



Richard F. Donovan Jr.

April 12, 1947 - December 19, 2018

Richard F. (Dick) Donovan, Jr. passed away peacefully on December 19, 2018 after a long and courageous battle with cancer with family by his side. He was born in Hudson Falls, NY on April 12, 1947. He was predeceased by his parents Richard and Etta Donovan. He is survived by a brother Mike (Beverly) Donovan and a sister Debby (Bruce) Vanguilder, both of Hudson Falls, NY. Also, his beloved Aunt Gene "Tiny" Reynolds, and cousins Carol Thackeray and Carl Reynolds. He was the proud and loving father of Megan (Chris) Ryder, Maura Donovan, Molly (Joseph) Lazzara, Matthew Donovan, and Michaela Donovan and his grandchildren, Xavier, Hudson, and Eva-Kate Ryder, Madelyn and Michael Ferrara, and Enzo and Luca Lazzara, and several nieces and nephews.

He spent his career working in the insurance industry in both Hudson and Albany, NY. Post retirement he dedicated his time working at the Hudson Department of Youth, a job he valued more than any other. He enjoyed bragging about his children and grandchildren, rooting for the NY Yankees and Giants, cooking, coaching youth sports, acting and directing in community theater, supporting various community events, and participating (arguing) in local politics.

Many people touched his life, especially those who attended the regular "boys night out" dinners at Wunderbar, and the close friends of his children whom he loved as his own.

In lieu of a wake and funeral, per his wishes, the family will be hosting a

celebration of his life on December 29, 2018 at 2pm at the City of Hudson Fire Department, 77 N 7th Street, Hudson, NY. Please join us if you can.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *RIP my friend. Good times @ HF high & Spencer-good memories*

Larry Macey - December 22, 2018 at 07:48 PM

BW

“ *A life well lived! RIP Dick.*

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DV

“ *On behalf of the Hudson Falls Central School Class of 1965, I want to send our condolences to the Donovan Family. Dick was a great fellow classmate and will be remembered by all. RIP Dick.*

Donna Vincent - December 22, 2018 at 06:58 AM

MB

“ *He was a good man and a great friend to me and many. He will be sorely missed. My most sincere condolences to his survivors. He loved you all to infinity and beyond. We now live in VA so not so much contact in the past 2 years. Damn cancer!! I wasn't aware that he was afflicted. Very sorry.*

Mary Bartolotta - December 21, 2018 at 12:21 PM