



Richard A. Alaimo Sr

April 11, 1935 - March 6, 2026

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Richard “Dick” Alaimo, a stalwart of civil engineering in New Jersey, died Friday, March 6, 2026, at his home in Mount Holly. As the founder and president of The Alaimo Group, he established a firm that became synonymous with excellence in sanitary and civil engineering. If the essence of a good life is passion-driven excellence, meaningful impact, and a lasting influence that inspires admiration—with a little "Horatio Alger" thrown in—that was Dick.

Early Years and Education

Born April 11, 1935, in Passaic, NJ, his mother, Rose, relished telling how he was born at home with a midwife, weighing ten pounds. He grew up in the city’s Second Ward, then a manufacturing stronghold for European immigrants like his grandfather, Domenic Neglia. Domenico, who emigrated from Italy as a teenager, served as a vital father figure to Dick.

A diligent student, Dick navigated the competitive multi-ethnic public school classrooms of Passaic with a self-sufficiency learned early as the son of a divorced, working mother. His leadership skills emerged at age ten. He organized neighborhood friends into a baseball team, appointed himself

captain, and convinced a local ice cream shop owner to provide uniforms. They scheduled games at city parks against anyone who would take them on—including men's teams from neighboring towns like Paterson. They arrived by bus with their families and would picnic in the park after the game. An outstanding athlete, Dick excelled in football and baseball at Passaic High School. He famously hit a triple to win a game against their biggest rival, Clifton High—a memory he cherished alongside his teammate's recollection of Dick offering "frequent constructive suggestions" to the coach. Named Outstanding Student-Athlete his senior year, he proceeded to Rutgers University on a baseball scholarship. When worsening eyesight made the eye-covering contact lenses of the era intolerable, he left the team—a move he later called a "positive," as it freed up the grueling lab hours required for his civil engineering degree. Though a guidance counselor steered him away from law toward engineering due to his math skills, Dick always considered his legal expertise equal to any lawyer he encountered.

The Alaimo Group and Professional Legacy

Fraternity life beckoned at Rutgers, where he became president of Delta Upsilon. Under his watch, there were no hazing shenanigans; instead, pledges were required to paint and repair the residence, and the general population was ordered to keep quiet after 10 PM so he could study. His decisiveness was already legendary: during a heated debate over a tree limiting parking on the property—which included a dramatic reading of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees"—Dick ended the meeting with an emphatic: "The tree comes down tomorrow."

After a brief stint with a New York City corporation, Dick headed south to Mount Holly to work for Al Jones. When promises of a partnership did not materialize, he took a second mortgage on his home and founded his own company. Starting with one client and a single employee, he worked long hours just across the street from his former employer, determined to succeed.

A stickler for perfection, Dick was intolerant of verbosity. He would often cut through a lengthy explanation with a direct "What's the bottom line?" This wasn't impatience, but rather a precision of mind. He reviewed plans and drawings with a questioning eye, scrutinizing every detail, and managed the company until shortly before his death. By its 50th anniversary in 2017, The Alaimo Group had grown to 120 employees across offices in Wayne and Mount Holly. Dick took great care to ensure the seven buildings that comprise the High Street offices preserved the area's Colonial and Federal charm, noting some of the architecture reminded him of his fraternity house. Beyond engineering, his reach was vast. He founded and served as President of Mount Holly State Bank, once foiling an attempted takeover by a group of out-of-town shareholders. He served on the board of the South Jersey Port Corporation under 17 governors for more than 50 years (32 as chair), playing a central role in the port's evolution from a single terminal in Camden to four terminals across three cities.

Community and Mentorship

Dick's leadership extended to numerous local institutions. He served as president of the Mount Holly Rotary Club, Burlington County United Fund, Burlington County 200 Club and the Rancocas Valley Regional High School Board of Education—a post he held for over 40 years. Selected as the Boy Scout Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 1989, he later chaired the committee for more than 20 years.

In 1980 he transferred his love for baseball to a "Casey Stengel" role, coaching the Mount Holly Senior Babe Ruth teams from 1980 to 1982. He reveled in their championship wins and found those summers of mentorship to be among the most rewarding of his life.

Though rarely a jokester, in the late 70's a playful persona emerged. After arriving home from a night out to find a giant "pet rock" blocking his front door,

he determined the source and retaliated by dumping a load of "baby rocks" (gravel) in the friend's driveway. Other legendary pranks followed: tires in trees, a garbage truck with no tires, turkeys in yards, and bogus signs—all providing "silly gaiety" among his close circle of friends.

Architecture and Family

An astute real estate investor, he purchased a combination of farms on Woodlane Road in Westampton Township. Dick designed the British Colonial style clubhouse and the 18-hole Carolina-style course at Deerwood Country Club, which opened in 1996. He was immensely proud of the Deerwood housing community and would often "take a drive" just to check that the properties were being well-maintained.

At his core, Dick's greatest love was his family. During rare down time, he enjoyed playing golf, going to Phillies and Eagles games and trips to a beach house on Long Beach Island—always toting a bulging briefcase for a dedicated morning of work at the dining table. A summer weekend afternoon might include joining family on the beach, wiffle ball or a husband-wife Scrabble game, never played without a dictionary nearby to settle word challenges.

Dick is survived by Doris, his loving wife and workmate for 49 years; son Rick; daughters Peggy Alaimo-Mulligan (Terry), Susan (J) Ferrelli, and Donna (Larry) Clarke; stepsons Brian, Leigh (Jen) and Miles (Sue), and grandchildren Ryan and Rachel Mulligan; Michael, Julia and Richard Ferrelli; Dean, Owen, Ava and Grace Clarke; step-grandchildren Brian, Teagan, Casey, Paige, Avery, Henry, Madison and Miles Powell, and brothers-in-law Bob (Judy) and Jack (Shirley) Kipp and sister-in-law Louise Walden plus cousins Steven Leonardo, Linda Contillo, Joe Perno, Laura McArdle, Kathy Hawkins, Janine Moesdoerf and Deborah Yarmula and several nieces and nephews.

The family invites memorial contributions in Dick's name to Rancocas Valley

Regional High School / Richard A. Alaimo Baseball Scholarship Fund (520 Jacksonville Road, Mount Holly, NJ, 08060) or to Virtua Memorial Hospital in appreciation of the outstanding dedicated care provided to Dick. Select Dr. Mary Campagnolo Fund for Excellence in Family Medicine Education or Care Transformation Project at Virtua Mount Holly (Virtua Philanthropy, 4rth Floor, 303 Lippincott Avenue, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Visitation: Friday, March 20, 4:00–7:00 PM at Perinchief Funeral Home, 438 High Street, Mount Holly.

Mass of Christian Burial: Saturday, March 21, 11:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 260 High Street, Mount Holly.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

MAIN PARKING WILL BE STREET PARKING ON HIGH STREET. OVERFLOW PARKING AND SHUTTLE VAN SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT FAIRGROUNDS PLAZA AND SACRED HEART CHURCH PARKING LOTS. THERE WILL BE POLICE AND LOT ATTENDANTS AT THE FUNERAL HOME. PARKING BEHIND FUNERAL HOME WILL BE FOR HANDICAPPED ONLY.

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **21.** 11:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly
260 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Carl T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

Carl T. - March 20 at 08:14 PM

LP

“ Laura P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

Laura P. - March 20 at 02:26 PM

SL

“ Sal L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

Sal L. - March 20 at 02:14 PM

DS

“ I have many memories of working with Dick for the past 52 years. In one of my darkest of times during the illness and death of my first husband, this man could not do enough for me. For this I will always be grateful. Rest in peace. Debbie Stevenson (Braverman)

Debbie Stevenson - March 20 at 08:12 AM

DF

“ Darlene and Gary Fillius purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.



Darlene and Gary Fillius - March 19 at 06:02 PM

DF

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Darlene and Gary Fillius - March 19 at 06:02 PM

MF

“ I was so sorry to learn the sad news of the passing of Dick Alaimo. He was an amazing person, a truly gentle, generous man who treated everyone with respect and kindness. Dick made this world better for his place in it. It was easy to see how smart he was, yet he was always so humble and so honorable. It was interesting to learn how multi-faceted his life was and how accomplished he was in everything he did. I am grateful for the privilege to have known him and worked with him in the political segment of his life. Being in the company of Dick and Doris together, was always wonderful..the opportunity to witness their love and genuine partnership. Doris and family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.
With Heartfelt Sympathy,
MaryAnn Foy-Rivell

MaryAnn Foy-Rivell - March 19 at 11:34 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.



March 19 at 11:01 AM



“ Burlington Country Club Members & Staff purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.



Burlington Country Club Members & Staff - March 19 at 10:36 AM



“ Burlington Country Club Members & Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

Burlington Country Club Members & Staff - March 19 at 10:36 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

March 18 at 05:07 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.*



March 18 at 11:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

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“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.*



March 18 at 11:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

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“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.*



March 18 at 09:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

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“ Marie and Sal Latella purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.



Marie and Sal Latella - March 18 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.



March 17 at 06:09 PM



“ Lana Sokharev lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Alaimo Sr



Lana Sokharev - March 16 at 11:39 AM

LP

“ Lynne W and Leslie P. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

Lynne W and Leslie P. - March 16 at 07:21 AM

SR

“ Sayke R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

Sayke R. - March 14 at 09:39 AM

YA

“ Your friends at the Phillies and Aramark purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.



Your friends at the Phillies and Aramark - March 13 at 05:45 PM

YA

“ Your friends at the Phillies and Aramark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

Your friends at the Phillies and Aramark - March 13 at 05:45 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.*



March 13 at 03:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

March 13 at 03:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.*



March 12 at 03:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

March 12 at 03:55 PM



“ *I was very sorry to hear of Dicks passing. In the construction world, he was stern & fair. I worked with both Dick and Terry Mulligan on the Deerwood project. It was then that I realized what a good person he and Terry were. We've lost a good one. 💔*

Holmes Robert - March 12 at 08:52 AM

WE

“ I have never met a person like Dick who always want the end before the beginning. That the person he was. he was my friend i met him in 1983 at Willingboro MUA. as a operator,,,working on with him and his staff over the years to be come a Water Commission... i learned a lot from that man as we grew old together. RIP. My Friend! Comm
W Evans

Webster Evans - March 11 at 10:47 PM

SS

“ We are the children of Stephen & Jean Stillwell (both deceased). Our parents knew Dick quite well. They owned Bob White Flowers; Daddy was on the school board. We send our thoughts and prayers to you from Tucson at this difficult time. >> Stephen J Stillwell jr & Jean-Marie S Huisjen

Stephen Stillwell - March 11 at 04:36 PM

MC

“ Mary Campagnolo,MD purchased the Enduring G race for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.



Mary Campagnolo,MD - March 11 at 04:19 PM

MC

“ Mary Campagnolo,MD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

Mary Campagnolo,MD - March 11 at 04:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.*



March 10 at 10:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard A. Alaimo Sr.

March 10 at 10:15 AM



“ *Rev. Vinicent Holland lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Alaimo Sr*



Rev. Vinicent Holland - March 10 at 12:52 AM



“ *Mrs. Alaimo & family, I extend my deepest sympathy during this difficult time to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Dick was always supportive to our Mt. Holly Community. Hope you find comfort in the care and support of those around you.*

Terri Sackett - March 09 at 09:35 PM

SM

“ So sad to hear of Mr. Alaimo’s passing, I had the pleasure of working with him for about 3 years and he was a great boss and an incredible guy. He will be missed.

Shannon Messina - March 09 at 06:24 PM

JP

“ I was sad when I heard of Dick's passing. I was an employee of his for 40 years, which I'm truly thankful for to this day. He treated me and my family well over the years. He will definitely be missed. :-(

Jeff Paul - March 09 at 05:15 PM

MH

“ Richard through business, politics, or just life, was a great man known by many. My dad knew him for years and although dad has reached that age where memories are difficult, he always spoke very highly of Richard . He will be missed by many. Rest easy.

Mike Hartman - March 09 at 04:43 PM

TS

“ Tina And George Sawn lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Alaimo Sr



Tina and George Sawn - March 08 at 01:41 PM

BL

“ Oh Doris, I am so sorry to hear that Dick has passed. He was a kind man who did a lot for Mt. Holly. Always a gentleman to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by many. May God comfort you and your family during this most difficult time.

Barbara Lindsey - March 07 at 10:56 PM

AC

“ Amy Collom lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Alaimo Sr



Amy Collom - March 07 at 07:04 PM

AC

“ I knew Mr alimo real well he was always at our school functions like graduations cheering us on and was always proud of us he was a very sweet man father and friend to all who knew him he made mt holly what is is today thank u for all u did for all of us all of ur grads from RV will miss u deeply may u rest in peace tell all our other RV teachers hi for me ❤️

Amy Collom - March 07 at 07:04 PM

DW

I was saddened to learn that Dick Alamo had passed away. Sick and I had a number of contract negotiations when he was president of the RVRHS Board of Education and I was president of the RVRHS Rducation Association. Our meetings were always professional and business oriented. I remember his friendly yet professional manner. A true gentleman who will be remembered.

Don Wisnewski - March 08 at 10:21 PM

WO

PROUD TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO MEET HIM WHEN HE CAME TO TOWN AND HE NEVER SAID NO TO ANYTHING THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. WOODY

WOODY - March 09 at 09:54 AM

SM

Mentors of Dick's stature and respect come few and far between in anyone's career. I am proud to work for his company and truly enjoyed "jousting" with Dick when working through challenging projects. His influence on young professionals will continue well into the future. If Heaven has a Planning Board, I'm sure Dick will serve as Chairman for many years to come. Rest in peace.

Steven Malvey - March 12 at 01:55 PM

BB

*A true gentleman, and my fondest memory is Dick and Doris and a happy riotous group of us at Gov. Brendan Byrne's 3 days and nights inaugural celebration. Doris I wish you peace and fond memories and Dick may you rest in peace knowing your work was well done and much appreciated
Barbara Kalik*

Barbara Kalik Bennett - March 15 at 09:39 AM