



Theodore W. Sirois Jr.

June 29, 1951 - June 3, 2019

Theodore W. (Ted) Sirois, Jr., 67, of Wilton, went to his eternal rest on June 3, 2019, at the Androscoggin Hospice House in Auburn, Maine, where he had been a patient for four days. Born in Rumford on June 29, 1951, he was the third son of Ted and Kitty (Hodsdon) Sirois. He attended parochial school, was an altar server at St. John's Catholic Church, and delivered daily papers in and around his Franklin Street neighborhood. At a young age, he learned the values of spirituality, hard work, and responsibility. When he was thirteen, the family moved to Farmington. At Farmington High School he made the Honor Roll, played football and basketball, and was a member of the Interact Club.

Ted met his future wife, Mary Lorenzi, on a blind date when they attended different high schools. They married a year-and-a-half later and were blessed with two sons, Patrick and Jamie, who have been sources of happiness and pride throughout their lives.

In 1973, Ted earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Maine at Farmington. After his student-teaching experience at Skowhegan Area High School, he was hired to teach Physics.

He was awarded a Master's Degree from the University of Southern Maine and pursued further graduate studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Esteemed by many students as an exceptional teacher of both physics and photography, he was able to convey not only his expertise in the subject matter, but also his fondness for his students in a manner that was humorous, sarcastic, and witty.

In 2005 he was inducted into the Francis Crowe Society of the University of Maine College of Engineering as an Honorary Engineer. This tribute was given in recognition for the numerous students he had prepared so well for advanced physics and engineering classes.

Last summer he and Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, renting a house at Higgins Beach in Scarborough for their family, and, in the fall, traveling to France with their dear friends, Harvey and Kerry Lasner of Syracuse, New York.

Ted loved spending time with his grandchildren: attending their sports events, doing science experiments with them, and taking them fishing. His hobbies included photography, cooking, gardening, hunting, snorkeling,

and traveling. He and Mary vacationed on many Caribbean Islands and in various Florida locations, and toured Italy.

Much of his time was spent on the Christmas tree farm that he and his brother, Bob, own. He took care of thousands of firs and evergreens. Planting, spraying, pruning, and harvesting, he made their care a year-round venture. He especially enjoyed seeing customers select near-perfect trees and wishing them a "Merry Christmas."

He liked helping neighbors and friends by snow blowing their driveways, shoveling walkways, restoring machinery, and doing basic auto repairs. He was also able to fix everything that Mary wanted replaced.

Above all else, he was a loving caretaker of his family.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Mary; son Patrick of Los Angeles, CA; son Jamie and his wife, Kristen, of Potomac Falls, VA; grandchildren Jackson, Colton, Landon, and Boden; brothers Len (Judy) of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada; Larry (Nancy) of Greene; Bob (Becky) of Farmington; and sister, Susan Mitchell, (David) of Fairbanks. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as cousins.

NOTICE: Memorial visitation will take place Saturday June 15, 2019 from 9:30 -10:30AM at Wiles Remembrance Center: Adams-McFarlane Chapel 137 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington ME, with memorial mass following at 11:00AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Middle St. in Farmington. A comfort reception will follow at the church hall. A private interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Wilton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Franklin County Animal Shelter 550 Industry Road, Farmington ME 04938, or to the American Red Cross PO Box 37839 Boone, IA 50037-0839. Friends wishing may leave a kind word on Ted's memorial wall at www.wilesrc.com

Cemetery

Events

Lakeview Cemetery

Route 2

Wilton, ME, 04294

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Memorial Visitation

09:30AM - 10:30AM

Farmington Location

137 Farmington Falls Rd, Farmington, ME, US, 04938

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Memorial Mass

11:00AM - 12:00PM

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Middle Street, Farmington, ME, US, 04938

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Wiles Remembrance Center and staff - June 12 at 02:42 PM



“ I met Ted only once a few years ago at a nondescript pub in Bar Harbor named Little As but the memory still lingers. We were there for my daughter's wedding rehearsal dinner. My initial impression: he was reserved, quiet, and even a bit stodgy. We sat at a table together, shared a beer or two, and started talking. At first just chitchat but by the end of the evening we had discussed a wide ranging array of subjects: teaching; science; photography; wildlife, and many others. I was impressed not only by his knowledge but the fact he was willing to share it in such a nonchalant manner. I left there that night with a wide smile on my face, feeling fulfilled but also reminded of two very important life lessons. The most notable of course in not to judge a book by its cover. Even more instrumental to me though is that a person's education is not measured by the number of books he has read or courses he has taken. Rather it is a willingness to share one's own life experiences between teacher and student or.....two complete strangers for that matter, which flows in both directions I may add. These type of experiences form a bond that can last a lifetime or....maybe just for a fleeting moment in time.

Yvon Bourgault - June 15 at 08:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore W. Sirois Jr..



June 14 at 09:14 AM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wiles Remembrance Center and staff - June 12 at 01:40 PM



“ Mary, Patrick, Jamie & family.....Sorry for your loss Our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Cherish all the memoriesRIP Ted.

Terry Taglienti Monaghan



Terry Monaghan - June 12 at 06:59 AM



“ I taught with Ted at Skowhegan high school for many years. Ted was highly respected, not only being a outstanding teacher but also a tremendous role model to the many students he touched. My condolences to his family.
Brian Lewia

Brian Lewia - June 10 at 04:09 PM



“ While I have not had contact with Ted since high school, it is with much sadness, as well as fond memories of high school days with Ted and our other classmates, that I learned that he had died. I send my sympathies and prayers to all of Ted's family and friends. May you find peace and comfort in the love you've shared and in the love of God.

Pat Williams Flewelling, Mt. Blue High School (Farmington Branch) Class of 1969

Pat Flewelling - June 07 at 06:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Theodore W. Sirois Jr..



June 07 at 05:40 PM



“ My father and Ted worked together for years together, very closely. Ted was a big fish in a little pond; so easy in life to carelessly overlook how great the person is when they are so close. He gave me rides home when others weren't available, taught me photography, physics and the merits of relationships. He encouraged me to become an engineer and knew I could do it. He tutored me when I asked for help. He was a best friend to my Dad when, truly, only a peer could be. He was even there for me when my Dad passed, making sense. He really walked the straight and narrow for his family every day by being the best person.

Mary and boys: I will do anything I can to help you in any way possible. So very sad for you. But, know this: your guy was one of the finest people ever to walk this Earth and he will be missed so much.

Paul Crowell, Waterville
629-7223

Paul Crowell - June 07 at 04:39 PM



“ Many laughs at Farmington HS with Ted, College classes with both Ted and Mary followed by teaching in MSAD54. Rest in Peace. Janine Cookson Leach

Janine Leach - June 07 at 03:49 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Sirois. My family moved to Maine in the summer of 1978, right before my senior year of high school. Mr. Sirois' physics class was one of the bright spots in a very difficult year. He had a sense of humor and an easy, approachable manner of teaching that made physics fun. I am sure many generations of students would agree. My sincere condolences to his loved ones. He will be greatly missed by many.

Elizabeth Peters Blazjewski - June 07 at 03:47 PM



“ So sad to find this news out. Prayers, love, and hugs sent to everyone. Just shocking, and sad. Dennis knows, I told him after Kelly messaged me on Facebook. What little memories I do have of him, they were all good ones. He will be missed dearly.

Dennis, Patty, Kyle, Brandon, and Cayla Sirois

Patty Sirois - June 07 at 02:05 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Theodore W. Sirois Jr..



June 07 at 10:12 AM



“ Mary, Patrick, Jamie & family

Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you in your recent loss .
May he RIP

John & Rose Taglienti



JOHN TAGLIENTI - June 07 at 08:01 AM



“ Dear cousin Mary, Patrick, Jamie and his family, my thought and my prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I will be with you in spirit. Remain strong all of you, life is very precious. Rest in peace Ted!



Holly Witt - June 06 at 10:23 PM



“ Mary ,my heart aches for you ,your family and friends ..the Angel's wrapped their wings around him and will deliver him to heaven .a huge loss to our world . I pray for comfort to you all .

Love to you

Laurel Bottiggi Dube

Laurel Dube - June 07 at 02:18 AM



“ I still have a Pentax K1000 print that I developed in Ted's photography class 41 years ago!

Dennis Corson - June 06 at 09:49 PM



“ I always thought you were one of our best, Dennis. So did Ted.

Paul Crowell - June 07 at 04:27 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear this Mary. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Diana Cote Leighton

Diana Leighton - June 06 at 08:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore W. Sirois Jr..



June 06 at 07:07 PM



“ I had Mr. Sirois for physics and photography in high school 41 years ago! He was a great teacher and friend!

Dennis Corson - June 06 at 06:23 PM



“ The Warming Center will miss that awesome bread! It was the best!
It was a pleasure to have known you. We knew you for a short time compared to most, you always had a smile and a good word.

Soar with the Angels!!!

Helena Maguire
Charlie Curtis



helena maguire - June 06 at 06:07 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Mrs. Sirois, Patrick, Jamie and all of the family.
Gavin Kane

Gavin Kane - June 06 at 05:54 PM



“ I feel so fortunate to have known my friend Ted . The sadness is overwhelming for Ted’s family and friends but the faith we all share will move us forward, lead by Mary, one of the strongest women I know.

“In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer.”
(by A. Camus)



Julia Hennessy - June 06 at 04:15 PM



“ We would see Ted every year when we would go as a family to select our Christmas tree. He was always very helpful and took the time to ask how things were going for us. We enjoyed talking about education and local happenings in our town.

RIP
The Oswald's

Gary P Oswald - June 06 at 03:23 PM



“ Mary, Lenny, Larry, Bobby, Susan and Family, I am deeply saddened to learn of Ted's passing. Gone way too soon. We had some fun times in high school. Ted had a great sense of humor and quick wit. So very sorry for your loss. Rest in peace. Ruth McCleery Watson

Ruth McCleery Watson - June 06 at 04:27 PM



“ Our hearts are with all

Susan and Dan Mancine - June 06 at 06:59 PM



“ Ted was a wonderful teacher to his students, but also to his colleagues. He always had an "idiot camera " available to those on that lacked his skills. I am so sorry for your loss offer my sincere condolences to the family, friends and to all those who loved him.

Linda Houle

Linda Houle - June 06 at 07:07 PM



“ “...fixing things that Mary wanted replaced.” Without a doubt! I recall once being in the driveway with Jamie and Ted. Ted was working on getting some snowmobile running and was, like my father would be, a little frustrated. Jamie chimed in suggesting that maybe the guy a few street over that sold used bikes (Leon maybe?) could fix it.

That suggestion was not well received.

These memories from my childhood, and the people who collectively helped raised all the kids in Wilton, made a tremendous impact on who I am today. The Sirois family was a significant part of that team effort that took place. For that, I will eternally be grateful for people like Ted who left his mark. May he Rest In Peace.

Adam Matthews - June 07 at 07:01 AM



“ He was the best of the best...great teacher and compassionate human being.

Jodie Mosher-Towle - June 08 at 11:08 AM



“ I send heartfelt condolences to Ted's family. He and my late husband taught in the Science Department while I was a member of the English Department. Ted was a valued member of the faculty and a favorite among his students. RIP my friend.

Ruth Blood - June 08 at 05:17 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. Mr. Sirois was one of my favorite teachers, always so kind, fair, very funny and adorable. He one absolutely one of the brightest stars at Skowhegan High School.

Jen Farnsworth - June 08 at 05:43 PM



“ Dear Mary, Patrick, Jamie and family, Tom and I will always remember Ted as the host " with the most" sharing his delicious Bar-be-que food. No matter where we were, Ted oftentimes could not be seen as he was helping somebody. He will always be remembered with kindness. Our deepest, heartfelt sympathy.

Tom and Lillian Matthews - June 14, 2019

Tom and Lillian Matthews - June 14 at 07:29 PM