



Richard "Richie" A. Cerra

November 30, 1941 - January 11, 2025

Richard A. Cerra (Richie), of Columbus, NJ, passed away on January 11, 2025 at Virtua Memorial in Mount Holly, he was 83 years old.

Son of the late Albert and Helen Cerra, Richard was born November 30, 1941, in Hackensack, NJ and raised in Saddlebrook, NJ. Richard was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. Richard enjoyed playing cards, especially Solitaire, water skiing and bowling. He also loved cooking and enjoying food with his loved ones, a true foodie.

Growing up Richard was an excellent baseball player and all-around athlete. He continued playing baseball into his young adult years, receiving many accolades in his position as catcher. In Richard's downtime, as a young man, he also enjoyed camping and vacationing with his family at Lake George. It was on a vacation to Lake George, at the age of 13, where he would meet the young lady, he would later marry, Joan Lalonde, whose family also vacationed in Lake George. On September 16th, 1962, Richard married Joan and they started a family. They had two children, Karen and Debie. Richard and Joan enjoyed 62 years of marriage and unconditional love. One of their favorite pastimes was family camping trips to Wharton State Park and boating with their kids and eventually grandkids. They had two boats, over the years, the Dram-Bouy I and II.

Richard was the proud owner of his family-owned business, Alco Linen Supply. He eventually sold his business and took early retirement but still worked selling life insurance. He enjoyed meeting new people and talking with them. Richard had a strong work ethic and balanced that with family time.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife Joan "Joni", his children Karen (Bruce) Grocott and Debie (William) Weise, and 3 grandchildren; Samantha (Samie), Kayla and Molly

Services for Richard will be held on a later date.