



Richard Brampton Koelle

January 14, 1955 - August 9, 2001 (46)

Richard was born to John B. and Barbara Koelle, in Colorado Springs, CO. He grew up in Swarthmore, PA. There he was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and graduated from Swarthmore High School in 1973. He studied at Widener University and Hamilton College. Richard obtained his degree in Anthropology from Hamilton where he was a member of the Emerson Literary Society.

Rich returned to Pennsylvania to begin his career. On August 13, 1983 he married Valerie M. Jones, Hamilton Class of 1980. In 1986 Richard obtained his J.D. degree from Delaware Law School and was subsequently associated with law firms in Philadelphia and Media, PA where he last resided.

A huge fan of Monty Python and among National Public Radio's most devoted listeners, Rich also took great pleasure in reading science fiction. He was fond of Sherlock Holmes stories and a member of the Sons of the Copper Beaches. Given to outbursts of wit (he once listed his undergraduate activities as "varsity ping-pong" on an alumni questionnaire), he was a writer of considerable talent.

Afflicted with a brain tumor, which had gone undiagnosed, Richard died at the age of 46 in Swarthmore. In addition to his parents he is survived by his beloved children, son, Spencer, and daughter, Lucy as well as two sisters, Katherine and Susan Koelle.