



## Mr. Richard R. Race

June 13, 1958 - May 23, 2024

Richard R. (Rick) Race, 65, of McGraw, NY died at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center on Buffalo, NY on May 23, 2024. He was the son of Ralph and Margaret Neugebauer Race, and was born in Cortland, NY on June 13, 1958.

Rick began his working life as a teenager on the Johnson's farm in Cortland. He then worked his way through the production department at Buckbee Mears Cortland where he met his current wife, Patricia. In addition to Rick's 2 children, he and Patricia welcomed their own child and shared the love of their blended family. After moving on from BMC, he was the proprietor of Trout Brook Bait & Tackle in Polkville and later worked for Cortland Ready Mix/Saunders Concrete Co. where many new and enduring friendships originated.

Richard was at his happiest and most content when spending time outdoors. Hunting, fishing, scuba diving and working on the vegetable garden were some of his favorite activities. A picnic lunch, a sunny sky and a gassed-up boat provided for a perfect day at Staghorn Point on Skaneateles Lake with Pat and the kids. A dozen plus trips to Aruba were also a great source of happiness. Rick's five grandchildren were also an immense source of pride and contentment.

Rick is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Patricia Masterson-Race; children Joseph (Tyree) Race, Marleah (Charles) Flanigan, and Patrick (Danielle) Race; his mother Margaret Neugebauer Race; brothers Robert (Colleen) Race, Charles (Ann) Race, John (Kristen) Race; sisters Mary (Bill) Durant, Nancy (Charles) Dalley, Carla (Michael) Shanahan and Kathleen (David) Lee. Richard also leaves his 5 grandchildren: Heath, Hugo, Josefene, Autumn and Juniper in addition to aunts, an uncle, cousins, nephews, nieces, and a roster of many close friends. He is also survived by his first wife Sally Jo Crayton Race. Richard was predeceased by his grandparents, his youngest brother R. Andrew (d. 2009) and his father Ralph (d. 2017).

In one of Rick's final acts of courage, he agreed to his participation in a clinical trial of medications to someday prevent Graft vs. Host Disease (GVHD) to hopefully prevent a transplant patient's body from rejecting the donor cells. His medical record will be thoroughly and diligently studied by experts at Roswell Park and many other medical centers around the world.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday May 29, 2024 in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main Street, Cortland from 4- 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday May 30, 2024 at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cortland, NY with internment following at St. Anthony's Cemetery, Groton, NY.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the following and notate: "In Memory of Richard R. Race" in the memo: Friends of Dwyer Memorial Park, c/o 1st National Bank of Dryden, 12 S. Main Street, Homer, NY 13077; McGraw Sportsman Club, 3154 Ridge Road, McGraw, NY 13101 or Solon Sportsman Club, 4475 Sportsman Club Road, East Freetown, NY 13040

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ I was so very sorry to read of Rick's passing. My sincerest condolences to you. He really was quite a guy.

Karen Jones - June 25, 2024 at 12:44 PM

LG

“ Rick was part of our Madison St. neighborhood. My most sincere sympathies to the family for this loss.

Linda Brownell Glover - June 03, 2024 at 12:51 PM

JM

“ Jon, Sarah, and Hazel Maurer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Richard R. Race.



Jon, Sarah, and Hazel Maurer - May 30, 2024 at 09:10 AM

WG

“ Rest In Peace Rick. We had a lot of great times and you where a special person that we all know and loved. Sympathy's to your loved ones! Fish on buddy! Tom and Wendy Gilbert

Wendy Gilbert - May 29, 2024 at 09:26 PM

YB

“ *Your Friends at Bitwarden purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Richard R. Race.*



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**Your Friends at Bitwarden** - May 29, 2024 at 01:58 PM

YB

“ *Your Friends at Bitwarden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard R. Race.*

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**Your Friends at Bitwarden** - May 29, 2024 at 01:58 PM

BA

“ *Barb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard R. Race*



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**Barb** - May 29, 2024 at 10:40 AM

GM

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Rick while working with him at Saunders Concrete. He was one of the best drivers and people I had ever met. So sorry to hear of his passing. I will remember all of the good times and memories. He always greeted me with a smile and a perfect load of concrete.*  
*Gary Markinson*

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**Gary Markinson** - May 27, 2024 at 03:56 PM

SA

“ We are sadden to hear of Rick's passing. He fought a hell of a fight. and was a true warrior. We will miss his friendship and smile. We send our sincerest condolences to Rick's family and loved ones. He was a true warrior. Rest in Peace Rick.

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**Stan and Ann** - May 27, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Race.



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May 27, 2024 at 08:46 AM

TS

“ Tracy Saunders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard R. Race.

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**Tracy Saunders** - May 27, 2024 at 08:46 AM