



Richard William Paffenroth

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Rich, a lifelong resident of the area, passed away unexpectedly at home. Rich was the son of Adam and Mary, nee Parker. He was 84 years old.

Rich led a long and eventful life. He was a maintenance supervisor at Imperial Schrade, Inc. in Ellenville, NY for 40 years before retiring. While working at Schrade, he also ran his own trucking company. He delivered knife parts from Ellenville, NY to other Schrade facilities in neighboring states; while also helping many friends move South, and delivering trailer loads of hay, sawdust and animals to local farmers.

Rich was a member and President of the Pine Bush School's chapter of the FFA. Over the years he raised cows, pigs, horses, ducks and chickens on his small piece of land. He raced motorcycles all over the Northeast, as well as being a flagman at Orange County Speedway for the AMA races held there. He co-owned the first Indian motorcycle shop in Pine Bush before a terrible fire burned it down. He took part in bowling and pool leagues, and he was an avid NASCAR enthusiast.

In retirement Rich just couldn't sit still, he worked at the Howie's Car Wash

until it closed. He would drive into town everyday to get “his” tea from McDonald’s, and to chat up the ladies who worked there. He would make his daily visit to the post office as well. He was always tinkering or fixing something at his house. He had a great affinity for gardening and he would spend hours tending to his plants and then deliver veggies to all of his friends. You knew you were in good with Rich if you received vegetables from his garden.

Rich donated his time and expertise to the pavilions at Verkeerderkill Park by completing the wiring and electrical panel work.

Rich will be fondly remembered by his son, Darren, with his wife, Lisa, and their daughters, Aubrey and Amber; his daughter, Heather Vasquez, with her husband Richard, and their children, Richard, Brittany and Alexander; as well as his daughter, Danielle Pappalardo and her husband, Scott. He is missed by his furry love “kitty kitty”. He is survived by his sister, Joan DeRonde McCarson, and his brothers, John, Bob, and Tom. Rich was predeceased by his wife, Linda(Brownell); his sister, Ruth(Haber-Bignell); and his granddaughter, Gabrielle Vasquez.

The family requests a donation to your local animal shelter or FFA chapter in lieu of flowers in Rich’s name. They also invite you to a gathering to remember and share memories of Rich at Larry’s Chinese Restaurant and Bar in Pine Bush from 5-8PM on April 7, 2022.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery & Mausoleum

5468 Route 9W North
Newburgh, NY 12550

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. I work with Rich and Schrade for 27 years. He was the nicest man I have ever met. R.I.P. my friend

Debbie Bradford - March 16, 2022 at 04:23 PM



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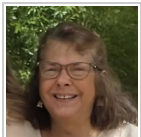
Aubrey Paffenroth - March 13, 2022 at 07:29 PM



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Lisa Paffenroth - March 13, 2022 at 12:33 PM



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Lisa Paffenroth - March 13, 2022 at 12:08 PM

DP

“ I am so glad we all able to get together this September and spend some time together. We will remember those moments and how he reached all of us. We are so sad and will miss him. Everyone loved him.



Darren Paffenroth - March 12, 2022 at 07:21 PM

RP

“ Heather and Danielle...Uncle Rich was the kindest soul, most gentle of the Paffenroth's! I will love, remember and sorely miss him always. Love you both lots! 🙏👉👈❤️

Ruth DeRonde Petrone - March 12, 2022 at 05:39 AM

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“ Darren, Lisa & family, Heather, Rich & Family, and Danielle & Scott,
So very sorry for the loss of your beloved Dad. Rich was such a wonderful, kind and caring brother-in-law. He will always be missed and forever loved 😊



Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike - March 11, 2022 at 06:21 PM

LP

Love you Aunt Kathy and Uncle Mike.

Lisa Paffenroth - March 12, 2022 at 12:34 AM

SB

John and I were sad to hear of your Dad's passing. We had a great visit with him here two weeks ago. Loved when Rich would stop in with fresh veggies from his garden. He will be missed.

Sue bardin - March 13, 2022 at 09:17 AM