



Richard Walter "Rich" Daley

May 8, 1939 - June 18, 2024

Richard Walter "Rich" Daley, 85, died peacefully on June 18, 2024, in Ocala, Florida, at the Grace Davis Hall Hospice House. Rich was born May 8, 1939, in Jamestown, New York, to Frances Hazel (Leatherbury) Daley and Leonard Joseph Daley. Rich was preceded in death by his loving parents, his first wife, Lynn (Truce) Daley (d. 2001), his brothers Ron Daley and Roy Daley, and his brothers-in-law Richard Truce and Joe Sirgo. He leaves his wife - Diane (Volzer) Daley; children, Kenneth W. (Amanda) Daley, Sharon K. (Steve) Weltner, David W. (Kathy) Daley and Richard J. (Angie) Daley; Sisters in law JoAnn (Steve) Wohlgemuth, Debbie (Bob) McClung, Karen (Mike) Bosley, Brothers in law Mike (Shari) Truce, and Mike (Bernadette) Sirgo; Grandchildren Alexandra Daley, Ashlynn Daley, Bradley (Stephanie) Weltner, Kyle Weltner, Brent (Shelby) Weltner, Kyle (Chrissy) Daley, Ariana Daley, Max Daley, Victor Daley; Great Grandson Luke Weltner. He also leaves his Stepchildren Kathy (Mark d. 2023) Pfeil, Kelly (Paul) Gulling, Kristen (David) Corson, and Roger Volzer; five Step Grandchildren, six Step Great-Grandchildren, six Nieces and six Nephews.

Rich's family moved to Mantua, Ohio, in 1953 from Jamestown, NY. He excelled in sports and was an all-county football player in High School. He followed his older brother, Ron, to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he met his first wife, Lynn. They eventually settled in the Akron, Ohio, area, where they raised their four children. At the same time, Rich accelerated his

career as an insurance producer, an executive, and, ultimately, an agency owner. His insurance career took the family to Dallas, Texas, and Columbus, Ohio, before retirement called them to Hilton Head, South Carolina, in the late 90's. In the spring of 2001, Lynn lost her valiant battle with Ovarian Cancer, leaving Rich as a widower. The Lord moves in beautiful ways and led Rich to meet Diane Volzer late in 2001. Diane had recently lost her first husband, Roger, to Cancer. The two were united as husband and wife on May 3, 2002. They traveled, entertained, danced, and loved life with their expanded family until health issues slowed them down. Both Rich and Diane enjoyed time on the golf course, and in his spare time, Rich was known for his photography and his love of baking. That man could pump out loaves of bread like a commercial bakery! Holiday and special occasion visits always featured Rich hauling around a basket of bread loaves or his famous Stromboli. In the last few years, Rich began the last chapter of his life - the challenge of living with the impact of dementia / Alzheimer's Disease. Rich will be remembered for being the life of the party, his full belly laugh, always ready with a joke, or better... a prank. But if laughter was not the perfect cure for a situation, he was first in line to offer a hand to help a person in need. He is sorely missed, but his family and friends know that he has joined his family and friends who preceded him and are enjoying a warm slice of Daley Bread in their place of perpetual rest.

The family will hold a private service, interment, and celebration of Rich's life on Saturday, July 13, in Hilton Head, SC. For friends and family who wish to pay respects and condolences, the family selected Hospice of Marion County's Nancy Renyhart Dementia Education Program for donations in Rich's memory.

The amazing people who work for Hospice of Marion County are stewards of a true mission-centric organization. The care they provided to Rich and his family as his health deteriorated was instrumental in providing him with the

best possible end of life. Further, their mission is to provide education and support services to the people of Marion County, as dementia and Alzheimer's affect a growing percentage of the population. The Nancy Renyhart Dementia Education Program is recognized as an industry-leading effort in dementia education, and its vision is to become a world-class Program that will improve lives long into the future.

The family has pledged a \$50,000 donation to the Renyhart Program's capital campaign to remodel and expand its physical presence in Marion County. This donation will secure the naming rights of the "Richard W. Daley Education Center." This center will be the centerpiece of the Facility and will memorialize Rich's Legacy forever.

Check donations may be made payable to Hospice of Marion County Foundation; include in the memo line "In memory of Richard W. Daley." Mail to: Hospice of Marion County Foundation; P.O. Box 4860; Ocala, FL 34478-4860. Or, donate online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/NancyRenyhartDementiaEducationCenterCampaign> Check the box to dedicate the donation, then select "in memory of" Richard W. Daley. Please call the HMC Foundation with any questions, 352-291-5143.

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon - July 10, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Walter "Rich" Daley.



July 08, 2024 at 01:38 PM

RD

“ Dearest family,

I'm so very sorry for your loss, for OUR loss! That man could certainly light up a room and there is a hole in our universe now that the last of the three brothers are gone. Rich had such zest for life! He was indeed the "joker" of the family and he loved to tease and have a good laugh! He was kind, generous, and considerate. I have so many happy memories of the times we spent together with he and Di on HHI. Being in the orbit of the two brothers together was a special privilege and I will always cherish the time we shared. Rest in peace dear friend and brother, you were greatly loved!
Rosann

Rosann Daley - July 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

MF

“ I remember Mr. Daley from Berkeley Hall and it saddens me to hear the news. Always a smile and was so kind to us who worked at the club. God Bless all and know I will cherish moments at the range and tee with Mr. Daley.



Michael E Frazier

Michael Frazier - July 01, 2024 at 06:23 PM

BB

“ Ken, Amanda and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Even though it wasn't home, I know dad was happy to be included at the table with the guys. I loved bringing dad to the table and seeing Richard there. Richard would give that wink and a smile. That always brought a smile to dad and me. I enjoyed including Richard if we went outside or to the activity area so he and dad could interact or just be part of whatever was going on. I do believe that they are having a great time in Heaven. I had heard that you were on the board of Hospice. Just want to say how much I appreciated them with my mom in February of this year and again with dad. I cannot say enough good of them. Thanks for being there at dinners with the guys..Bonnie (Nelson's daughter)

Bonnie Bouffard - June 30, 2024 at 04:33 PM

JD

“ I've known Rich since he was 14, so I guess I knew him the longest. He was the "joker" of the family and kept us all laughing. He was a fantastic baker and his cinnamon rolls were as good as Gramma's! He was also a great fisherman. He did everything well including rearing four children. We will all miss his love and laughter but know we will see him again in heaven. Love and sympathy to Ken, Sharon, David, Rick and Diane. Your loving care kept him going for a long time. Hugs, Aunt Joyce

Joyce Daley - June 29, 2024 at 10:05 AM

LB

Thank you for the touching obituary, written with love and humor, the same way Uncle Rich lived his life! ❤️ He will always be remembered for his contagious laughter. He could tell a story in a way that would have us rolling, holding our sides, trying to get a breath of air while he continued regaling us with one of his outrageous escapades! He was a man who welcomed everyone, made us feel loved and cherished. He will be missed. Thankful to have been loved by him,
Laura Brown

Laura L Brown - June 29, 2024 at 12:26 PM