



## George Coral Boisvert

September 10, 2020

George Coral Boisvert (76), beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, teacher, coach, and friend, died in his Gloucester, RI home with his wife Karen and dog Slater by his side on Sept 10, 2020. He was born on Sept 3, 1944 in Woonsocket, RI to parents Florence Houle Boisvert (1918-2011) and Alphonse Boisvert (1913-1966,) both immigrants from Quebec, Canada. George was the second oldest of eight children. He leaves behind his older brother Charlie Boisvert (Connie) of Woonsocket, Roland Boisvert (Paulette Gugiere) of Woonsocket, Lucille Dalton (Tom) of Cumberland, Muriel Mis (Peter) of RI and Florida, Pauline Beaudreault (George) of North Providence and Ronald Boisvert (Gloria) of Ohio. He was predeceased by his brother Richard Boisvert (Joan) of Washington.

George married Karen Tootell, August 4, 1974 and shared three wonderful children and five grandchildren. George's children adored him and called him every day for financial or life advice and news of the day. His children and grandchildren meant the most to him and were always excited to play hide and seek or dolls with grandpa. He was a loving father to daughter Stephanie Canal (Richard) and granddaughters Cadence and Camille of Maple Hill, NC, son Bradford Boisvert (Mandi) granddaughters Paige and Sadie, of Glastonbury, CT, and daughter Justine Boisvert (Stephen Lenz) grandson Jackson Lenz of Barrington, RI. Most devastated is his four year old labradoodle, Slater who was by his side to the end. He also leaves behind

many nieces and nephews whom he treasured and was predeceased by his godson Jeffrey Boisvert.

George credits his childhood of poverty and close family unit for instilling his drive, strict discipline, financial prowess, focus on education and dedication to others. On Easter Sunday in March of 1959, at the age of 14 George left to become a Sacred Heart brother where he spent time in Burrillville and Pomfret, CT before teaching in Sharon, MA. He taught, coached and acted as the athletic director at McDonalds High School for two years in Montreal, Canada. After he left the brothers he achieved his B.A of Education from St. Michael's College, VT and then returned to Rhode Island, accepting a history teaching position at North Smithfield High School in 1968. He completed his Masters in Education at Rhode Island College in 1973 and remained at North Smithfield for twenty-seven years, coaching baseball and basketball along the way. George was a vivacious teacher, known for jumping on desks to bring historical events to life in the classroom, many of his students winning the RI History Day Fair and at the National level. He helped coordinate and chaperoned student trips to Europe, and created an environment where students learned how to think not what to think. He retired from teaching after 32 years in 1995.

George touched many lives through his knowledge of history, sports, coaching, financial expertise, travel, sense of humor and willingness to help everyone. He was the thriftiest of spenders and loved nothing more than bargain shopping. He believed his golf skills matched Tiger Woods but there has not yet been a family or friend who agrees with this assessment. There was nothing George loved more than his family and community. He spent years as a volunteer coach at local track meets and through the Burrillville/Glocester Youth Soccer Association, Ponaganset Girls and Boys Basketball Association and the Glocester Youth Girls Softball Association. He dedicated his week nights and weekends supporting and watching all three of

his children playing sports from youth leagues through college. A video cameraman he was not, as he was often too busy yelling at the referees consequently capturing most footage of grass on the soccer field or bleachers on the basketball courts, but he was always on the sidelines. He was delighted watching his grandchildren participating and enjoying sports as much as he did. George was an avid New England sports fan and there was a constant stream of Patriots, Celtics, Red Sox, Bruins and Revolution games in the home. He loved watching URI and was a season ticket holder of the URI men's basketball team until his health began to decline.

George loved traveling with his wife before kids, with kids and in their senior years, even with their grandchildren. They loved cruising and traveling overseas with their children and friends. Over the years they camped in a tent, Volkswagen camper, truck camper, winter camped so they could ski and snowmobile, motorcycle camped with a pup tent then bought two old Minnie Winnies which they traveled with their family for ten years each. When he was teaching they camped during the summer and holidays during the year even driving through Central America to the Panama Canal in 1972. In 2008 they bought their beautiful blue Fleetwood Pulse Sprinter RV which they loved for the last 12 years. In retirement they camped across the country and Canada every year for trips, some as long as six months at a time. George and Karen loved the friends they met on these trips and have kept in contact with many of them. George had many close friends. Some of them he backpacked through Europe and the USA with. George loved to play games and cards and especially loved to golf with his buddies every week He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

A little Frenchman with a personality larger than life he was lovingly referred to as "Big Guy" by his family. In his final days he said to his children that he hoped he was a good dad. As a dad he was nothing but the best. To his wife

he said "We had a good run. We are lucky to have such a great family," and quite the run they did. Until we meet again he will be forever loved, forever missed and never forgotten. A celebration of his life will be held next year and the burial will be private.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Coral Boisvert.*



October 05, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Coral Boisvert.*



September 16, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ *Karen, We were saddened. By the news of George's passing . Our Prayers and condolences are with you and your wonderful family . Anthony and Loretta D'Uva.*

**Anthony and Loretta D'Uva** - September 14, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Coral Boisvert.*



September 14, 2020 at 07:53 PM

SF

“ The beautiful tribute written to honor the life of George Boisvert brings back many happy memories for me. As a class officer of the NSHS class of '76 and cheerleader, both Mr. and Mrs. Boisvert played important roles in my high school experience. As my 9th Grade Social Studies teacher, George was dynamic in the classroom. I can remember him moving around the room with lots of energy, then lying on his side across the desk, resting his head in his hand while he taught with enthusiasm about the topic of the day. My husband, John (class of '74), not only had the privilege of knowing George as a teacher, but also as a basketball and baseball coach. It is no surprise that George went on to have many interesting adventures after leaving NSHS. His passion for living life to the fullest was apparent to us all. My thoughts prayers are with Karen and their beautiful family. May you be strengthened and consoled by the love you shared and the lasting, happy memories you created together.

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**Sandra Gosselin Fleury** - September 14, 2020 at 05:28 PM

RI

“ Sad to hear this news. Felling old as I remember when he and Miss Tootell were dating. Fodder for the mill of a school filled with adolescents! He was always a gentleman to his students, infecting them with his love of history, second only (maybe) to James Corbett. I left N.S. after my graduation in '77 for college and law school. When I moved back we enrolled our children at Mount Saint Charles Academy where I met George's brother Roland. Once we made the "Rhode Island" connection, and telling him of my experience with his brother, I had a friend for life. Our lives are very small circles and we never know how or when those circles will collide! My sympathies to Karen, his children and grandchildren.

*Respectfully*  
*Rita Turcotte, NSJSHS'77*

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**Rita** - September 14, 2020 at 03:24 PM

SP

*To have such a beautiful telling of one's life, achievements, and most importantly the way he loved his family is testament to the incredible man George Boisvert was. I too, agree with my classmate Rita, NSH Class of 1977, about the fodder of Mr. Boisvert's & Miss Tootell's romance - although they did a pretty good job keeping it under wraps for a while. We were all so happy that two very cool people we loved so much found love together. They were both fully engaged role models for all of us and especially for me from my first year in 7th grade at NSJSHS until I graduated. I so fondly remember that yellow Volkswagen camping van, & Mr. Boisvert lending his very patient wife & that awesome van so she could bring her cheerleaders to camp for a week on the Cape every summer . Every basketball season, he was the ultimate gentlemen to all of us young women as we cheered on our team - setting an example for the young men he loved & coached. Many years later, they attended the Class of 1976's reunion & I was able to see them both again and catch up on all their adventures. What a glorious life they built together!*

*To all his children, grandchildren, and Mrs. Boisvert especially - thank you for sharing this man with all of us. I am praying for all of you and know that although his loss is so very painful, the many lives he touched along the way are circling you now.*

*With love and prayers*

*Shirley Picard*

*NSH Class of 1977*

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**Shirley Mary Picard** - September 14, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DD

*My sympathies to all. RIP  
Debbie Walling Desrosiers Class of 76*

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**Debbie Walling Desrosiers** - September 14, 2020 at 04:56 PM

SN

*I learned so much from Mr Boisvert. He was a passionate teacher. I'll always remember him jumping around the room while he taught. One of my favorites! My sympathies*

*Stephanie Niedzwiadek Class of 91*

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**stephanie niedzwiadek** - September 14, 2020 at 05:20 PM

SA

*I was blessed to have this good man as a teacher*

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**sarah** - September 14, 2020 at 07:41 PM

RL

*Roland,*

*I did not know your brother well, but there were a few times when we met and spoke.*

*The last time was just a year ago - he came into my office at school with you and we made small talk. He had a smile on his face and a joke on his lips. I think that must have been his way.*

*It is not easy to lose someone who has been a part of your life- all of your life. It is even more difficult to lose your big brother. I am sure that he was a mentor for you and that he had a positive impact on your growth to manhood.*

*You and your family are grieving during this time of loss, but you can take solace knowing that he will continue to live on through all those who loved him most.*

*Carolyn and I offer you and your family our deepest sympathies and our prayers.*

*Richard and Carolyn Lawrence*

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**Richard Lawrence** - September 16, 2020 at 07:58 PM