



## Richard E. Cobleigh

September 14, 2016

COBLEIGH, RICHARD E. "Dick", 85, of Westerly, RI died peacefully at home on September 14, 2016. He was the devoted husband of Dimitra (Colas) Cobleigh for 59 years. He is survived by his sons and their wives: Neal and Laurie, Wayne and Karen, George and Lisa, and Rick; his Sister, Jackie Lavigne; his eight grandchildren, Shawn, Kevin, Steven, Max, Kelcie, Zoey, Jacob and Owen; and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Marshall Cobleigh. Raised in Nashua, NH, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard before spending 34 years in public education service as a teacher, principal and superintendent. His career in education included being the first superintendent-principal of the Chariho elementary school system, and he also taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. He held degrees in education from Keene State College, Boston University, University of Vermont, Carleton College and UConn. He served on the Board of Trustees for Keene State College, coached Westerly Little League baseball for many years, and was a long time booster club member of URI basketball. He was a loyal and passionate fan of all the Boston sports teams. He loved attending his children's and grandchildren's activities. A Committal Service will be held on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 10 am at the RI Veterans Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, RI. Friends and family will meet at the Administrative Parking Lot at 9:45 am for escort to the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dick's memory can be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation via [www.pdf.org](http://www.pdf.org).