



Richard E. Ely

December 7, 1948 - October 20, 2009

Albany-Richard Edward Ely, 60, of Albany, New York, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2009 at St. Peters Hospice Center. Dick was born in Beaumont, Texas, the son of William and Dora, both deceased.

He spent his early years in Pennsylvania, first in McKeesport, then later settling in State College where he attended high school.

Dick graduated from Penn State University and obtained his Masters degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Albany. Dick served in the U.S. Army, reaching the rank of Captain, followed by a distinguished career of more than 30 years with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in which he held many positions, including Chief of the Bureau of Statistical Services and Manager of the Bureau of Justice Funding.

He enjoyed many activities and hobbies throughout his life including cycling, watching Penn State football, classic cars, and especially his boat, the "Captain's Lady", with Mo and his friends on Dock 1 at Cranberry Cove at Sacandaga Lake.

He was a very caring and giving person who was always willing to put others first. He was also a very strong and determined man with a strong will to live as evidenced by his courageous battle against cancer for the past two years.

He is survived by his beloved companion of the last 5 years, Maureen M. Murgia of Albany, New York and her son Gregg (Lynn) and children (Nicole, Melissa) of New Jersey, and her daughter Maura Engels of Albany; his sister Eileen Aldous and his niece Melinda Osborn and family, all of Texas.

Funeral services Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 10:00 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena Church) at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Relatives and friends are invited and may call Friday, 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home. Interment will follow the Mass at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

To leave the family a special message on their guestbook, obtain directions or a Prayer Card, go to www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard E. Ely*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard E. Ely*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I was a classmate of Dick's in the State High Class of 1966. He was a nice guy.
I hope he had lots of joy and happiness in his life.*

The photos are awesome. Dick looks just the same only with white/gray hair!

My sympathies to all those who loved him.

Sincerely, Patti Hemman Koelle##imported-begin##Patti Koelle##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 06:25 PM



“ Remenbering us as kids in State College. You will be missed!!!##imported-begin##John (Jack) McMullen##imported-end##

October 26, 2009 at 11:48 AM



“ I'm very sorry to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with Dick and his family.##imported-begin##Geoffrey Frank##imported-end##

October 26, 2009 at 11:11 AM



“ Moe, I recieved Lukes email this morning, I am so sorry. I didn't realize Dick had been fighting this battle. I have a picture in my office from a reunion about 15 years ago, of Danny, Luke, Dick Diellio, Dick & I at the Diner..Dick has that "wonderful smile" on his face, that I will always remember! He was so lucky to have you come into his life when you did! My prayers are with you and your family. Dick will always be remembered and missed by the class of '66.
Laurene##imported-begin##Laurene Selfe Keck##imported-end##

October 26, 2009 at 10:29 AM



“ Mo,
I was shocked to see that Dick had passed away, not knowing that he was sick. Dick and I were quite close during our high school years (I got to know his parents as well) but as it always seems to happen we lose contact after as we go our own ways. I'm sorry that I was not notified earlier to get to Albany to pay my respects. Judy and my thoughts are with you. God Bless.##imported-begin##Dave McCool##imported-end##

October 26, 2009 at 08:39 AM



“ *Dick and I were very close friends in high school. Although we lost touch through the years I had hoped to reconnect on facebook. I feel the lost and my condolences to others that feel the same.##imported-begin##Tom Carr##imported-end##*

October 25, 2009 at 02:55 PM



“ *Have only seen Dick once since HS. My deepest thoughts to all his family. He will be missed by many people. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Fred##imported-begin##Fred Parise##imported-end##*

October 25, 2009 at 02:33 PM



“ I went to High School with Dick. I guess we think we are all infallible and then we hear of a dear friend's passing and we realize each one of us have our time to go. Dick was a great friend. I always admired his spirit and love of life. May you, his family, remember all the good that Dick brought to your life. I will pray that your going forward will be full of wonderful memories##imported-begin##Carolyn I Peffer (Forcey)##imported-end##

October 25, 2009 at 01:26 PM



“ Dear Maureen and Maura, I am very saddened to learn of Dick's passing and my my heart goes out to you both. The two things that I will remember most about him is how much he loved you both and that I am a better employee and manager because of his influence. Love, Lou##imported-begin##Lou Valenti##imported-end##

October 24, 2009 at 10:24 AM



“ With heartfelt sympathy and friendship.##imported-begin##Louann Bloom Matia##imported-end##

October 23, 2009 at 07:48 PM



“ Dear Mo and Family...Please know how very much Dick's death has saddened all of his friends from the State College Class of '66. Our get togethers were always more fun because of you and Dick and they won't be the same without you. You are very much in my thoughts and prayers and I thank you for the many fond memories. Louann Bloom Matia##imported-begin##Louann Bloom Matia##imported-end##

October 23, 2009 at 07:32 PM



“ My Dearest Me I can remember the first time I met you and Dick. You and Dick sitting on "Captains Lady" and Tom introducing me to you both and me sitting there talking to you both like I knew you guys for all of my life. You both were so inviting and warm. I consider you both part of my family a special extra Aunt and Uncle if you will. Moe and Dick you are such amazing mentors to me. Both of you showed me there are still amazingly nice, thoughtful, kind, caring and loving people in this world. Moe Dick loved you so so much and you can tell his eyes lite up when he would look at you. You both are very special people. He was such an amazing and proud man. I am so so lucky to have met you both and because of him i am a better man. I will remember him always. He is in a better place, with no pain and suffering. I know for a fact right now he is flying with angels and looking down on us in ah. Even when this man was so sick he woud take the time to call me to see how i was feeling when i was sick if that is not an amazing man and an angel i dont know what is. Dick you will be missed. We all are better people because all of us new and were loved by him. So Dick you fly wtih Angels and Dont worry we all will take care of your beloved Moe Love ya buddy! Love always.##imported-begin##Vincent Martell
!!!##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 09:38 PM



“ My Dear Mo, you and Dick touched my heart more than you will ever know. Dick was a very special man and I will remember him always. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mo. Love you,
Wanda##imported-begin##Wanda DiCaprio##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 06:04 PM



“ Dick was an amazing person and a good friend. Maureen you have always been like a mother to me and I want you to know you are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Robert Gibbon##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 10:54 AM



“ Dick will always be remembered and never forgotten. Know that he is in a better place, free from pain and suffering and will be there always looking down on us all! My thoughts and prayers to Mo and the family.##imported-begin##Tommy DiCaprio##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 09:02 AM



“ I remember the first time I met Dick...he was present during my interview to secure a promotion with the DCJS Office of Strategic Planning back in 2004. Dick provided a warm smile and calming presence that was greatly appreciated. Thank you.##imported-begin##Michele Mulloy##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 08:40 AM



“ Dear Mo, We can think of no greater tribute to Dick, than to say he was a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. We'll always remember him that way. Our deepest sympathy to you and all of his loved ones.
Dave and dor##imported-begin##Dave and Dor Renslow##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 07:17 AM



“ *Life is a journey of sweetness & sorrow of yesterdays memories & hopes for tomorrow.
Dick has touched us in ways we will never forget.
Mo, although no words of sympathy can ease the loss you bear, still may you find some comfort knowing we truly care.
Love and blesses, Mary & steve##imported-begin##Mary and Steve Osusky##imported-end##*

October 21, 2009 at 10:53 PM



“ *May the strong and humble sea captain rest in peace, and may all of the angels and saints welcome him into their kingdom and continue to watch over his dedicated and special companion, Moe. Dick, you will be missed and Moe, you will continue to be strong and you will never be alone. We love you and you will be in our prays.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Stephen DiCaprio##imported-end##*

October 21, 2009 at 10:22 PM



“ *We love you Mo! And know so very well how much Dick loved YOU! How wonderful that we all had at least part of this past summer together! Many Hugs.##imported-begin##Pam and Bill Hyde##imported-end##*

October 21, 2009 at 08:35 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy. Dick will always be with us in our thoughts and in our prayers. We will miss him and his ebullient personality.*

We love you all

Bob and Serena###imported-begin###Robert and Serena Hamel###imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 08:28 PM



“ *To Mo and family, you know you are always in our thoughts and prayers. Love you always.###imported-begin###Tom and Diane DiCaprio and Family###imported-end##*

October 21, 2009 at 07:22 PM