



## Richard Kowalski

June 12, 1963 - July 16, 2024

On July 16, 2024 Richard Kowalski of Manville, NJ passed away suddenly at the age of 61. Many remember Rich as someone always willing to give advice or a helping hand due to his extensive knowledge of automotive, motorcycle and electrical engineering skills. Due to a back injury he had been on disability since the 1990's, living through countless surgeries to lessen the constant pain. He did his best to enjoy his life with his beloved wife Sylwia who he met and married shortly after she moved here from her native Poland. He had found his soul mate at last and shared each other for decades. They enjoyed trips to Wildwood, NJ where they both looked forward to and participated in the yearly Jeep Jamboree. They always found time to watch the sunsets together when the show was over and never lost sight of the real reason they were there: each other. Richard also enjoyed many years racing motorcycles with his older brother and mentor Geoffrey and the fun times growing up in the suburbs of Hillsborough, NJ, riding dirt bikes and having fun with Geoffrey and older brother Gary. Richard is predeceased by his mother Nina Kowalski, his father USMC Staff Sgt. Theodore Kowalski, and older brother Gary Kowalski. He is survived by his beloved wife Sylwia and her family, his brother Geoffrey and his wife Maria, and his niece Melissa who he taught along with Geoffrey how to have fun. To all who knew him he will always be in your hearts.

The Funeral will take place on Saturday, July 20,, 2024 at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church (Christ The Redeemer Parish) in Manville, NJ. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Hillsborough, NJ. Arrangements are under the

direction of the Ketusky Funeral Home in Manville, NJ.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

1096 Millstone River Road  
Hillsborough, NJ

# Previous Events

## Mass

JUL 20. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
98 South Second Ave.  
Manville, NJ 08835

# Tribute Wall

HD

“ So sorry to hear about Rich. We used to play Wallyball in the 90. Rich was one of the coolest and funniest guys I have ever know. Radiating charisma. Rest in Peace brother! My deepest condolences to his extended family.

-----  
**Holger Drallmeyer** - May 04, 2025 at 05:08 PM

BJ

“ Dear Sylwia & family,  
  
I am so sorry for your loss  
Keeping you all in my thoughts & prayers.  
Heaven gained an angel.  
Rich will be missed by many.  
God Bless 🙏❤️🙏

-----  
**Bev Jansen** - July 22, 2024 at 08:20 AM

BJ

“ Bev Jansen lit a candle in memory of Richard Kowalski



-----  
**Bev Jansen** - July 22, 2024 at 08:13 AM

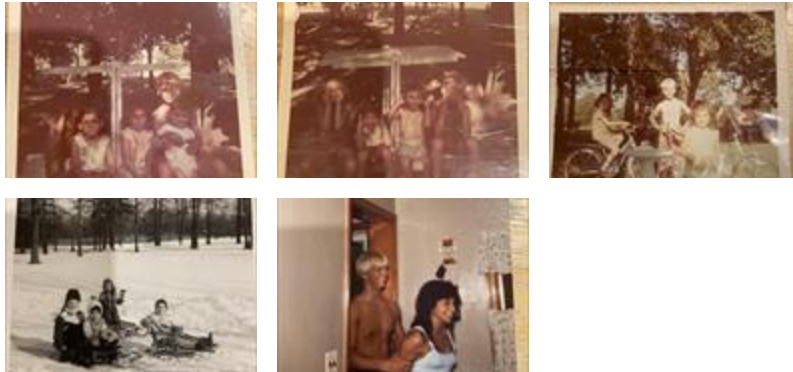
BL

“ Rich - We go way back. We Always had great times. Riding dirt bikes in the Brick factory. The best play ground around. You were always a great person to hang with. Whenever we would run into each other we would catch up... be talk about the old days. Dude.....it's been years. All the cool things you fixed, worked on and rode. We had a blast! God Speed old friend. RIP. See you on the other side.

Bob LaRue - July 20, 2024 at 06:45 AM

LM

“ We had the best childhood growing up next door to you Rich. Playing kickball and kick the can. The water gun fights in the summer and the snowball fights in the winter and the best rotten vegetable fight when our garden had come to an end. So many memories. Love you big brother.



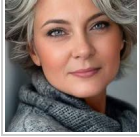
Lucy Muzzipapa - July 19, 2024 at 10:26 PM




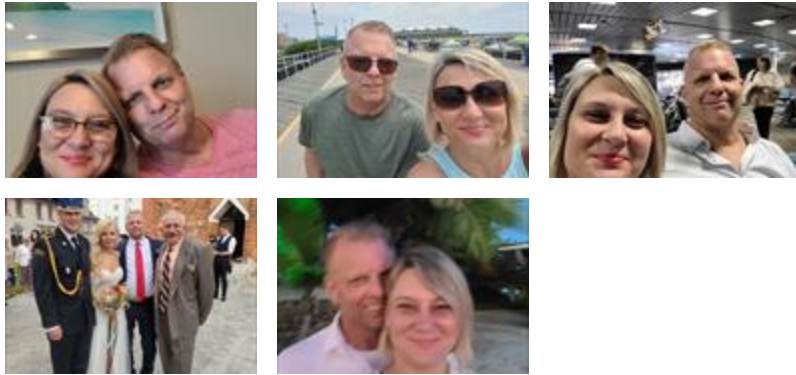
“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Kowalski.



July 19, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ Dear Honey, I didn't expect you to leave me so soon! You were always my rock, you gave me a sense of security and understanding. You were my soul mate. There were good and bad moments but you will always remain in my heart. You were a wonderful husband and a man who worried and he helped others. And I will always love you and you will always remain in my  heart. Love you Honey



Sylwia Sylwia - July 19, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ The Scheuer's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Kowalski.

The Scheuer's - July 19, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Richard Kowalski.



July 19, 2024 at 08:15 AM

SY

“ *Sylwia lit a candle in memory of Richard Kowalski*



---

**Sylwia** - July 19, 2024 at 07:36 AM

SK

“ *Sylwia K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Kowalski.*

---

**Sylwia K.** - July 19, 2024 at 07:32 AM

IZ

“ *kochany Richi , dziekuje Ci za całe serce jakie mi okazałeś . mam nadzieję, że jest Ci tam dobrze i będziesz miał na nas oko z drugiej strony*  
*Babcia Iza*

---

**izabela** - July 19, 2024 at 07:06 AM



“ *Natalia Grulkowska lit a candle in memory of Richard Kowalski*



---

**Natalia Grulkowska** - July 19, 2024 at 07:05 AM



“ Dear dad, I didn't expect that I would have to say goodbye to you so soon. You weren't my stepfather, you were my real father. I don't know how to thank you for all the warmth, help and heart you gave us. It won't be as fun without you... I hope you're feeling better there and we'll see each other again.

*Richi was a wonderful man, always laughing, joking and helping others in need. For the rest of my life I will never forget our crazy dance at my wedding, the trip to Wildwood, the hugs and how he scared me in the corridors and the jokes on my mom....*

*we all love you very much and miss you...  
see you later alligator, your daughter*

*When I couldn't, you always saw the best in me  
Right or wrong, you were always on my side  
But I'm scared of what life without you's like  
And I saw the way she looked into your eyes  
And I promise if you go, I will make sure she's alright  
So how do I say goodbye  
To someone who's been with me for my whole damn life?  
You gave me my name and the color of your eyes  
I see your face when I look at mine  
So how do I, how do I, how do I say goodbye?*



---

Natalia Grulkowska - July 19, 2024 at 06:48 AM

DS

“ Donna, Lucia, Mitra, Pamela and Savita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Kowalski.

---

**Donna, Lucia, Mitra, Pamela and Savita** - July 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM

DS

“ Donna, Lucia, Mitra, Pamela and Savita purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Richard Kowalski.



---

**Donna, Lucia, Mitra, Pamela and Savita** - July 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM