



Mr. Richard Burton Werner

August 4, 1943 - April 1, 2014

Mr. Richard "Rich" Burton Werner, 70, of Winter Springs, Florida, passed peacefully to rest at home on April 1st, 2014 after a long illness, bravely borne.

Beloved Husband, Devoted Father, Community Hero and Courageous Fighter, Rich was born in the Bronx, NY on August 4th, 1943, the second son of Paul and Helene Werner. He grew up in Yonkers, NY and graduated from Yonkers High School in 1962. While attending college in the city, he served as an EMT at Misericordia Hospital in the Bronx, before graduating NYU with a degree in marketing.

He went on to manage several elite New York City restaurants, including the Oyster Bar in Grand Central Station and The Executive Club in midtown Manhattan.

Richard was drafted in the Vietnam era, and proudly served his country as a member of the Chemical Corps in the United States before being posted to Germany, where he served as a chaplain's assistant, reaching the highest rank attainable to a draftee.

After an honorable discharge in 1968, and marriage to Beatrice Demers, Rich returned to the New York area as a police officer serving as a railroad

policeman and later in the City of New Rochelle, NY. He remained a dedicated member of this community in the roles of patrol sergeant and narcotic detective for twenty years, as well as serving on the Somers, NY School board in the 1980s. Simultaneously Richard owned and operated a limousine service with the help of the entire family and area teachers as drivers. During this busy time, Rich graduated Iona College with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice in 1978 and pursued post graduate studies at Western Connecticut State University.

Upon his retirement from the New Rochelle PD in 1988, Rich and his family relocated to Orlando, Florida, where he came right out of retirement to join the Florida Department of Correction serving as a probation officer and child welfare officer. In 1994 he joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department where he served within the courthouse.

Rich worked tirelessly for each community to which he committed himself until his diagnosis with PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) in 1999.

As a father, Rich was consistently strong and loving with all his children. In his presence, they knew they were in the company of a hero who would always keep them safe and supported. His children not only adored him, but admired and respected him also.

For Donna, her father was the man who gave her the gift of her breath, unconditional love and the definition of family. Just a few of her treasured memories of and thank-yous to her Dad include special Mickey Mouse birthdays, family vacations, Yankees games and the inspiration of hard work alongside deep love.

Lisa remembers kickball, birthday parties and Christmases full of fun and laughter, always knowing at each stage of life there was a refuge in her

father's ever-safe, loving arms.

Rick remembers the smell of his shirts and the unspoken knowledge of security that it brought. Rich showed unstinting support for his son's baseball passion and subsequent career.

Paul followed in his father's footsteps to serve in the Orange County Sheriff's Office, making his Dad extremely proud. Paul, his wife and their two small children were with Rich throughout many difficult years as his illness progressed. They cared for him and brought fun, smiles, light and laughter to the darkening days.

The legacy of Rich's bond with his family has and will continue to extend through the generations. He delighted in the happiness his grandchildren brought to him, and he reciprocated it to them with love and laughter to be the best Poppa anyone could ask for.

In later years, Rich and his wife, Bea, ministered to the elderly and handicapped neighbors in their community. They served at local nursing and retirement homes where the residents took great delight in Rich's jovial way, and his deep and heartfelt prayers and blessings.

As they grew old together, Rich and Bea came to know and appreciate each other with a deepening love. Bea says: "I loved Rich even more at the end of our days together than at the beginning of our time." Rich and Bea were married for 46 years.

The softer side of Rich often emerged in his care for animals – one summer he build a giant cat house adjoining the family home in Somers, NY, where countless local cats found shelter and food. He inspired love and loyalty in

dogs including Lucinda, Snowball and latterly, Honey, the tiny Yorkie with a big personality who shared a constant spot on his bed until the end.

He was predeceased in death by his father, Paul Werner; mother, Helene Werner; son, Albert Werner; brothers, Robert, Martin and Stephen Werner; and granddaughter Beatrice Lisa Lopane.

He is survived by his loving wife, Beatrice Demers Werner, daughter Donna Scorrano, son-in-law Michael Scorrano, granddaughters Danielle, Michelle and Gabrielle Scorrano; daughter Lisa Lopane, son-in-law Frank Lopane, granddaughters Nicole, Lisa, Sarah and Lilly Lopane; Son Richard Lewis Werner, daughter-in-law Helen Werner, grandsons Ricky, Coby and Magnus; son Paul Werner, daughter-in-law Dawnelle Werner, and grandchildren Ava and Paul Jr.

Heartfelt thanks to all the many nurses, caregivers and visitors who provided their time, compassion and comfort over the years of Richard's illness; especially Jonathan Tavera, who became a precious adopted member of the Werner family, and the amazing people from Vitas Hospice, who gave their support and dedicated presence above and beyond the call of duty.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 15th at 3 o'clock, at Incarnation Church, Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo, FL.

Family flowers only, please. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's name to the hospice of your choice, or to PKD research via the following link: <http://pkdcure.kintera.org/diyforpkd/richardwerner> .

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

APR **15**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Canterbury Retreat

1601 Alafaya Trail

Oviedo, FL 32765

(407) 365-5571

<http://www.canterburyretreat.org>

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Mrs. Beatrice and family we want you to know your in our thoughts and prayers . I have learned a lot about Richard in his tribute ,he was a great man who adored his family, who touched the lives of others with his service to his country and community. God bless .
Love,
The Demers family
Jessica, Paige, Lora & Raymond*

jessica demers - April 09, 2014 at 07:48 PM

DS

“ *Donna Scorrano lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Richard Burton Werner*



donna scorrano - April 08, 2014 at 10:23 PM

DS

“ If I could rewind time, I would. The first thing I would do would be to thank my Dad for all that he has done for me, my family and the world. I would say the unspoken words that I always hope that he brought with him to heaven.

Those words would be...

Dad...I love you. I hope that I made you proud because I was always proud to have you as my Dad.

Dad... I thank you for all that you done for me. You taught me so many life long lessons that I will always value and treasure.

I know that you are in heaven and your spirit surrounds us every day.

Until we see each other again at heaven's gate, you will always be a part of my soul, thoughts and everyday smiles.

Rest in peace Dad (4-1-14). I love you and miss you more than words can say.

Until we meet again,

Your Daughter...Moondust- Donnamarie

donna scorrano - April 08, 2014 at 10:13 PM

SL

“ To my Poppa,
Throughout my life you had taught me so much. Like how to love, live and to die. I have so many special memories from our special Disney character dinners you planned, to going for long walks and laughing, to making sure all the ducks and birds were fed in your backyard - right up until your final breath just knowing you were here and being able to see you smile made me so happy- I love and miss you so very much! I'll see you soon in Heaven!

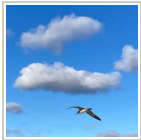
Sarah Lopane - April 07, 2014 at 04:16 PM



“ *Your Dad touched the lives of everyone that had the honor to know him! He is such an example of what a Dad should be!!! I remember how he would always ask me how I was doing, going to the 7-11 with Donna and her Dad to get Pepsi, how he would always tell you all, Mrs. Werner, Donna, Lisa, Ricky & Paul, how much he loved you (I thought that was so great!), how proud he was of Donna and Lisa and their accomplishments, how he would always tell me that his daughters are the best cooks in the world and later, how he pushed himself to come to my wedding even though he was not feeling well. Both Mr. & Mrs. Werner made me feel like a part of their family and I will miss Mr. Werner too. We are all blessed to have known him!!!*

*With much love,
Kathy (Wolle) Wiegand*

Kathryn Wiegand - April 07, 2014 at 01:34 PM



“ *Dear Lisa and Family, wow, I learned so much about Richard from reading this tribute. What an amazing man, who did so many different things in his life! I know that you all will do many wonderful things too and make the world a better place in a variety of ways too, carrying on his legacy. Love and Peace, Pastor Karen Burger, UMC of Mt. Kisco*



Karen Burger - April 07, 2014 at 11:07 AM

LL

“ *My Father.... My Hero- soooo many special memories- this is the strongest man I know- the love he has for his family was shown right up until his last breath when he went to heaven- Daddy I was thinking about the time you and me went to Fuddruckers in Tenn. when it was just you and me- we sat outside and talked for so long - even though you are away from me physically you are forever in my SPIRIT!! We are one and I miss you more than anything!! When we meet again daddy it will be the celebration of our lives!! Love your little girl monkey fingers Lisa*

Lisa Werner Lopane - April 05, 2014 at 10:13 AM