



Richard L. Catalano

August 9, 1946 - December 11, 2021

Richard L. Catalano, 75, of Easton, passed away on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospice House. Born in Greenville he was the son of the late Salvadore and Margaret (DiDonato) Catalano. Richard was the beloved husband of Kathy (Wasser) Catalano. Rich was a dedicated educator and coach in the Pocono Mountain School District. He also worked as an adjunct professor at East Stroudsburg University and an admissions counselor at Northampton County Community College. Rich touched the lives of countless individuals. He was comforted in his final days by hearing of these impacts from past students, colleagues and friends. Rich's infectious smile and wit will be sorely missed.

Survivors: In addition to his wife Kathy, Richard will be lovingly remembered by his son, Michael Catalano and wife Kellianne; daughters, Amy Swingle and husband Richard and Marci Kiester and husband Craig; grandchildren, Megan Altemose, Andrew Altemose, Matthew Catalano, Katharine Catalano, Zachary Kiester, Caden Kiester, Brady Kiester, Zachary Swingle and Brandon Swingle and brothers, Anthony Catalano and Robert Catalano. Richard is preceded in death by his sister, Linda (Catalano) Swanson.

Services: A Memorial Mass will take place at 11:00A.M. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at Our Lady of Victory Church, 327 Cherry Lane Road, Tannersville, Pa. The family will receive friends and relatives on Monday, December 20, 2021 from 6:00P.M. to 8:00P.M in the Bolock Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco, Pa 18326. Interment will be private at St. Michael's Cemetery in Greenville, Pa. Face masks will be required for entry and the family asks that social distancing precautions are taken. To share a memory visit www.bolockfuneralhome.com <<http://www.bolockfuneralhome.com>>.

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Pocono VNA Hospice, 502 VNA Road, East Stroudsburg, Pa 18301.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Cemetery Greenville, Pa

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bolock Funeral Home
6148 Paradise Valley Road
Cresco, PA 18326

Memorial Mass

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Victory Church
327 Cherry Lane Road
Tannersville, PA

Tribute Wall

KD

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Rich's family at this time. I had the pleasure of working with Rich at Pocono Mountain for many years. He was always supportive of his colleagues and students, and ALWAYS had that sweet smile on his face. The hallways lit up with his beautiful presence. He was truly a gentle soul, a light in the darkness. I will never forget him or the years we spent together at Pocono Mountain. In a world where kindness is at a premium, Rich created a legacy of goodness. To Kathy, Mike, Marci ,Amy and families: I hope you can find comfort in your memories and in the knowledge that he was so LOVED by all.



Rest in Peace, my friend.

Karen DiPasquale - December 23, 2021 at 08:53 AM

SP

“ Mr. Catalano was so helpful to me when I was a young teenager who just moved from Ohio to the Poconos. He would end up being one of my coaches. However, he served a more important function to me as a role model -- as I always admired his helpful and positive disposition. He will not be forgotten!

Shawn Phillips - December 20, 2021 at 09:54 AM

MS

“ My husband, Keith knew him well. He was his coach, mentor, and friend. He always speaks highly of him.

I got to know him through baseball. My son played with his grandson. I always sat near him. I loved our talks. He was one of the kindest men I've ever known. His smile is what I will always remember.

God Bless Mr. Catalano.

The Stettler Family

Marilou Stettler - December 19, 2021 at 02:03 PM

NJ

“ Rich was always so kind and helpful. He was there with help and suggestion when my children needed him. I will always remember him with a smile and love. Such a wonderful ma.

norma jones - December 18, 2021 at 06:21 PM

DK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Rich for many years at the East High School and have many happy memories of him. He also advised my daughter, Jacqueline, when she attended college. I know he will be greatly missed.

Deb Kerby - December 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

SH

“ Mr. Catalano will be remembered with fondness. He treated everyone with respect and kindness. My family and I send sincere condolences to his loved ones.

Sherry - December 15, 2021 at 07:40 AM

TQ

“ I am so sorry to hear this. My thoughts are with coach's family. Please know his memory lives on.

Coach Catalano was one of the great influences on me during my high school years. I was lucky to have him enter my life. He taught me you can be a tough S.O.B and still be a nice man with endearing qualities of empathy and compassion. Those are lessons I now try to pass down to my son.

Coach, I will remember you fondly. R.I.P. and thank you.

Todd Quinones
PMHS 1992

Todd Quinones - December 15, 2021 at 01:09 AM

CL

“ Cathy and Liz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard L. Catalano.



Cathy and Liz - December 14, 2021 at 07:56 PM

LP

“ Rich was such a special person, always with a smile on his face, and a ready ear to listen. I feel so fortunate to have spoken with him last week. Love, hugs, and prayers to Kathy and the entire family. The Petrillo family

Lori Petrillo - December 14, 2021 at 04:54 PM

KM

“ I’m so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather.... he was my counselor in high school and he was an amazing person and I considered him a good friend as well. My favorite memory of him was when my brother’s counselor was giving him a hard time about a course and he thought he’d be a big shot and introduce our parents to Rich.... the other counselor says, “I’d like you to meet our head counselor Mr. Catalano”. My father says, “Hi Rich, how are you doing?”, to which he responded, “just great” and asked how my sister and I were doing. He then asked what the problem was and when my parents told him he instructed the other counselor to give my brother whatever he wanted.... he was an absolute gem and I will miss him...

Kathryn Milo - December 14, 2021 at 04:49 PM

RG

“ Rich hired me and served as my supervisor at the EHS guidance office for years. It was a pleasure to work for such a true gentleman. He always spoke so highly of his family and I recently had the pleasure of working with two of his grandchildren. It was no surprise they were quality individuals like their grandfather. May the Catalano family continue to live by the qualities Rich modeled his entire life. God bless all of you with comfort and peace knowing Rich is in heaven looking out for all of you with deep love.

Renee Garvey - December 13, 2021 at 09:27 PM