

**Kevin J. Watterson**

**October 16, 1949 - June 12, 2008**



PEACE DALE -

**Kevin Joseph “Tro” Watterson**, 58, of Peace Dale, Rhode Island, and formerly of Newport, passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, after a short illness.

He was the husband of **Deborah E. (Hunt) Watterson**.

Born in Newport on October 16, 1949, he was the son of **Catherine “Kay” (Bradley) Watterson Kane** and **Bernard J. Kane** of Newport, and the late **Joseph P. Watterson**.

Kevin was employed as a teacher with the **South Kingstown School System**.

He was a graduate of the former **St. Joseph’s Hazard Memorial Grammar School**, the former **De LaSalle Academy**, Class of 1968. He also attended the **University of Miami, Florida**, and was a graduate of the **University of Rhode Island**.

From 1986-2001, Kevin was the manager and coach for the **Newport Little League**. In the 1990’s he coached basketball with the **Boys and Girls Club of Newport**. He was a member of the Web and a volunteer at the **Robert Potter League for Animals**.

Kevin and his wife were foster parents from 1990-1994.

Beginning in 1995 through 2002, they hosted several foreign exchange students from around the world, including Germany, Spain, Japan, Croatia, Ecuador, Brazil, Switzerland, Mexico, and Bulgaria. During that time and afterwards, both he and his wife traveled extensively to visit their “children”, who once called them “Mom and Dad.”

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He can best be described as a true “Renaissance Man,” because of his avid love of reading, appreciation of art, his keen sense of humor, and his spirit for life.

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Besides his wife and parents, he leaves:

his sisters

- **Kathleen Arnold** and her husband Michael of Newport, and
  - **Maura Thomas** and her husband Jason of North Kingstown;
- his brothers

- **Bernard F. “Buddy” Kane** and his wife JeAnne of Middletown,
- **Bradley Watterson** and his wife Sharon of Newport, and
- **Philip “Tiny” Kane** of Newport;

his many beloved sisters and brothers-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

*A Graveside Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at 10 a.m., at St. Columba Cemetery, Brown’s Lane, Middletown.*

*Visiting hours will be held on Monday, June 16, 2008, from 4-7 p.m. in the O’Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport, RI 02840.*

*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kevin’s memory to the Potter League for Animals, P.O. Box 412, Newport, RI 02840, or to the James L. Maher Center, 120 Hillside Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.*

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