



Richard A. Simone

June 29, 1944 - December 18, 2021

Richard (Richie) A. Simone of Maple Shade, NJ died peacefully at his daughter's home on December 18, 2021, at age 77.

Born and raised in Browns Mills, NJ, many would agree that Richie lead a very colorful life. From humble and hard beginnings, he ran with the best of them during his high school years at Pemberton Township

High School, graduating with the class of 1962. He went on to put himself through Trenton State College, working several jobs, hitchhiking back and forth daily and at times sleeping in the woods when a ride

was not available, as he earned his B.A. in Education. After college, he returned to his high school alma mater as a Physical and Drivers Education Teacher before departing for Fort Ord Military Base in California to serve in the United States Armed Forces. Upon returning home, he became an accomplished businessperson, owning a car wash, a self-storage facility, obtaining his Real Estate License, ultimately becoming a broker, and opening several successful real estate offices in Burlington County. His favorite venture was alongside his brother and partners owning and operating the infamous Speakeasy Bar on Lakehurst Road in Browns Mills. He was often seen at the blackjack tables in Atlantic City and loved telling the crazy stories of his life that would leave his audience in stitches as they listened. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend, a true go-getter who always faced challenges head on and loved living life in the fast lane.

He is pre-deceased by his beloved wife Patricia, his mother Olive, father Fred, brother Fred, sister Darlene and his dear Uncle Kenny (Wilson). He leaves behind his beloved sons, Richard (Shannon) and

Ryan, his adored daughter, Wendy (Robert), cherished grandsons, Jake, Andrew and Matthew and several loved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Details of a celebration of life gathering, to be held in the New Year will be forthcoming. Donations are sincerely appreciated and can be made in Richie's honor to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate.

Comments



“ I first met Richie and his brother Fred Simone in the fall of 1958, our freshman year at PTHS. During our four years at PTHS our paths would cross on many occasions. Be it raising hell, just having fun or being teens; you always knew Richie would have your back. We were young, some say wild, at times pushing the bounds of acceptable behavior but also defining ourselves and who we would become.

After graduation, we all went our separate ways, pursuing dreams, careers or just living life. I left the area and would only see Richie on occasion at the PTHS Class of 62 reunions. While I drank a beer, we would exchange stories and give each other a miniature portrait of our lives. Yes, Richie had a sense of humor and was always enjoyable to be around. And yes, he shall be missed...

Stan Scarano, Class of '62

Stan Scarano - January 03 at 04:31 PM



“ I've known Rich for a long time through my husband, Ron Luyber. They went to college together, Trenton State and for years on end heard many great stories of them and their other buddy Steve Benner. Ron and Steve stayed in touch with Rich for a long time. Years passed and they lost contact and in the last 5 years, they reunited for breakfast twice a month at Mastoris Diner. Ron has since passed away (2018) and now they will probably catch up where they left off. I offer my condolences to Wendy and the family. Love to all. RIP Rich.

Jan Luyber - December 21, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ Life is best served by those who live it to the fullest, that is what Richie did. As friends and neighbors of Richie and Pat, we enjoyed many a good time together. Those days will truly been missed.

Love,
Rocco and Mary Capuano

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