



Richard M Manzari

December 20, 1949 - April 11, 2024

Richard Matthew Manzari, a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend passed away peacefully on April 11, 2024. Richard was a man of integrity, warmth, curiosity, creativity, passion, science, and unwavering love and wisdom.

Born and raised in Valley Stream, New York, Richard attended Chaminade High School and Niagara University. With a knack for thinking outside the box, he made invaluable contributions to various scientific companies throughout his career, even earning a patent for one of his inventions.

Richard expressed his artistic creativity through beautiful stained glass, glass fusion, painting and mixed media artwork which adorned the homes of family and friends. His love for hummingbirds mirrored his appreciation for life's fleeting beauty. An adventurer at heart, Richard rarely turned down a challenge, loved solving nearly-impossible riddles, and consistently found clever ways through a conundrum. He had a passion for sailboats and Maine where he found solace in the rugged landscapes and serene waters. Richard was also a devoted lover of animals, and he treated them with the same love that he shared with every other living thing. Richard thrived on being social, and drew great happiness from interacting with others. He was genuinely interested in the lives and stories of other people, and he was an active listener who had a clear desire to understand all of the people that he

encountered in his lifetime. He was also a life-long fan of baseball (and many other sports) and he spent many an hour rooting for his beloved Phillies and Eagles. In addition, he was passionate about food and cooking, Ferrari's and airplanes, music and movies, books, and holidays with his family and friends. Lastly, Richard possessed an expansive sense of humor, which was articulated perfectly in his trademark handlebar mustache..

Richard is survived by his devoted wife, Deirdre Ann Manzari, with whom he shared a lifetime of treasured memories and endless love. He was a pillar of strength and a hero for his daughter, Stacy Ann Blakeley, his granddaughter, Lillian Eve Blakeley and his adored pets Bryce, Sammy, Callie, and Claude. Despite the loss of his son, Richard Christopher Manzari, in August 2022, Richard remained resilient, offering comfort and solace to his family in their time of need. Once he became a grandfather, Richard became known lovingly as Pop-Pop.

Richard was more than a father; he was a mentor, a confidant, a middle school science teacher, an artist, a marriage officiant, a chef, an inventor and a source of endless wisdom and most importantly, good will. His son-in-law, Jason Alan Blakeley, viewed him as a trusted father, friend and guide and as a seemingly endless well of curiosity, knowledge and profound love. His sister-in-law, Debra Elizabeth Keller, and brother-in-law, Bruce Keller cherished countless memories with Richard, which were filled with laughter, travel, sailing, games, music, and movies.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at Perinchief Chapels in Mt. Holly, NJ on Friday, April 19th from 3:00 to 5:00 with a prayer service afterward. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Richard's honor to The Humane Society.

As Richard Manzari bids farewell to this world, his legacy lives on in the hearts

of those who were fortunate enough to know him. Though he may have set sail on his final voyage, he will always remain a trusted and beloved first-mate, as the light of his spirit will forever shine bright in and guide the hearts, minds, and lives of all who loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rich Manzari was a truly amazing human being. He was beyond special and I feel honored, blessed and lucky to have known him very well and for over two decades . The picture attached is Stacy and I, taken by Rich, on a beach day during our highschool summer circa 1996. Although it's an older picture,not high definition at all. You can see we are laughing. If Rich Manzari was around you were always going to be laughing,always. And that is one of the greatest gifts in the world. To be able to truly laugh and to bring so much laughter and joy to those around you. I love you Rich and I'll miss you forever. Till that day in the sky. I'll see you later but I carry you in my heart now and always. We all do. I'm thankful for that. Thank you for creating Stacy, my very best friend, my ride or die, my everything. Some people are reflections of their parent(s) Stacy definitely is a reflection of your memory Rich and to you now Deirdre. As those who know Rich's daughter Stacy, her reflection shines so bright, it's blinding. A chip off the old block(s)God bless our family during this incredibly heartbreaking time. We have to laugh, thou. Because Rich would definitely not like us sitting around heartbroken. No way. He wants us to live,laugh,love like he did in abundance.

“Nothing but the Best” 💕💕



Abby Danziger - April 20, 2024 at 12:26 AM

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“ *Love , condolences and prayers for the Manzari Family.*

Tom and Linda Kudrle

Linda Kudrle - April 16, 2024 at 03:56 PM