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Richard David Morel, Sr., age 83, of Lewes Delaware passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2010, at Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC. The Morel family resided in Wellesley, MA from 1960 to 2003.

Mr. Morel is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years Lucia Santangelo Morel; three children: Laura Napoleone of East Sandwich, MA, Dana Maxwell of Dover, MA, and Richard Morel, Jr. of Takoma Park, MD. He was also cherished by his four grandchildren.

A 1944 graduate of Hudson High School, Morel also graduated from St. Michael's Grammar School and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II having served in the Pacific theatre. He interrupted his college career at age 18 to join the Navy, after having been refused permission by his father to join when he was 17.

When he graduated from MIT in 1949, he received a degree in mechanical engineering, planning to get a job designing cars with General Motors or Ford. However, in the summer following graduation, a friend's father got him a summer job working in New Jersey to install the first natural gas pipeline into the New York City area. Mr. Morel turned that summer job into a long career with Algonquin Gas Transmission Company climbing the ladder from summer construction worker to retirement as the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. He was at the center of some of the most significant developments in the natural gas industry in the northeast region.

More recently, during these hard economic times, Richard Morel never missed a week of bringing cartons of food to his local food pantry in Mashpee. He would ask them what they needed, buy large quantities at BJ's, and then deliver the food. He lived every minute of life to it's fullest, he was a huge positive force to his family, friends, and community and he will be very missed.



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A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 1:00 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Mashpee Food Pantry, Mashpee Village, 1 Wampanoag Drive, Mashpee, MA 02649.

Sign online guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

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JN

John R. Napoleone posted:

Dear Lucia, Laura, Richad, Dana and the rest of the family:I'm so sorry for your loss, he will be missed. I was recently remembering times spent together with all of you over holidays and other special occasions in Wellesley. One such memory is going car shopping with Dick and my Dad and getting my first reliable transportation. All good memories.My condolences,John

June 28 at 8:00 PM

PM

Paul Manwaring posted:

I am so sorry for the loss to you all. I hope the memories he has left with each of you and all of us will help everyone through this difficult time.

June 27 at 8:00 PM

EM

Ed Martin posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of our visits when we were kids.My thoughts and prayers are with you.

June 27 at 8:00 PM

LC

Lynda Carroll posted:

Very saddened to hear of the passing of this wonderful man. He brightened many days for children in need.He will be missed in the community and our hearts,he was very special to the pantry not only for the donations but his kind words and wit. He will have a special place with us and never forgotten.Mr. Morel Kids Corner.

June 26 at 8:00 PM

TN

Tom Nichols posted:

My thoughts are with you Rich and your family. Your Dad certainly left a wonderful legacy in you and your music. I am proud to know you.

June 25 at 8:00 PM



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AP

Ann Pfister posted:

I was saddened to hear about the passing of Richard. All of the Martin children treasure the memories we have of times spent with your family when we were children. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. With heartfelt sympathy, Ann

June 25 at 8:00 PM

SM

Susan Martin posted:

Dear Lucia, Laura, Dana and Richard, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I have many fond memories of Morel gatherings in Hudson, Willamstown and Wellesley. Fondly, Susan

June 23 at 8:00 PM

JM

John Martin, Jr. posted:

Dear Lucia, Laura, Dana and Richard, I was very sorry to hear about Richard's passing. I know I have not seen him in a long time, but I have many fond memories of the times I spent in Wellesley with all of you. My thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. John Martin

June 23 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Richard David Morel, Sr..

June 23 at 8:00 PM

AH

Anne Hadley posted:

Dear Dana, Laura, Richard, Mrs. Morel and Family, I am very sorry to hear the sad news. I always remember Mr. Morel to be such a nice man. (I have very fond memories of your whole family!) I am thinking of you all during this time. With sincere sympathy, Anne Hadley and Family

June 23 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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