Richard Pover was diagnosed with testicular cancer in November 2011, during the third year of a four year MEng degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Sheffield.

Despite extensive treatment with different regimes of chemotherapy and three major operations, doctors were unable to save him and he died in June 2013, 2 weeks before his 22nd birthday and tragically on the day he would have left university had he been able to complete his degree.

Richard loved Sheffield, his course, the university and his friends. For this reason he kept his treatment in Sheffield, where his friends and university life undoubtedly helped him to maintain his astonishingly positive outlook and determination to carry on as normal.

Richard was a conscientious and enthusiastic student, who could often be found helping his peers with their work. He was a ‘born engineer’ (as shown by the time he spent creating Lego models as a child!) and would surely have gone on to a successful career in the field. The University awarded Richard a first class degree posthumously in a private ceremony, which is what his family said Richard would have wanted.

The family’s greatest wish is to create a lasting memorial to Richard while helping others. With your help we would like to create a permanent endowment to be named the ‘Richard Pover Outstanding Contribution Award’ within the Department of Mechanical Engineering. This would be an annual award, open to all students within the department who have excelled in their extra-curricular activities and made an outstanding contribution, just as Richard did. If we could raise £10,000+ it would become a permanent annual award – what better way to remember Richard and in a place he loved.

The family realise this is a ‘big ask’ but it is an opportunity to be part of a very personal, life-long tribute to Richard that will ensure he is never forgotten. The idea of an ever-lasting award in Richard’s memory gives the family some comfort as they learn to accept the desperately sad loss of their wonderful, courageous, inspirational son.

Please stand by Richard’s family and make a donation to support the setting up of the Richard Pover Outstanding Contribution Award and help the next generation of Sheffield engineers.

Richard (right) with his two brothers
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