*  
*Cindy Bernard*

cindy Bernard - October 25, 2019 at 05:45 PM

CA

“ To Aunt Billie and family, we are so sorry for your loss. We are sending big hugs and prayers to you all...with our deepest sympathy, Cyndi, Richie and family xoxo

Cyndi Nimblett Akers - October 23, 2019 at 05:25 PM

LB

“ I don't know you I'm so sorry to hear about your husband he is now resting in peace may god be with you and your family you are all in my prays always remember the good times you had with him



Lorraine Butler - October 20, 2019 at 12:01 AM

SC

“ My condolences to Billie and Richie's family. I remember working side by side with him bring patients to the ED. He was so smart, friendly and hard working. Richie loved everyone. This is a tremendous loss to Lyons ambulance and Richies friends family and those he served. RIP in Heaven my friend 🙏🙏🙏

sharon callahan crowley - October 19, 2019 at 01:35 PM

BL

“ Richie.... So many fond memories of you and Billie Marie, Chris, and Michael on Chestnut Street! Your surprise 30th birthday party, your marriage to Billie, and your unparalleled service to our community and beyond. You will be missed beyond words! Forever in my heart as the sweet man that's been sent into heaven's gates...



Betsy Lapointe - October 18, 2019 at 08:15 PM