



Richard Lafayette Woodward, IV

December 20, 2023

Richard Lafayette Woodward, IV, age 77, of North Kingstown, Rhode Island passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Richard was born December 7, 1946, in Manhattan, Kansas to John Delvis Woodward and Nona Vera Woodward (nee Holmes). Richard is survived by his wife, Jerilyn Woodward (nee Potts), his two sons, Richard Woodward V and wife Erin, Thomas Woodward and wife Jessica, and his brother John Woodward Jr. and wife Veronica. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his younger sister Alison Woodward. Richard grew up in Massapequa, Long Island, New York. He was a New York state champion in both football and wrestling. He had fond memories of summers at Jones Beach, and sailing off the coast with his family.

Richard spent nearly 40 years in Kansas City starting, owning and running multiple businesses from the automotive industry, health and wellness, and environmental preservation. His life was devoted to helping people and encouraging mindfulness. Richard travelled the country, speaking and counselling at seminars with the goal to help people fulfill their lives with joy, passion, and peace. He is remembered as a dreamer, an eternal optimist, and the person his friends relied on for encouragement and support. He was always there with a helping hand and a generous heart.

Richard will be loved and missed by a host of other friends and family

members.