



Richard "Rick" Pearl

April 3, 1948 - November 18, 2020

On November 18, 2020, Rick Pearl, loving husband of Elaine (Hayes) Pearl and father of three passed away at the age of 72. Rick was born on April 4, 1948 in Cincinnati, OH to Henry and Naomi (Schrier) Pearl. He was formerly married to Eve Susskind Pearl. They raised two daughters, Erica (Douglas) Messer, and Rachel (Robert) Callif. In 1994 he married Elaine (Hayes) Pearl, and they raised one daughter, Natalie Hayes Pearl.

Survivors also include a sister, Francine (Ben) Schwartz and four grandchildren, Eleanor and Jake Messer, Sasha and Josephine Callif. Rick received a degree in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati in 1970 after graduating from Walnut Hills High School in 1966. He had a long career in sales and enjoyed owning his own business later in life. He worked for the Joseph Auto Group as the after-market manager for Camargo Cadillac, following in his father's (Henry) footsteps who had a lifetime career with Columbia Oldsmobile.

Rick had a passion for music. He played guitar in various bands in the late '60's. He was a lover of travel enjoying trips to Europe especially. He was known for his dry wit and his kind and compassionate spirit. He had a special love of animals and leaves behind his beloved Wheaton Terrier, Louis. Rick also enjoyed skiing until diagnosed with scleroderma in the early '90's. He lived daily with severe chronic pain and battled other diseases, most recently, Parkinson's Syndrome. The family wishes to thank Dr. Michael' Luggen and Dr. Michael Sostok for over 30 years of professional healthcare. More recently, the family thanks St. Elizabeth Hospice for his extraordinary end of life care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Greater Cincinnati SPCA or The Scleroderma Foundation. A private (Covid restricted) graveside service will be held at Montgomery United Jewish Cemetery on Friday, Nov 20 at 2:00 pm.

Comments



“ I just learned of Ricks passing. I remember Rick from high school. When I transferred from Tulane to the University of Cincinnati we roomed together and we had a great time together. Rick was always giving and considerate and was very kind. While I moved away and have been in DC for forty years my time living with Rick are some of my fondest memories.

Bobby Katz

Robert Katz - December 07, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ Ricky was a great friend during my high school years. He was the first friendly face I saw upon returning from overseas when I was in the military. He picked me up at the airport at about 4 AM in the morning. We had much fun in our band called "The Inmates". He had a great sense of humor. He was the best man at my wedding now almost 50 years ago. Where does the time go? People do drift apart as we get older but he will always be a big part of some of the best memories of my youth. I am certain he will be missed by those who knew him. My prayers and sympathy are with the family as they deal with this great loss.

Aaron L. Bortz - November 24, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Pearl.



November 24, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Ricky gave me my first guitar lesson and showed me an easy song from The Rolling Stones called Heart of Stone. My brother Aaron was in an excellent band with Ricky they played all over town. Saddened by his loss he was a sweet man.

Philip Bortz - November 24, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Rick and I were friends in high school. He was an easy going, likeable guy who was fun to be around. To his family and friends, please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Richard Korey

Richard Korey - November 21, 2020 at 04:23 AM



“ Fond memories of Rick starting in our 1960s music days at WHHS and later in our separate non-melodious business roles in the 1990s. Occasional email ties in the 2000s. Always pleasant and enjoyable. Regret hearing this news. Condolences to family. (George Makrauer)

George Makrauer - November 20, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ I will always remember Rick as Ricky, a young boy who adored his big sister, Cinie, but who loved tormenting her as little brothers know how to do. When I was either visiting Cinie or on the phone with her, little Ricky would barge into her bedroom, and raise a ruckus, in order to antagonize Cinie. He was a cute, mischievous boy who never lost his sense of humor. Rick Pearl will be missed by all who knew him. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.
Love, Marsha Goldsmith Zahler

Marsha Goldsmith Zahler - November 20, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Rick's family.
Thinking especially of my dear friend Cinie Pearl Schwartz , Rick's sister .
I know how much Cinie and Rick respected and loved one another.
May Rick's memory forever be a blessing .
Love, Susan Hyman Shmalo

Susan Hyman Shmalo - November 30, 2020 at 02:02 AM



“ I met Rick walking our dogs at Center Hill Apartments in 1974. We were newlyweds and Eve,Rick Pearl,Rick Marra and I became close friends. He was a sweet man who always called me Little C. The four of us enjoyed days at the pool and eating out-Finneytown Chile,Fridays,Harvest Home Cafeteria (sorry girls) and anything on Mt Adams were high on our list. Then we would top off the evening at Rombes.We loved his clever sense of humor. One of my favorite memories is Rick playing Santa Claus at the preschool Christmas party. After the party Erica confided in Eve that she knew Santa was Daddy but didn't tell the other children because she didn't want to ruin their Christmas .I loved listening to him play the guitar and sing. His rendition of BLACKBIRD was outstanding. When lovely Elaine and Natalie joined the harem I asked him how he got so fortunate to have five wonderful girls in his life-he smiled a big grin and said “I don't know-I'm lucky.” Well,Rick Pearl, I think we're all lucky for knowing you and your wonderful family!

Carolyn Marra

Carolyn Marra - November 20, 2020 at 01:04 PM