

NORTH ANDOVER - Norman L. Blad, 63, formally of Bolton, Littleton, Pepperell and Waltham died Monday, June 21, at Emerson Hospital in Concord after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded by his family.

He was the husband of Judith (Lowell) Blad of Stow, and father to Karen (Blad) Newsham and her husband Pete of Clinton, and David Blad of Hubbardston.

Mr. Blad was born in Newton, Massachusetts and raised in Waltham, and son of Thorsten L. Blad of Påskallavik, Sweden and Lilly A. (Olson) Blad of Gothenborg, Sweden. He attended private schools in Weston and Boston as well as Mass Bay Community College.

As a young man he worked at Hunter Ford in Littleton. He was a building contractor who built residential homes in the Harvard and surrounding areas since 1972. He also owned a roofing business for the past 10 years.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed many days boating on the ocean and bicycling on Cape Cod. He had a great love of animals, nature, reading and he had a passion for discussing politics and current events. He loved his family and friends and he valued the simple pleasures of life. In the final month of his life, he had the opportunity to meet his cousin from Sweden for the first time, with whom he had corresponded with since 10 years of age.

Mr. Blad will have calling hours on Thursday, June 24 in the Badger Funeral Home at 347 King St. in Littleton from 6-9pm, with a service at 8:30. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund at Dana Farber Cancer Institute [www.jimmyfund.com](http://www.jimmyfund.com) or the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) [www.mspca.org](http://www.mspca.org). Directions and online condolence book available at [www.badgerfuneral.com](http://www.badgerfuneral.com)

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