



Charles R. Desjardins

April 20, 2020

Charles R. Desjardins, of Blackstone MA, formerly of Woonsocket RI, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2020 after a heartbreaking battle with depression and Lewy Body Dementia. For 45 years, Charlie was the husband of Jeanne A. Desjardins (Lavallee) of Manville, RI.

Charlie was born in Woonsocket on July 31, 1952 to the late Roland and Juliette (Cote) Desjardins. In his childhood, he enjoyed making mischief with his three brothers and 15 cousins. In his teenage years he loved working with his friends at Almacs, playing pick-up hockey games at Cass Pond, or working Bingo at Club Marquette. He graduated from Mount St. Charles Academy and Rhode Island College.

When his two daughters, Emilie and Beth, were born, Charlie enjoyed being Mr. Mom, staying home with the girls, taking them for long walks around the neighborhood or hoisting them into a baby carrier, while he doing yard work.

Nothing made him happier than spending time with his grandchildren, playing hide and seek, pushing them just a little too high on the swing set or sneaking them an extra cookie or chocolate.

Charlie was the proud owner of Rick's Tire and Auto Sales in Slatersville, RI where he treated all of his customers like friends, sharing stories of his travels

and grandchildren, complete with photo evidence (usually with a thumb in the picture). He loved his job and the people he met each day.

In the end, the disease robbed Charlie of so much, but for most of his life he was a man who sucked the marrow out of life, ordering the extra dessert, taking the vacation, or buying the new car. He loved his life at Lake Hiawatha and would spend hours on his boat taking laps around the cove, fishing pole in hand. He loved to golf and when he did, his big laugh could be heard all over the golf course. He exaggerated every story, but his confidence in his tales always made you question if maybe the fish really was ten pounds.

He will be missed by all who knew him. In addition to his wife, Jeanne he is survived by his two daughters, Emilie Perna and her husband Joe Perna of Milford, MA and Beth Schlesinger and her husband Zac Schlesinger of Clinton, MA. He is the brother of Dr. Paul Desjardins of Maplewood, NJ, Marc Desjardins of Vancouver WA, and Jacques Desjardins of Austin, Texas. He also leaves behind his granddaughters Eloise, Lucie and Mae Perna and grandsons Felix and Louie Schlesinger. Charlie enjoyed his extended family of 8 sister-in-laws, 5 brother-in-laws, as well as 18 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

 Isaiah
Guilmain

“ *Jeanne I'm so sorry to hear about Charlie. Our deepest sympathy from my family to your's. He was a good man with a great heart.*

Isaiah Guilmain - April 27, 2020 at 06:58 AM

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“ *Jeanne and Family so sorry for your loss of Charlie...he was such a wonderful person. He helped me through the loss of my husband several years ago. We all miss the wonderful service at Rick's - he was so dedicated to his family and work. God be with him. God bless you and your Family.*

Susan Belanger

Susan Belanger - April 26, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Our sympathies Jean Charlie was always good to us at Ricks We are still driving the vehicles he sold us. I had the honor of spending his last days with him he was a lucky man to have a devoted loving family. May you find peace in this cindy and wayne*

Cynthia Marquis - April 26, 2020 at 10:01 AM

MA

“ *Jeanne and family, We are so sorry to hear of Charlies passing. We have fond memories of our trip to Italy with you & Car Quest. We really enjoyed spending time with both of you. He was a true professional within the automotive industry and a very loving, caring man. With deepest sympathy. Mike & Mary Anne of North Smithfield Auto Repair.*



Mike & Mary Anne - April 25, 2020 at 12:08 PM

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“ *Jeanne and Family my deepest deepest sympathy. Boy oh boy this is hard. We went to St Ann school together, we skated at Cass Pond together, we went roller skating at Joyland together, we went to Mount together, we went to the proms and sat at the same table together. We had a little group that hung together. Charlie is the first to leave us and won't be the last. Love You Charlie. Marc J. Baillargeon*

Marc Baillargeon - April 24, 2020 at 06:51 PM