



Mr. Richard D. "Ricky" Moskal

March 6, 1964 - April 6, 2017

WHITESBORO - Mr. Richard D. "Ricky" Moskal, age 53, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2017 with his devoted wife and loving family by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Utica on March 6, 1964, Richard was the son of Richard J. "Dick" and Iris (Jones) Moskal. He was a graduate of New Hartford High School/Class of 1982 and continued his education at M.V.C.C. Ricky was a natural athlete, always a leader, not a follower. He was the captain of his New Hartford High School Championship Hockey team and 1st Team League All-Star. He was also an All-Star Baseball player. In 1988, Ricky began dating Diana M.

LaFache, a relationship that culminated in a loving marriage on February 8, 2008. They were always together and they became one person, participating in each other's passions and pastimes. Diana stood by his side, inspired him to fight, to hope, and to keep the faith. They were soul mates and were destined to hold on to their love until their last day together on earth.

During his earlier years, Ricky was a bartender. His outgoing personality and good humor inspired him to become an entrepreneur. He opened "Fat Rick's" in West Utica and welcomed neighbors and good friends. Ricky made many meaningful and lasting friendships through his business venture. He was a joyful, witty guy with a jolly laugh. He was kind and generous with his time and talents and beloved and known by many. He was an avid green-thumb gardener who grew vegetables, and a master at maintaining a meticulous lawn and beautiful blooms. Ricky had a real appreciation for art, and as a free-

lance artist, he dabbled in painting for his own pleasure and also passed on some of his art work to others, always in his own handmade frames. He cooked up fine cuisine in the kitchen, and was king of the grill outside. Ricky was a loyal fan of the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Mets. He was a recreational golfer, and although he took the sport seriously, he had the patience of a saint when he played the game with Di.

Ricky was blessed to have chosen the perfect partner and love of his life. He was satisfied with the things he had — a simple life filled with cheerfulness, contentment, and good will to all. Ricky was a believer in the Lord, and is now at rest from his labors.

Ricky is survived by his treasured wife, Diana; his parents, Dick and Iris; his father-in-law, Louis F. LaFache, Jr.; and his mother-in-law and her husband, Antoinette and Norman Coleman, Sr. both who have been a great source of strength; in-laws, Debbie and Rick Giffune, Louis F. LaFache, III and Jessica Jones; nieces and nephews, including James Goldstein, Zachary Goldstein, and Emily LaFache; aunts and uncles, Judy and Bill Borris, Jim and Sandy Jones, and Carol Murray; and special cousins Billy Boris and Ann Simpson. Diana's family have been Ricky's family and their love has sustained him, especially Aunt Loretta Pugliese who is a precious person in their lives. He was predeceased by his brother, Danny Moskal; grandparents, John and Elizabeth Moskal; and uncle, John Moskal.

A heartfelt thanks to Diana and Rick's neighbors whose kindness will never be forgotten. The family is also grateful to cousin Rev. Anthony P. LaFache, for his spiritual guidance, and uncle Anthony J. LaFache, Esq. for his compassionate heart, as well as Uncle Billy Mazza from California who was generous and supportive during his illness.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider honoring Ricky's memory with contributions to New Hartford Youth Hockey program online at www.newhartfordyouthhockey.com, or Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen to help feed our neighbors online at ww

w.mothermarianneswestsidekitchen.com; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Richard's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by his cousin, Rev. Anthony P. LaFache and his cousin, con-celebrant Fr. Joseph Moskal.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

APR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church
702 Columbia Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

PW

“ *My sincere condolences to Ricky's wife and family. It has been many years since I've seen Ricky, but was happy to have known him through many years in school, hockey and more. I remember Ricky as always smiling, laughing, joking and making those around him smile. I smile as I think about him now.*

Pat Webb - April 12, 2017 at 10:16 AM

PL

“ *My recollection is of a very jovial and easy going person. Nice guy. Teased people in a friendly way. I have not heard anything about him for almost 40 years. Not since Sr. League baseball we were probably somewhere between 13-15 at the time. Condolences.*

Philip Langlois - April 10, 2017 at 08:31 PM

LP

“ *I will always cherish the great times we all had at Fat Ricks, Saratoga, skiing.....my heart goes out Diana and the family. Rest in peace my friend.*

Laurie Everling Przybyla

laurie everling przybyla - April 10, 2017 at 08:44 AM

TM

“ I am saddened to hear of Rickie's passing. I met Rickie in Jr High. As memories go, I can remember a few, Rickie and I watched the movie "Flash Gordon" together, and after that movie anytime he saw me he would do this "flash gordon" thing with his hand, which would always cause us to laugh. As you probably didn't know, he learned to drive in my mothers rally sports car, we drove around and around Sangertown Square again laughing and laughing. Us "girls" would go and watch the "boys" play hockey on Wednesday nights with our boom box blaring. I believe that was when my love for hockey began. My sincere condolences to his wife and to your entire family.

Tricia Femia MacDonough - April 10, 2017 at 07:31 AM

JM

“ There was a time when Ricky was my best friend. A generous and non-judgemental friend. I have always and will always cherish that friendship.

Jimmy Marshall - April 10, 2017 at 06:46 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I will remember our times at MVCC playing hockey along with Rick and Danny.....Bob Burney

Bob Burney - April 10, 2017 at 06:29 AM

MP

“ Mr & Mrs Moskal, so sorry for your loss, I'll always remember Ricky when I think about the fun times we all had playing hockey in HS. All the best, Mike

Michael Paciello - April 10, 2017 at 06:28 AM

 Cathy
Willis

“ I am very sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. I hadn't seen him in many years, having gone through high school with him. I can hear his voice and his laugh as we talked in the library rather than working on homework!!! He was a fun friend. May he rest in peace.

Cathy Willis - April 09, 2017 at 08:16 PM

WA

“ I never had the still to be on the ice! But definitely enjoyed the New Hartford High School hockey from the safe side of the glass.... Prayers for the family!!!! May God's grace and peace provide the strength he promises during this time of loss!

William Anna - Class of 82'

William Anna - April 09, 2017 at 08:11 PM

SD

“ So terribly sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. He was an awesome person and I'm glad to have known him. Sincerest condolences to his family.

Salli (Jones) Doyon - April 09, 2017 at 07:23 PM

BB

“ Shane and I are so very saddened to hear of Ricky's passing. I, personally, had many great times with Ricky and hanging out with him and his brother Danny at Fat Ricks. If it weren't for the Fat Rick's Golf League, I wouldn't have met my husband, Shane Barrett. You will be missed my friend. My thoughts are prayers are with the Moskal family and with Di. Rest in Peace my friend.

*Shane and Brenda (Pendrak) Barrett
Vero Beach, FL*

Brenda Pendrak Barrett - April 09, 2017 at 07:04 PM

LD

“ *Funeral Blues*

*Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.*

*Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead
Scribbling on the sky the message 'He is Dead'.
Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves,
Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves.*

*He was my North, my South, my East and West,
My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that love would last forever: I was wrong.*

*The stars are not wanted now; put out every one,
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun,
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood;
For nothing now can ever come to any good*

*Ricky,
The times we shared as friends I have always held close to my
heart.
My thoughts and prayers to you Diana.*

Always, Lucille

Lucille Duniec - April 09, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard D. "Ricky" Moskal.*



April 09, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Ricky, such wonderful memories of you and Dianna at Fat Ricks. May God Bless You and Rest in Peace. Much love and sympathy to the Moskal families. Stay strong.*

Judy Pulaski and family - April 09, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Moskal thoughts and prayers are with you. He always protected me.*

Paul Jerominek - April 09, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *Mr and Mrs Moskal I am so sorry to here about this. Please know that you are in my thoughts. I have great memories of sharing the blue line with Rick.*

Bill Cahill - April 09, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I grew up in the manners and went to school with both the boys. Sending thoughts and prayers to your family*

Patti Hogan Maxam - April 09, 2017 at 01:05 PM

SF

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Moskal. I am so sorry to read of Ricky's passing. This is a prayer that our minister shared with us after my dad passed and I hope it helps you during this very difficult time. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord be kind and gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. 💙*

Sharon Finkle-Kleps - April 09, 2017 at 12:50 PM

DD

“ *Mr and mrs moskal I'm so sorry for your loss,rickie was a great guy . Diana very sorry for your loss . D Doyle*

diane doyle - April 09, 2017 at 09:58 AM

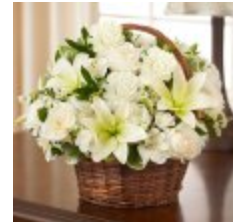
BD

“ *Iris and Dick.... you have my most heartfelt condolences and I'm sure that your son is at peace now God bless you all*

Beardenise Davis - April 08, 2017 at 06:00 PM

TL

“ *The LoContes purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Mr. Richard D. "Ricky" Moskal.*



The LoContes - April 08, 2017 at 10:01 AM