

In Memoriam- David Sinish, 1947-2023

All of us at the Farmington River Watershed Association mourn the passing of David Sinish, a true champion of the Farmington River.

An FRWA board member since the early 1980s, David served as board president from 1985 to 1993 and chairman from 1993 to 2000.

Advocate par excellence, speaker, writer, educator, water quality monitor, organizer of FRWA's 50th birthday celebration along with his wife, Carrie, David helped plan and arrange the FRWA-hosted Eastern Region U.S. Olympic Whitewater Kayak Trials at the Tariffville Gorge and many other activities in support of the river.

For more than 40 years David championed the Farmington River. Many accomplishments of the FRWA would not have happened without his vision, guidance, deep knowledge, and understanding of the river. His generosity, gentle spirit, sense of humor, and persistent advocacy made him a wonderful conservation partner. The impact David Sinish had on the river and watershed was profound and will continue to inspire us.



If you'd like to make a financial contribution to the Sinish family, you can mail a check made out to Colin Sinish to (Colin has power of attorney for his parents):

Colin Sinish
C/O Collinsville Canoe & Kayak
PO Box 336
Collinsville, CT06022

Or Venmo him a contribution at @Colin-Sinish
(if needed, the last four digits of his phone number are 9566)

"It is so hard to envision a world without David driving by with his wooden kayak strapped to the roof of his Subaru, seeing him paddling the river, or hearing him at public meetings. He and Carrie have been fixtures in the Valley for decades. This is a huge loss."

-Sarah Faulkner, neighbor and FRWA colleague

"Thank you, David. Your love and passion for paddle sports, rivers, and the Farmington River are passed to the rest of us to advance and share. I am so lucky for all that you have done to shape my life and my passions. Countless others may be less aware but are invaluable grateful for all you have done to enhance our lives."

-Andy Kuhlberg, FRWA Board Member

