



Richard F. Mechler

May 1, 1942 - December 10, 2015

Richard Francis Mechler, age 73, passed away in Florida on December 10, 2015. Rich was born on May 1, 1942 to the late Irving and Marie Mechler (Hummel). He grew up in East Orange, NJ and attended Clifford J. Scott High School, where he met his wife of 50 years, Geraldine Ciallella Mechler. In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by his daughter Cheryl Mechler Truppi and her husband Marco, his son Robert Mechler and his wife Laura (Lazicky), and his adored grandchildren, Andrew, Jenna, Nicholas and Christian. He is also survived by his brothers Robert and his wife Judy (Levering), Ronald and his wife Laurel (Wasner), and his brother-in-law Thomas Ciallella. He also has four nephews, one niece and many friends who will miss him dearly. Rich was owner, President and Manager of Boulevard Funeral Home in New Milford, NJ where he lived with his family for 43 years. Throughout his life he was involved in numerous civic, religious and business organizations. Before moving to New Milford in 1969, he became Exalted Ruler of East Orange Lodge #630 BPOE Elks and continued his involvement in the Elks Club for many years. While in New Milford, he served as town Councilman for 11 years, was a charter member and President of the New River Dell Optimist Club and the first President of the Chamber of Commerce. As an active member of the parish of the Church of the Ascension, he was a lector, Eucharistic minister and served as President of the Parish Council 1976-77. The Chief Justice White Council #2586 Knights of Columbus also enjoyed his membership. As a funeral director, Rich took great pride in giving

the best possible service to the families he served. Since 1965, he held active membership in the National Funeral Directors Association, NJ State Funeral Directors Association and the Bergen County Funeral Directors Association where he served as President 1970-71 and 1986-88. After retiring in 2012, Rich and Gerri have been enjoying life at the shore in Lavallette, NJ and at their condo in Fort Myers Beach, FL. An avid fisherman and boater, he was happiest with a fishing pole in his hands or working on his boats. His jolly laugh, infectious smile and warm personality will be with us forever. The viewing will be on Wednesday December 16, 2015 from 7 to 9 PM and on Thursday December 17, 2015 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ. (908)575-8512. The Funeral will be on Friday December 18, 2015 8:45 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church, 34 Yorktown Rd., Millstone Borough, Hillsborough Twp., NJ 08844. Entombment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Piscataway, NJ. If desired, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Donate online at www.hopehospice.org. For online condolences to the family or for additional information please visit our website at www.ketusky.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
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DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
34 Yorktown Road
Borough of Millstone, NJ 08844

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Gerri, Cheryl, Robert, Very sad to hear about Rich's passing. I Hold him in my heart as being a fine family man, a good friend in need as well as a colleague who was fun to work with during my years at New Milford. He was just always there when you needed him. I'm talking about different Elk's fund raisers and events at NMHS and Middle School events such as Career Days. Gerri, believe me, I will keep Rich in my thoughts daily. Respectfully, Jim Robertson

James Robertson - December 28, 2015 at 05:43 PM

JA

“ Jo Ann & John Wright (K Line America) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard F. Mechler.



Jo Ann & John Wright (K Line America) - December 16, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard F. Mechler.



December 16, 2015 at 10:06 AM

SS

“ Sincere condolences from Father David Milliken and the Ascension Parish family in New Milford, New Jersey.



SSharkey - December 16, 2015 at 07:58 AM

JD

“ John and Tina DiAgostini purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard F. Mechler.



John and Tina DiAgostini - December 16, 2015 at 07:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard F. Mechler.



December 15, 2015 at 05:02 PM

CG

“ Whitey & Carol Geerdes worked at George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery in Paramus for many years and had many occasions to speak and see Richie at the Park, we always enjoyed his humor and wit and are sorry to hear of his passing. We have had and always will have fond memories of him.

Whitey & Carol

Carol Geerdes - December 15, 2015 at 04:58 PM

SM

“ We were saddened to hear about the passing of Rich. He was always so very helpful to us when we were dealing with the passing of several close family members at Boulevard Funeral Home. Our condolences to his wife and family. Sue and Craig Maiocchi, New Milford, NJ

Susan Maiocchi - December 15, 2015 at 03:51 PM



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



December 15, 2015 at 12:15 PM

AR

“ Anthony, Gav and Rea purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard F. Mechler.



Anthony, Gav and Rea - December 15, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard F. Mechler.



December 15, 2015 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard F. Mechler.*



December 14, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard F. Mechler.*



December 14, 2015 at 06:24 PM



“ *I will miss Richie because he was a good friend. Richie was caring and fun loving. I will miss him walking into my yard to place his Killey trap in the low waters off my dock.....Rest in peace my ole friend.*

joan gabriello - December 14, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of Rich, he was a great man whose kind words at times of need will never be forgotten. I met Mr. Meckler in 1977, he became Rich in later years. He brought me for fishing trips in the ocean. His quick wit and spontaneous laughter was a special thing. Rich you touched and will be remembered by all you met. I wish your family strength in this time of need. Your friend Jim Gabriello*

james gabriello - December 14, 2015 at 05:28 PM

LD

“ There are no words to express the impact Mr. Mechler has had on my life. When one of your childhood's closest friend's father passes away, the impact is far reaching. From a part time job parking cars, to allowing band practice in the basement of the funeral home, to bringing me along on trips to the shore, fishing trips on his boat and the fun we had on boy scout camping trips. He will be missed and I will always remember him with love.

Our heart and prayers go out to all of the Mechler family.

Sincerely the Desmonds.

Larry Desmond - December 14, 2015 at 12:15 PM

CH

“ To the Mechler Family, It's with our deep sympathy the loss of our dear friend and neighbor Richie for over 50 years. He was always there for us when we needed his support. We enjoyed our back yard chats about boating and fishing stories He is a great loss to Sunset Manor and we will truly miss him Love, The Lombardi/Remo Family

christineremo@gmail.com - December 14, 2015 at 11:54 AM

RL

“ Dearest Richie,

We are so saddened to lose you, our dear, dear friend of over 50 years. We will cherish the memories of all the love and good times we've had with you and Gerri and your beautiful family. We will miss sharing your and Victor's birthday together but every May 1 we will be wishing you Happy Birthday in Heaven. Rest in peace Dear Friend. We will never forget you!



Love you,

Rosanne and Victor

Rosanne & Victor Liggeri - December 13, 2015 at 12:08 PM

RL

I am sad to hear of Richies passing. I considered him a friend for many years. We served New Milford together with honor and distinction. His integrity and candidness will always be remembered by me and my family. He also guided us thru sorrow and loss with dignity . He is having some laughs with "Digger" Again my/our condolences . Roger & Kathy Lane

Roger Lane - December 15, 2015 at 01:38 PM