



## Richard Soeldner

February 24, 1943 - December 12, 2017

Richard Soeldner, 74, a longtime resident of Winter Park, Florida (formerly of Elizabeth and Roselle, NJ) died at home after a brief illness. He died surrounded by family and sharing and singing songs from his own playlist including John Denvers "Country Roads."

Richard is survived by his loving wife Pat, of 15 years, his step-daughter Heather and her husband Mike, their children Kaitlyn, Ryan and Hunter; his stepson David and wife Ivy and their daughter Abigail, his sister Kay Como and her husband Joe of Wayne, NJ and his sister Dale and husband Roy of Thousand Oaks, California, nephew David and wife kathy and great niece Emma ; nephew Brian and wife Heather and great nephews David and Andrew, and niece Suzanne and husband Mike and great nephews Michael and Christopher.

Rich was a 1965 graduate of Newark College of Engineering and received his Masters in Physics from Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida. He worked his entire career as a civilian for the United States Navy with many creative accomplishments, especially in software development.

Rich was an avid basketball fan and loved working out at THE RDV SportsPlex in Orlando where basketball was his exercise of choice. Rich was commonly referred to as "Shooter" at the RDV SportsPlex. If you mention the Orlando Magic you have his attention. He was also a big fan of UCF and enjoyed the winning season.

Rich enjoyed many years of exciting travel with his wife Pat traveling

extensively through the United States and many tris abroad.

Rich was a truly unique man, smart but modest, thorough in things he did, honest to a fault, loyal in big and small things, kind, no useless words of criticism from him. Rich loved science; would seek depth of understanding not superficial knowledge. He was a man of character, of loving self-sacrifice for others, of goodness and of some indefinable ingredients that made him such a special and treasured human being. Richard, a gentle man and a gentleman. A man of peace, may he forever rest in peace.

Memorial will be at the Clubhouse at the lake at 1500 Gay Road, Winter Park, Florida at 3 pm Saturday, December 16. 2017.

# Tribute Wall

EW

“ I worked with Rich during the 1970's and knew him as the brains behind many technical design efforts which kept many NTDC/NTSC engineers and technicians employed, including myself. My first project after returning from a active duty with the US Army was to transform Rich's design for a simulated aircraft armament system into hardware and software. His design made my job easy and he was always available to discuss issues encountered.

*During the 80's and 90's I knew Rich and off and on I worked with him. He was always the Centers “go to guy” to solve complex issues with training systems, both fielded and in development.*

*Richard Soldner's obituary described him as I knew him. He was truly a “gentle man and a gentleman. His contributions have been great, and he will surely be missed.*

*Eddie Williams  
Leesburg, FL*

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**Eddie Williams** - December 29, 2017 at 07:32 PM

EA

“ Rich was an amazing Engineer whom I had the privilege of working with for many years. His love of physics was only surpassed by his love for basketball! Rich was a mentor to me early in my career in every sense of the word. He will truly be missed.

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**Eric Anschuetz** - December 28, 2017 at 09:21 AM

HE

“ Rich was a very thoughtful and caring person, a great coworker and even a very good supervisor. Always honest and always willing to help. I remember very early in my Civil Service career seeking his advice on a programming assignment I was working on, after listening to my question he asked me: "Do you know quantum physics?", the look on my face was so telling that he quickly fired back a "never mind" and proceeded to provide an answer to my question at precisely a level which I was able to comprehend...

*Rich was truly a great guy...*

*Hector Gonzalez / Orlando, FL*

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**Hector** - December 27, 2017 at 01:58 PM

DH

“ Uncle Rich was such a wonderful guy who was always interested in how things work and inspired me to pursue engineering. He taught me that problems are just puzzles in search of solutions, and I use the clinical approach to problem solving that I learned from him daily.

*He was so warm and giving of his time. And so so so smart.*

*He will be greatly missed.*

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**David Henri** - December 14, 2017 at 09:29 PM

JB

*It is obvious that David knew him well. He was a highly respected engineer in my work group at Naval Training Systems Center for more than 20 years. He was one of the brightest people that I ever knew. Sometimes we saved the most difficult problems for him and he always found the answer. He was also very kindhearted and helpful toward everyone. I know he will be missed.*

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**Jimmy Burns** - December 27, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Soeldner.*



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December 14, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ *What a beautiful sentiment about Richard's life. It sounds like the people he touched made a lasting impression, and to know him was to be blessed. I hope that the blessings he bestowed on others will continue to live on in those that love him. And most of all, I wish you solace during your grieving. Kay, we love you dearly and hate to hear such a loss has touched your family's life. A big hug until we can give you one in person...*



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**Tamara Photiadis** - December 14, 2017 at 06:33 PM