



Eric D Smith

January 25, 1965 - August 10, 2020

Eric "Rick" Smith, 55, departed suddenly on Monday, August 10, 2020, at Baystate Medical Center. Eric is survived by his parents, Denny and Cynthia (Bennett) Smith of Wilbraham; wife, Linda (Nelsson) Smith; daughter, Brianna L. Smith of Springfield, brother, Brian D. Smith of Wilbraham; many nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and dear family friends who loved him. Born January 25, 1965 in Springfield, Eric grew up around the world, living in several states and countries. He was a graduate of Green Run High School, Virginia Beach, Class of 1983. Eric held many jobs, a true jack-of-all-trades, but especially proud of his work for Guy Cote Construction building beautiful homes in Western Mass. More recently, he worked for Bernard Welch Realty as a maintenance manager. Eric married Linda in Waikiki, HI in August of 1998 and were married for 22 wonderful years. The couple welcomed one daughter into their home, who they called their little miracle. His daughter remembers him as a funny, hard-working, and loving father who encouraged her to always pursue her dreams. An excellent carpenter Eric often helped his loved ones with any work they needed to have done. He was a passionate Patriots, Bruins, and Red Sox fan. He also loved NASCAR and Formula 1 races, older cars and car shows. He loved camping, fishing, going to the beach and just sitting outside talking to the wildlife that wandered into his backyard. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Cardio Vascular Critical Care Unit at Baystate Hospital for their care and kindness during this difficult time. A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held for Eric at

a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.