



Richard Harvey Dennison

January 6, 1951 - January 16, 2024

Richard (“Rick”) Harvey Dennison, Ocala, FL
(January 6, 1951 – January 16, 2023)

Richard Harvey Dennison, 73, passed away unexpectedly on January 16 while on a business trip in Tallahassee, FL.

Rick was born in Worcester, MA on January 6, 1951 to Harvey and Lois (Ross) Dennison. He grew up in Leicester, MA alongside his 7 brothers and sisters. He attended Leicester High School where he met the love of his life, Suzanne LaMotte, in 1967.

Rick became the youngest licensed auctioneer in MA as a 16 year old, putting his skills to work at Ernie’s Auction House in Leicester, as well as various private auctions. His work tenure included Worcester Controls Corporation and then Sprague Electric in Worcester, MA. He went on to own Worcester Tire Company from 1984 to 1995.

Rick was a Selectman for the Town of Leicester from 1992 to 1998. He also served on the Town’s Advisory Finance Board.

Upon retirement at the age of 49, Rick and Suzanne moved to Ocala, FL where he joined the Marion Oaks Civic Association, ultimately serving as Vice President and President. Rick was instrumental in getting the beautiful waterfall at the entrance of Marion Oaks up and running, dedicating 3 years to the project. In 2013, Rick was awarded and honored as the Marion Oaks Outstanding Citizen of the Year for this

project as well as his other endeavors in the community.

Rick was a member of the Sumpter Electric Cooperative (SECO Energy) starting in 1999 and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2015. He served as its Vice President and later President from 2020-2022. He ultimately served on the Board for almost 9 years, up until the time of his death.

Rick was also on the Board of Trustees of Seminole Electric Cooperative most recently serving as its Secretary & Treasurer.

Rick's favorite place to be was on Cape Cod where he and Suzanne owned a second home since 1985. After they moved from MA to FL, they loved staying there for the summers and spending time with their grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Tyler, and other family members and friends. Never slowing down, you could always find Rick working in his yard or on a home project.

Richard is survived by his wife of 52 years, Suzanne, his son, Matthew, his daughter-in-law, Carrie, and their children and Rick's pride and joy, Kaitlyn and Tyler. He is also survived by his twin brother, Ronald, and other brothers, Philip (wife Darlene) and Kenneth (wife Bonnie), as well as his sisters, Janice (husband Tony) and Cathy (husband Randy). He is also survived by his brother-in-law "Bucky" (wife Carole) and

his sister-in-law, Leona, along with several nieces and nephews.

He was heartbroken and preceded in death by his youngest son, Andrew, in 2021, as well as his brothers, William and Gerry, his parents, Harvey and Lois, and a brother-in-law, Arthur LaMotte.

Memorial Services will be held on Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30 PM at Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel, 606 SW 2nd Ave., Ocala, FL.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, February 12th at 6 p.m. at the Greenville Baptist Church, 674 Pleasant Street, Rochdale, Mass. 01524.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made the American Lung Association at: https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2df_id=37359&mfc_pref=T&37359.donation=form1&s_src=PaidSearch&gad_source=1

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 5:30 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel
606 SW 2nd AVE
Ocala , FL 34471

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Harvey Dennison*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - January 24, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.*



January 24, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ *Love, Kathy & Bill Hatstat planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harvey Dennison.*

Love, Kathy & Bill Hatstat - January 24, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.*



January 24, 2024 at 02:17 PM

CW

“ Curtis & Selene Wynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harvey Dennison.

Curtis & Selene Wynn - January 24, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.



January 23, 2024 at 09:30 PM

GF

“ Geoff F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harvey Dennison.

Geoff F. - January 23, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.



January 23, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.*



January 23, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Eneida Robaina lit a candle in memory of Richard Harvey Dennison*



Eneida Robaina - January 23, 2024 at 11:11 AM



My sincere condolences to Ms. Suzanne and her family.

Eneida Robaina - January 23, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *Rick Dennison was an awesome family man, a hard worker, a dedicated individual, and a true friend. He strived to make a difference in all that he did and he was admired and loved by many. He will never be forgotten.*

Sending prayers and love to Suzanne and her family as they go through this most difficult time. God's blessing on each of you... and prayers for strength.

Greg and I send our deepest condolences. Nora and Greg

Nora Brown - January 23, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.*



January 22, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harvey Dennison.*

Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. - January 22, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Darlene Stowell lit a candle in memory of Richard Harvey Dennison*



Darlene Stowell - January 22, 2024 at 03:26 PM



So sorry for your loss. I know him for a long time. Sending prayers for you and your family

Darlene Stowell - January 22, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.



January 22, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.



January 22, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort for the family.

Gretchen Holland - January 22, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.



January 22, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ Florida Electric Cooperatives Assoc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harvey Dennison.

Florida Electric Cooperatives Assoc. - January 22, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.



January 22, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harvey Dennison.

Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. - January 22, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.



January 22, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ Bucky & Carole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harvey Dennison.

Bucky & Carole - January 22, 2024 at 09:32 AM

AS

“ Condolences to you, Suzanne, and your family! He served this community tirelessly and is irreplaceable. May his name be held up as the epitome of community service for years to come, for those yet unborn!

Anita Samuel - January 21, 2024 at 01:43 PM

MA

“ Thank you Rock for teaching me everything about deed. And for caring for our communiy. I will always remember every time we had a new deed case .you would ask (did you learn anything) Will miss you. R I P

Mary - January 21, 2024 at 10:50 AM

LL

“ Thank you, Ricky, for always being there for me in all my needs and for family, as well. God bless you and may you rest in peace. My deepest sympathy, Leona

Leona LaMotte - January 20, 2024 at 07:58 PM

LE

“ Leona E. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.



Leona E. - January 20, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.*



January 20, 2024 at 06:43 PM



“ *Gregg and Rina Morrell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.*



Gregg and Rina Morrell - January 20, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Harvey Dennison.*



January 20, 2024 at 04:55 PM