



Richard D. "Rick" Grigg

JUL 31, 2021



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Richard D. Grigg, 68, a longtime resident of North Syracuse, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Rick was born in Buffalo, NY. He was the son of the late Donald and Elizabeth (Hines) Grigg. He graduated from West Genesee High School, class of 1971.

Rick is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jo-Anne (Patapow) Grigg; two daughters, Lauren Grigg of North Syracuse, and Alexandra (Stephen) Curtis of Liverpool; three grandchildren, Camron, Gabriela, and Wyatt. He also leaves nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Besides his father and mother, Don, and Liz, he was also predeceased by his sister, Tina (Grigg) Roberts and in-laws, Al, and Ginny (Fox) Patapow.

Rick lived a life driven by a strong work ethic and devotion to his family.

Rick served in the U.S. Army. He was employed with Carrier Corporation, for 30 years. Then joined Tops Market, N. Syracuse in the Produce Dept. He worked at St Joseph's Health Amphitheater enjoying the perks of free concerts.

As a young adult Rick participated in CYO and received the "Eagle of the Cross" award from the National Council of Catholic Youth. Rick was a proud member of AA for over 30 years and a Syracuse Crunch Corps Booster Club member. He bowled on a number of leagues and donated many gallons of blood to the American Red Cross.

Rick was an avid fan and season ticket holder of SU Basketball, SU Football and Syracuse Crunch Hockey. Rick was most passionate though about his favorite baseball player, grandson Cam, who plays on the North Syracuse Little League. Grandpa is Cam's biggest fan and loved going to the games.

Rick had a small pumpkin & sunflower garden, played the lottery, and enjoyed mowing lawns for his friends for over 25 years. He loved his morning neighborhood walks with his friend Paul and



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visits with his friend Marty, down the street, to catch up on sports.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, August 9 from 3-7pm at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME 3401 Vickery Rd. (Corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY 13212. Funeral services will be Tuesday, August 10 at 10:00am in the funeral home. For those who wish to attend the funeral service remotely, please visit Richard's tribute page on tjpfuneralhome.com at 10:00 am on Tuesday, August 10. Burial will follow in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Rick has had many major health events during his life and beat them all. Most recent challenge, Multiple Myeloma, was diagnosed December 2019. A few months later, Dr. Benny Wong at HOA advised Rick he was a possible candidate for an Autologous Stem Cell Transplant. That journey began May 2020, with Rick meeting with Dr. Michael Becker and Jillian at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester. We had a difficult journey ahead, but we knew Rick's strength and will to live would get us through it. Rick received the transplant at Strong October 2020. Though his type of cancer couldn't be cured, a successful transplant would provide a longer life. My girls and I had a call with Dr. Wong on August 3 and received exciting news that his cancer numbers were down. Great news, but sad that we were unable to share this with Rick. The cancer battle didn't take him, it was an intracranial hemorrhage - a stupid brain bleed.

Our family extends our heartfelt gratitude to Dr Wong and Lauren, and those at HOA CNY at Brittonfield who assisted Rick and I along the journey. We also extend our sincere gratefulness to Dr. Becker and Jillian, and all others who came into our life at Strong. Dr. Becker and Dr. Wong were captains of Rick's ship. We're thankful for their guidance and caring they and their teams provided along our travels.

Donations in memory of Rick may be made to: Honor Flight Syracuse, PO Box 591, Syracuse, NY 13209 or to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation CNY Chapter, 200 Gateway Park Dr., Building C, Syracuse, NY 13212.

"You love your children, but you are in love with your grandchildren." Grandpa was truly "in love with Cam, Gabby and Wyatt."




Events

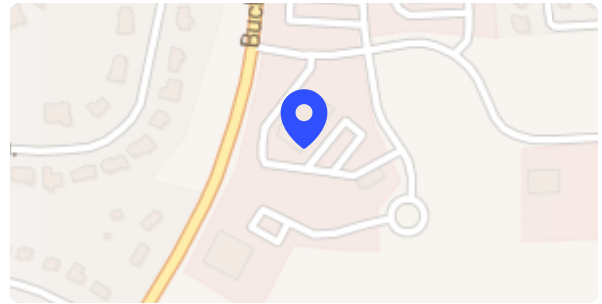
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Visitation

 **Monday**, August 9, 2021


 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

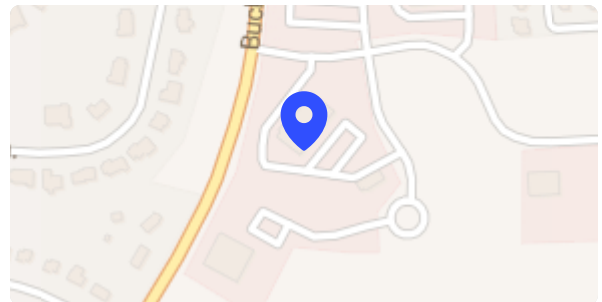


Funeral Service


 **Tuesday**, August 10, 2021


 10:00 AM ET

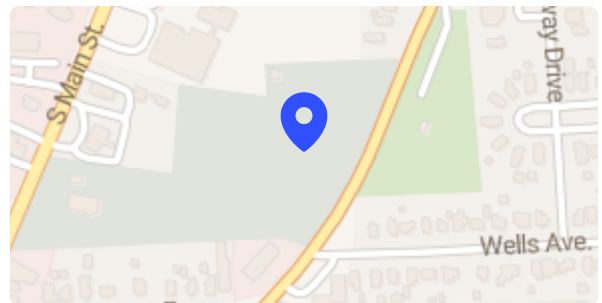
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Cemetery Details

 **North Syracuse Cemetery**
555 South Bay Road, North Syracuse NY 13212

 **315-458-0243**





Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 9 at 6:46 AM



Mike Cartini posted:

Joanne and family So sad to see that Rich left us so soon. Liz and I are sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of starting out as a newlywed in the neighborhood and seeing Rich walk around as we did with our kids. Talking SU sports was always fun too. He was a good neighbor! I hope your many fond memories comfort you now and in the future.

August 12 at 1:08 AM



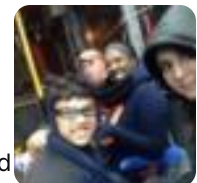
John B posted:

Rick & I were part of the same fellowship where I learned of his lawnmowing activities. My parents lived in Cicero and he took care of their lawn up until the house was sold after my father's passing and my mother needed to be moved into care. Rick and I also did some odd jobs together it was always great to see him and I know how much he loved his grandkids. Taken much too soon, I'm sorry for your loss he will be missed

August 10 at 8:36 AM



Jessica Lee shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



To Joanne, Lauren and Al- Your constant kindness and selflessness for the last 25years is one that has shown me the meaning of true friendship. This picture was one from one of our many trips to a basketball game. I'm grateful for being included in such a beloved hobby of you and your dads. Rick's subtle sarcasm and endless wit is something that will make me laugh for years to come. Thank you for including me and my family, in yours. Love you guys!

August 10 at 5:09 AM



Lauri Dimico Schneider posted:

JoAnne, Alex and family, So very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lauri & Garry Schneider

August 9 at 6:14 PM



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Steve Pilch posted:

I'm very sorry to hear about Rick, having worked with him at Carrier and seeing him at Tops was a joy. Rick would always put a smile on your face. God Bless his family at this troubled time. Steve Pilch

August 9 at 10:04 AM



Jean White posted:

My sincerest condolences to the Grigg Family. Rick was so good to my Dad Dominic on Dolores Terrace. He mowed his lawn for years at quite the bargain price. I had to beg him once to take just a \$5.00 raise. I had a few nice chats with Rick when I was visiting my Dad. He was such a kind man. I am sure he will be missed. Jean White

August 9 at 9:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Grigg family.



August 9 at 5:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Grigg family.



August 9 at 4:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Grigg family.



August 6 at 1:22 PM



Tribute Wall

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BC

Brian Clarke posted:

I am really sorry for your loss, I worked with Rick at Carrier for many years. We played softball on Sunday mornings years ago. We would always catch up on people and things at the Crunch games before I moved Florida. He was a great guy to know and work with. Condolences to your family. Brian Clarke

August 6 at 1:01 PM

PR

Phil Ruffini posted:

I first met "Ricky" when our moving truck pulled up to our new home on Northfield Way in Camillus in July of 1964. As my parents unloaded their young family of four out of the cramped little station wagon, I, as the oldest at 7, surveyed our new surroundings and took in all the new sights. It was at that moment I saw 2 figures standing in the front yard across the street casually observing us, a lanky young man and a young girl with her Cocker Spaniel by her side, these were the first kids I would meet of all the wonderful new friends I would make in my life in Camillus, Rick and Tina Grigg. It wasn't too long after that I realized that Rick was the "focal point" of most of the social interactions within most of Orchard Village, pickup games, bike riding at the park, or swimming at Camillus Pool. Knowing Ricky and the rest of the kids of Orchard Village made for a wonderful childhood for myself and siblings and even though he was three years older than me he never talked down or left me out even in our teen years. I remember his smile and his kindness towards his friends, and I remember, as if it were yesterday, when he walked into our living room after finishing his training in boot camp, straight as an arrow, dressed in his uniform bringing my mother and father to tears of pride of their "adopted older son", even to the point of being able to call my parents "Floss and Pop". He and Tina became like members of our family, now they are both gone, hopefully to a place where all we feel is joy and love and we will see them once again as well as all those loved ones who have gone before us. I will miss his infrequent visits to just say "Hello" and talk a little SU sports and just remembering where we came from and all the wonderful memories and relationships we formed. I realize that this tribute may be longer than your average comment of sympathy and condolences but sometimes we just can't sum up how a person's life can become part of our own lives and the impact and benefits of knowing them and their subtle cherished influences that stay with us our whole lives. Ricky was one of those people. I'll end now with the experience I had just this Monday as I was taking my usual commute into work, thinking of our friend and how the world has changed once again at the loss of another piece of my life experience and....yes...feeling sad as another beloved friend has left this world, when the radio started playing a song..."We had joy, we had fun....we had Seasons in the Sun..." and though I started tearing up, I had to smile, once again. Thanks! Rick.....the Ruffini family loves you. My Deepest Condolences to Rick's wife, daughters and grandchildren. May God Bless our "Big Brother" and May he R.I.P.

August 5 at 10:33 AM



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Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Grigg family.



August 6 at 3:36 AM



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August 6 at 3:35 AM



Heather Fehrman lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Sending my condolences to the Grigg family. ❤️ I remember him from back when my sister Nicole, Lauren, Alex, and I were in winter guard together. Also from when I worked at Tops long ago he was always shopping in the store. 👤



August 6 at 1:33 AM



Jackie lit a candle in honor of Richard.

I am so very sorry for your loss. When I worked there We always use to joke. He was a great man and will be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



August 5 at 5:24 PM



Mary Hewitt posted:

To the family of Rick I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Rick. Whenever I saw him at Tops or the Crunch games he would take the time to stop and talk. Rick was a great guy...cherish the memories. RIP Rick

August 5 at 4:32 PM



Mary Relihan posted:

Jo-Anne and family, I am so sorry to hear of Rick's unexpected passing. I send my heartfelt sympathy to you all. Mary Relihan

August 5 at 4:06 PM



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AN

Angela posted:

Joanne and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I remember how he always helped you out at the MONY children's Christmas parties. I will keep you, your daughters, and grandchildren in my prayers. Know he is watching you all from above. Stay strong. Angie Bersani

August 5 at 3:54 PM

MB

Maryanne Burdick posted:

Sorry very sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to along with prayers. Hug's Maryanne Cooper Burdick

August 5 at 3:47 PM

RM

Richard Migdalski lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Jo-Jo, I am deeply sorry to hear of your loss, my heart aches for you. My condolences to you and your family. Thinking of you and wishing you and your family strength. I'm here for you if you need me! -Rich Migdalski



August 5 at 12:19 PM



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Roxanna Fiore lit a candle in honor of Richard.



August 5 at 10:33 AM



Jim Schaefer August 9 at 5:35 PM

There are too many fond Orchard Village/ CP Smokes / Murphys Italian Kitchen/ Syracuse Safety Lites memories to list. We had a bond that time and physical separation could not diminish. Rick was a true friend, and a proud father and grandfather.. Our sincere and Heartfelt condolences go out to Jo-Anne, Lauren and Alexandra. As well as out thanks for all the love and .support that they have provided through Rick's challenges. May he rest in Peace - Go OrangeJim and Patty Schaefer



Marty Mather August 9 at 4:01 PM

Met Rick in 1969. All thru high school about 6 of us DiPino Tamutus Morabito Trumpeter Conley and myself would hang out in his basement playing spades.Summers were great playing ball with him and the guys. He was a great guy and a true friend. Always there to help.My dad liked him so much he gave him an old 63 impala and painted it at the shop before he gave it to him.He will be always rememberedMarty Mather class of 72



Media

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Shirlesa Lay August 9 at 2:02 PM

Beautiful tribute ❤️ My condolences to the family 🙏



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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