



## Richard J. Wangler

March 11, 1934 - July 31, 2021

Richard “Dick” Joseph Wangler was born on March 11, 1934 in Loudon Ohio to James Joseph and Irene Pearl Wangler. James was a sharecropper, carpenter and home builder and Irene was a business manager for an auto dealership. Dick had a big sister Mary Lou and two younger brothers Edward and Raymond. He is survived by Mary Lou and Edward, sons Michael and Steve, daughter in law Via and his girl friend JoAnn.

He lived in Ohio, Georgia and Alabama as a child, resulting in a combination of Midwest and Southern values. He attended a Catholic boarding school in Alabama run by priests and he even considered entering the priesthood. He joined the Air Force after high school and then went to junior college in West Palm Beach.

In south Florida he met a pretty school teacher, Peggy, Miss Orchid from China Grove, NC. He wanted to marry Peggy. She told him he’d need to graduate college if he wanted to marry her. They married in Miami in 1956 and Peggy and an the inspired groom moved to Gainesville where Dick earned a bachelors and masters in Electrical Engineering while working as a butcher at the A&P Grocer and for a Chemistry professor at UF. Dick and Peggy had 2 boys Steve and Michael.

After graduation they moved to Maitland, FL and Dick worked at Martin. He

and his business partner Bill started a firm in 1984 that grew to over 200 employees by his retirement. He was active in St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, enjoyed woodworking, engineering, and problem solving. He enriched the lives of friends, coworkers and family, and will be missed by them.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, on Friday, August 6, 2021 at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL.

Funeral Mass will be held at 1:30 PM, Saturday, August 7, 2021 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Graveside Service to follow Mass at Glen Haven Memorial Park, Winter Park, FL.

The family of Richard J. Wangler invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

# Previous Events

## Facebook Live Streaming

AUG 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Facebook Live Stream  
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

## Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Ave  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 695-2273  
[todd@degusipe.com](mailto:todd@degusipe.com)  
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

AUG 7. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
861 Maitland Ave  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

## Graveside Service Following Mass

AUG 7 (ET)

Glen Haven Memorial Park  
2300 Temple drive  
Winter Park, FL 32789



# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard, Stella and I will remember you and your Great Sense of Humor, and always smiling. We shall meet again.*

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**Hom Ebusines** - August 06, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *I am so blessed to find my soul mate and my other dad. From the first moment I loved you and I felt like I'd always known you when I saw your beautiful blue eyes. We enjoyed these 20 years together. I have many wonderful memories of you in my mind and in my heart that will help me live without you. You were in all our moments and even in the most difficult times they were good with you. Thank you very much for loving me as your daughter. Thank you for giving me my soul mate. Thank you for giving me a brother. I love you dad, Mucho , Mucho, Mucho.*

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**Via Wangler** - August 05, 2021 at 10:32 PM



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**Via Wangler** - August 05, 2021 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Many, many great memories Dick! Thanks for being such a good and supportive friend to my mother. I'll miss your quick wit and upbeat persona. Your sons will carry on your legacy. Rest in peace my friend! All our love, Greg, Colleen, Jennifer and Nicholas Schmid*

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**Greg Schmid** - August 05, 2021 at 10:37 AM

GS

*And I want to add... thanks for the friendship and kindness to my children. They will miss you.*

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**Greg Schmid** - August 05, 2021 at 11:21 AM

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“ *My dear father,  
You taught me immensely. I promise that I'll try to live up to what you would expect of me. You taught me to respect others, always live up to my responsibilities and not exploit another for personal gain. I understand the lessons and I promise I will live by them. I'll miss our conversations.  
You done good. Rest easy.  
Mike*

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**Michael D. Wangler** - August 05, 2021 at 03:32 AM