



Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.

July 24, 1966 - August 6, 2018

CLINTON - Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie, Jr., age 52, passed away on Monday, August 6, 2018 at the Siegenthaler Center with his entire family by his side. Born in Utica on July 24, 1966, Richard was the son of Floy (Golden) Ossie-Dealing and the late Richard J. Ossie, Sr. He was a graduate of Notre Dame High School/Class of 1984. Six years ago, Richard found his soul mate, and now fiancée, Beth Eksterowicz, and he gave her his heart.

Rich was employed by the New York State Department of Corrections as a Correction Officer for 28 years, the majority of which were at the Marcy Correctional Facility. Rich was well liked and respected among his fellow C.O's and formed many lasting friendships.

Rich was a man with simple tastes. He was happy just being at home with Beth or in the company of friends. He shared a special connection with his sisters and each one was precious to him. Rich had a quick wit and enjoyed sports, especially the NY Yankees and Pittsburgh Steelers. He loved thoroughbred horseracing at Saratoga and had been to the Kentucky Derby many times with his friend Mike Pazik. He was a Civil War buff. Rich and Beth enjoyed traveling and had many fun adventures. In retrospect, he loved life, he loved Beth, he loved his family and the Lord who made it all.

Richard is survived by his fiancée Beth who loved him dearly; his mom, Floy; and his sisters and brothers-in-law who will dearly miss their younger brother, Theresa and Jerry Hughes, Susan and Al Zajac, and Patricia and Brian Kelly. He also leaves his nieces and nephews including Evan and Nimrat; Jenna;

Jacqueline and Matt; Kathleen and Adam, and David. Always in his heart was the memory of his nephew, Trevor R. Hughes who passed in 1990. He will be remembered by many precious cousins, including his godmother Priscilla and her husband Angelo Pallaria; in-laws, Richard Eksterowicz, Mary Anne Eksterowicz and William Turner. He was blessed with a great number of lifelong friends, including Mike Pazik, who was a fellow C.O. and they shared so many interests, complemented each other's personalities, and remained faithful friends... forever.

The family extends their appreciation to Dr. Atul Butala and Dr. Brij Sood who were so comprehensive and compassionate in treating Rich's illness; the personnel of the CT Department at St. Luke's; the caring and compassionate staff of the 6th Floor staff; PCU and 3West; his co-workers at Marcy Correctional Facility and community of his family and friends who were so supportive during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 2:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Richard's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday evening at 6:00 at the conclusion of visitation with Deacon Anthony Paparella officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *Ray Donley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.*



Ray Donley - August 14, 2018 at 08:18 PM

DW

“ *Dan Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.*



Dan Walker - August 12, 2018 at 07:10 PM

MM

“ *Tre, Jerry and family,
We are sending our sincere Condolences to you and your family.
May the good Lord give you the strength you need during this very
difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, while your
loved one in now at peace. Mark & Diane Miller*

M and D Miller - August 12, 2018 at 12:54 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.*



Karen Bradley - August 12, 2018 at 09:01 AM

JM

“ *We love you, Uncle Rich. Rest in Peace*

Jackie and Matt - August 11, 2018 at 12:00 PM

LS

“ *Lisa (Calenzo) Schiavetta lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.*



Lisa (Calenzo) Schiavetta - August 11, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *David Eastman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.*



David Eastman - August 11, 2018 at 09:47 AM

BO

“ *My condolences to all the family and especially Beth. Rich you've left this world so early in life. From the time I met Rich and Dave almost 10 years ago, I don't think I've ever seen him without a smile on his face. RIP buddy until we meet again.*

Bob Ollerenshaw - August 11, 2018 at 09:43 AM

KB

“ *KEITH BURCH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.*



KEITH BURCH - August 10, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Rich I am so sad that you have passed on and will always remember the fun times we had in high school . Rest In Peace Kelly Sychtysz*

Kelly Sychtysz-North - August 10, 2018 at 08:35 AM

GB

“ *Beth we are so sorry to hear of the loss of Rich. The times that we spent with you and Rich we will always treasure, he was a great person and will be missed by so many. Life has been cut so short for Rich and we know there are no words that can make this journey any easier for you or his family. We have not seen much of the two of you over the last year or so but still the memories we will always have. Please know that you are in our thoughts and if there is anything we can do please let us know. The loss is so hard but Beth treasure all the great memories that you had with Rich. So sorry we will not be able to attend the services but we will be thinking of you be strong Beth ,Rich rest in peace.*

Gary & Brian

Gary & Brian - August 09, 2018 at 08:50 PM

B.

“ Bob And Sue Giruzzi . lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.



Bob and Sue Giruzzi . - August 09, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr..



August 09, 2018 at 11:28 AM

MA

“ I attended Notre Dame with Rich and I remember him fondly. He was a great guy. I send sympathy out to his family. Rest in Peace Rich.



Melissa Acquaviva

Melissa (Zurakowski) Acquaviva - August 09, 2018 at 10:58 AM

MD

“ Michele DePietro sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.



Michele DePietro - August 09, 2018 at 09:45 AM

CH

“ Charles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.



Charles - August 09, 2018 at 09:28 AM

SP

“ Steve Pfranger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.



Steve Pfranger - August 09, 2018 at 05:02 AM

GO

“ Gary Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard J. "Rich" Ossie Jr.



Gary Ollerenshaw - August 08, 2018 at 08:17 PM