



Richard C. "Dick" Goff

February 23, 1946 - February 28, 2015

Richard C. Goff (69) of Towson, MD died February 28, 2015 at UMD Hospital in Baltimore. Beloved husband of Mary Claire Goff, Father of Kelly Platzke and Jonathan & Karen Goff ; brother of Daisy Alexander and Lewis Goff; Grandfather of Tucker, Bekah Jayne & Marleigh. A celebration of Dick's life will be held at Christopher-Daniel 106 W Padonia Rd, Lutherville -Timonium, MD 21093 from 12 noon to 4PM

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Gallant Chance Ranch 1097 West Dry Creek Rd. Belgrade, MT 59714 or www.gallantchanceranch.org

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Christopher-Daniel
106 W Padonia Rd
Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard C. "Dick" Goff*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 05, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ *Richard C. "Dick" Goff*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard C. "Dick" Goff*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard C. "Dick" Goff*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“*Mary Claire and family, I am so shocked and saddened to hear of Dick's passing. Dick was tremendously smart, personable and frank. I had absolutely terrific times when I had a chance to spend time with Dick on office visits, a couple junkets and a very memorable dinner. I remember specifically that Dick complemented me when he observed me making light of our colleagues, and he specifically said that I had been conforming too much and that he much preferred the roasting. This is a terrible loss for anyone who knew Dick..*

Howard Goldstein - March 17, 2015 at 04:43 PM

BL

“*My relationship with Dick was that of a business partnership and from the first time I met him it really felt like a partnership; not just another business deal. At the time I was relatively “green” to the insurance industry or at least compared to Dick's years of experience. He never talked down to me or made me feel uncomfortable. Although most of the day-to-day involved working with the real boss, Mary Claire, I learned a great deal from Dick. Most importantly, integrity and honor still matter. So much so that as MIMS transitioned to Taft with a focus on the captive market, my company was able to purchase the program back from Dick with little concern. I'll never forget the time he and Mary Claire took my wife and me (plus another colleague) to an Orioles game. The weather was not cooperating so instead of sitting outside in a steady rain, Dick arranged for us to dine at the restaurant atop of the warehouse at Camden Yards with a great indoor view of the game. This speaks to his generosity and his desire to enjoy whatever he did. By evident of how I got word of his passing shows how many lives Dick has touched. He will be missed. Our condolences and God bless the Goff family.*

Brad & Annie Lacey

Brad Lacey - March 17, 2015 at 04:15 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Goff.



March 16, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ Dick had more imagination and creativeness of anyone I've ever known. He possessed intelligence, wit, humor and all the great characteristics for a successful person. Dick would give anyone the shirt off his back because he was one of the most generous, fun people you would ever meet. Mary Claire, Kelly, Jonathan and Karen: We will keep you in our prayers. Remember the fun times and remember that Dick is watching us from above.

Tim Murphy

Tim Murphy - March 16, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ Dick remains an inspiration to us all who try to influence our lives, our families, our communities, our self-funded industry and our world in a positive way. In conservation, Dick focused on you as the most important at the moment. I will miss him. Ernie Clevenger.

Ernie Clevenger - March 07, 2015 at 09:49 AM

JR

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire Goff family. Dick will be missed greatly.*

Fair Winds and Following Seas, my friend.

And two at low 8!

Jack Rehner - March 07, 2015 at 09:47 AM

BH

“ *I was extremely sorry to hear of the death of Dick. I had the privilege of driving for him when he operated Stretch Limousine in the eighties. He was a friend and always treated others with love & respect. Dick loved his chosen profession and was a hardworking savvy businessman. I'll always have memories of his great smile and pure enjoyment of life.*

Bill Hennick

bill hennick - March 06, 2015 at 09:18 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Goff.*



March 06, 2015 at 11:43 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Goff.*



March 06, 2015 at 10:49 AM



“ *I met Dick almost four years ago when I walked into the Taft offices for a job interview after being out of the industry for 12 years. As with many people Dick met and knew, I felt connected from the get go. His larger than life personality, love of family, humor, lack of pretense, and can-do way that fully supported the entrepreneur in him and served him well were all part of who Dick Goff was. He has touched our lives, and will be greatly missed. For Mary Claire, Kelly and Tucker, Bekah and Marleigh and Jon & Karen, may God bless you with his grace, strength and love. Condolences to you.*

Cynthia O'Connor

Cynthia O'Connor - March 06, 2015 at 06:32 AM



“ *Not once while I was in his presence did he fail to make me smile...*

Michael - March 05, 2015 at 06:47 PM

JH

“*Mary Claire, Jon and Karen, Kelly and family and the Taft family, reading the posted memories of Dick, it does not surprise me that Dick touched so many lives in such a positive way. His humor, smile, sage advice, and willingness to help are a common thread in all of the post. Dick made you feel special with a down to earth common sense approach. He could even laugh at himself like the time he received a speeding ticket right outside of the office of the Montana Commissioner of Insurance. I did not let that opportunity pass without a couple of comments. Dick had a large presence in Montana’s Captive Industry and his footprint will remain forever. I will not be with you tomorrow, but I will be thinking of all of you and remembering Dick’s smile and infectious laugh. Dick will be missed and you all are in my thoughts and prayers. John Huth*

John Huth - March 05, 2015 at 05:35 PM

KV

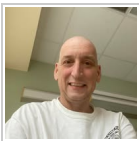
“*We will all miss Dick's laughter and his smile, his understanding and his sage advice. He was "one in a million" and our lives will be so much less with the loss of him. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone.*

Kathleen Vreeken - March 05, 2015 at 03:26 PM

JM

“*There are not enough words to describe how much you will be missed. Thank you for everything you have taught me and all your support. There will never be another quite like you.*

Jessica McCloskey - March 05, 2015 at 02:10 PM



“*To a Hell of a Guy! You will be missed.*

Chris Rachuba - March 05, 2015 at 11:42 AM

DS

“ To quote a friend of Dick, "he cuts a wide path", of course in a good way. We are surprised he didn't throw us some lightning and thunder this week, but it is not over.

We're all going to miss Dick, lighting the holidays with fireworks and Christmas lights and filling the winter air with the smell of a sweet fire. We would leave our shutters open until the Christmas lights would turn off for the night. We will miss his smile and waves as he drove by our home or we walked past his.

When Steve suggested we get some aerial shots of our houses, Dick put him up in a friend's fifty year old yellow piper that Steve even got to fly.

Dick, you have lit our way with the smile in your heart. Thanks for lighting the way for our son by sharing so much of your wisdom with him.

Mary Clare and family, know we are always close if you need any help with anything. There's a lasagna in our freezer with your name on it when things settle down.

Sincerely,

Denise and Steve Sortino

Denise Sortino - March 05, 2015 at 10:33 AM

DS

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Denise Sortino - March 05, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *Dick, you are an inspiration. You inspired me at a very young age when I studied actuarial science. Although I never had the opportunity to work with you, your words of wisdom stayed with me. I am blessed that you and Mary Claire have touched my life. God bless you and your family.*

Theresa Leatherbury

Theresa Leatherbury - March 05, 2015 at 09:48 AM

MZ

“ *Although I joined the Taft Companies for only on year, I really appreciate God gave me the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Goff. I was impressed by Mr. Goff's smile. He was so energetic and bright. I will miss him. My deepest sympathy to MC and family.*

Meizi (Maggie) Zheng - March 05, 2015 at 09:41 AM

MZ

“ *Meizi (Maggie) Zheng purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Goff.*



Meizi (Maggie) Zheng - March 05, 2015 at 09:22 AM

TS

“ *Dick was a pioneer and always very helpful to me and my partner, Gena Zischke. My prayers and thoughts to his family.*
Tom Sweeney

Tom Sweenet - March 05, 2015 at 06:03 AM

CF

“ Chris Fey purchased the Inspiration Bouquet for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Goff.



Chris Fey - March 04, 2015 at 05:42 PM

CF

“ Although I only knew Dick for a very short time he was one of those people you felt you knew for a lifetime...a very rare type of person! He obviously touched a lot of lives during his time, created a lot of smiles and friends across the world.

-Chris Fey

Chris Fey - March 04, 2015 at 05:18 PM

MG

“ I am where I am today because of Dick Goff. About twenty-Seven years ago he called me out of the blue, introduced himself and forever changed the path of my life. He brought Jeff Cassell to Progressive in 1989, who became a life long friend and business partner. Dick introduced me to the joys of Barbados and the taste of banks Beer. I learned so much from Dick that it would be foolish to try an write a synopsis. Let me just say, I learned to live a good life.

Dick will be missed, but never forgotten. Condolences go out to MC, Kelly and the whole MIMS/Taft family.

*Mark G. Gardner
Chief Executive Officer
Avatar, Inc.*

Mark G. Gardner - March 04, 2015 at 02:57 PM

PS

“ I first met Dick when he moved into our neighborhood. I was around 12 years old at the time and brought cookies over to welcome his family to their new home. Since then he has continuously supported me throughout my life. There were too many memories to choose just one to share. I have chosen a couple that highlight how influential and important Dick was during each stage of my life.

When I was in high school there was a weekend during which my parents had gone out of town. I had a few friends over and to hide the evidence at the end of our evening's fun, we decided it would be good idea to take bag of trash we had accumulated across the street and leave it in the woods hoping people would think that it came from a passerby. Dick was wiser than that (I guess he had some experience of his own) and promptly called me the next morning to find out when I would be over to clean up our trash. He did not lecture or scold, but taught me the importance of taking responsibility for my actions.

During my college summers he gave me the opportunity to make some spending money cleaning he and Mary Clare's cars each weekend. Although the money was nice, the most important part of my compensation package was the endless supply of Budweiser that I was provided while completing my work. He taught me that a great work ethic was important, but that it was also ok to have a little fun while in the process.

When I decided to get into the insurance and financial services industry after college I could see the excitement in his eyes. He has supported me from the start of my career to today, providing countless connections and invaluable advice on succeeding in a difficult career. He taught me the importance of keeping your word, building great relationships, being the best you can be, and having fun along the way. By his example he also taught me that if you celebrate the success of the people around you and make your family a priority you will create a successful and happy life for yourself.

Dick was a great mentor and most importantly a great friend. He will truly be missed.

Paul Sortino - March 04, 2015 at 09:47 AM



Celena Goff

Paul, I read this message aloud to Auntie and she and I shared a wonderful laugh remembering Uncle through your memories. Thank you for sharing this with us!

Celena Goff - March 05, 2015 at 08:46 AM

SP

“ *Kelly, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Godspeed.*

Seth Powell - March 04, 2015 at 09:20 AM

JH

“ *Genuine. An unequivocal expert in the field who quickly became a dear friend. Truly the real deal.*

Jeffrey Hoch

Jeffrey Hoch - March 04, 2015 at 07:50 AM

AR

“ *What a loss. In my many years of business, I would have a hard time finding someone I liked, respected and learned as much from as Dick. His candor, his vision, and that squinty twinkle he got in his eye right before he burst into laughter will always be deep in my memory. The world has lost a good friend.*

Andrew Rose - March 03, 2015 at 06:51 PM

TW

“ Dick and I partnered in a hugely successful venture with AAA many years ago and met many times Ber the years to try to find another. He was warm, genuine and ful of ideas. We became more friends than business associates. I regret that I hadn't seen him for a few years and will miss him so much. Condolences to Dicks family and friends.

Tom Wartenberg - March 03, 2015 at 05:45 PM

MH

“ Dick was so much to so many. It is a struggle to even put into words how much he meant to me as a boss, an advocate, a mentor, and most of all as a friend. Every visit with Dick, two things were guaranteed: I would learn something new, and I would laugh. At conferences, he was always easy to find; simply look for a crowd and listen for his hearty laugh. Dick was above all else, authentic. He had an effortless way of making friends, an absolute comfort in his own skin, and a deep love of his family that all contributed to make him a truly unforgettable man. I will miss him greatly.

Matt Holycross - March 03, 2015 at 05:25 PM

DK

“ Nearly 25 years ago I found a client. Soon after that I found a friend. In time I found a staff and family who put human values ahead of business. In my professional life going on 60 years I never encountered a boss or colleague more incisive, honest and caring. Martel and I bring our deepest condolences to Mary Claire, Jon & Karen, Kelly and family and all who knew and loved him. To say thanks, Dick is inadequate but the only words I have left.

Thanks Dick,

Dave

David Kirby - March 03, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Goff.*



March 03, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ *Although I did not know Dick for very long, his wit and wisdom made an immediate and lasting impression on me. Mary Claire, my deepest sympathies.*

Jason

Jason Stubbs - March 03, 2015 at 03:24 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Goff.*



March 03, 2015 at 02:36 PM

DK

“ People come in and out of our lives on a daily basis. Some of these people come and go, while others leave a lasting impression on us. Dick was not only a great business colleague, but also a true friend. I will forever cherish the memories I was able to share with Dick throughout the years. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Claire and her family during this difficult time.

Dan Kusaila

Dan Kusaila - March 03, 2015 at 01:40 PM

NM

“ Dick you were a kind, wise and positive man and an absolute pleasure to know and work with. Your sharp brain and sense of humor, often tickling yourself as much as others, is something i will miss greatly. You always spoke exactly what was on your mind but with great empathy and support when necessary. i will miss you greatly as will so many others. All my love to you and your family.

Nick Morgan

nick morgan - March 03, 2015 at 01:25 PM

CM

“ Mary Claire, we weep with you and the family during this very difficult time, and pray that God's loving arms will surround you and give you comfort through your tears. We will miss Dick's big smile, his kind hospitality, and especially his good-natured teasing that always made us laugh at ourselves. What a dear, sweet man. Rest in peace, Dick Goff.

Chris Mancini - March 03, 2015 at 12:02 PM

BL

“ *Brian B. Johnson, Bartlett Actuarial Group, Ltd. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Goff.*



Brian B. Johnson, Bartlett Actuarial Group, Ltd. - March 03, 2015 at 10:14 AM

 Derek Wallbank

“ *Dick Goff was for me as a person, an angel investor. Dick backed me unceasingly and without apology, and at critical moments. And for all his successes, Dick was never a stodgy guy that you had to put on airs for. He hated that stuff. Instead, he was simply one of the most genuine, nicest, irreverent people I've ever had the pleasure to know. I'll miss you my friend.*



Derek Wallbank - March 03, 2015 at 08:33 AM

EM

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Erica Massey - March 02, 2015 at 01:04 PM

 Freda Bacon

Yep, even white wine in a plastic cup was okay with Dick.
Freda Bacon

Freda Bacon - March 02, 2015 at 03:44 PM

LD

“ Dick's big smile and friendly wave brightened any day. I enjoyed watching his progress every year with his Christmas lights display; and the resulting loveliness was a joy to behold throughout the holidays. He loved his family, helping people, caring for animals; always showing his dear and generous nature . He will be missed in this world. Wishing all of you, his beloved family, strength, love and peace. Sincerely,
Linda and Bob Dusel

Linda Dusel - March 02, 2015 at 09:41 AM

JW

Dick leaves behind many, many friends. His volunteer work with numerous professional groups are evidence of his willingness to share his time and talent, and we all benefited from that. He was a true professional, a political fanatic, but most importantly, a family man who always put their interests first. Our prayers are with MC and the family. John and Pam Weitzel

John and Pam Weitzel - March 02, 2015 at 11:08 AM

KD

Dick was a wonderful man and a tireless advocate for captive insurance. Our industry is full of people who will miss him greatly. I will always remember most of all his fantastic smile, his laugh, and his sense of humor. I will miss him very much. He will live on in our memories.

Kevin Doherty - March 02, 2015 at 11:32 AM

JL

Many of our days were brightened by Dick's presence- he seemed to love the world and the world clearly loved him back. Sincere condolences to his family and many friends. Jennifer Lansdale

Jennifer Lansdale - March 02, 2015 at 12:04 PM

AP

*Dick was a great guy---always had a smile and a great idea!
So positive in what he did . He was an unselfish leader in promoting
captive insurance was always willing to share his significant expertise.
He was a party waiting to happen....
I never heard him say a bad word.....
He will be sorely missed....My sympathy to his wonderful family and
Chris--who always helped me get things done.*

Arthur Perschetz

Arthur Perschetz - March 02, 2015 at 12:58 PM

EM

*My heart hurts. He truly loved with the warmest, kindest heart and I will
remember and miss him forever.*

Erica Massey - March 02, 2015 at 01:03 PM

GC

*Dick was always a gentleman and a true wit. He will be remembered by
all who knew him. He will be missed in SC.*

Garry Coulter - March 02, 2015 at 02:06 PM

FB

*He always had a smile, and made you feel as though you were the
most important person in the room. His passion and genuine kindness
will always be remembered. I am so thankful to have know him.*

Freda Bacon

Freda Bacon - March 02, 2015 at 03:11 PM

LD

*Dick was a tremendous leader in the captive industry. We are so
blessed to have worked with him and will miss seeing him at industry
meetings and hearing his laughter. Our sincere sympathy to Mary
Claire and his family.*

Lisa Dennison - March 02, 2015 at 04:09 PM

WB

In one's journey through life, there are individuals who pass by and leave no lasting impression, and then, there is Dick Goff who always brightened the atmosphere and made us feel like the most special people in the world. It was always a joy to work and play with Dick and his lovely wife, MC. A creative mind, a man full of the joy of life, someone who we called 'friend'. Dick, we'll miss you but you will always be there in our thoughts.

Andrea and Bill Bartlett

Willian Bartlett - March 02, 2015 at 07:05 PM

PR

I'm so, so sorry to hear this sad news. Mary Claire, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Peggy Ricely - March 03, 2015 at 05:28 AM

BJ

There are people you work closely with and that's as far as the relationship goes. I worked with Dick for many years but I valued him as a true friend much more than as a business associate. He was an absolute joy to be around. My heart goes out to his family, especially Mary Claire. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brian Johnson - March 03, 2015 at 07:27 AM

MP

Mary Claire and family - so sorry for your loss. Dick always put a smile on my face. He was such a genuine, true, kind person. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Pozuelo - March 03, 2015 at 10:58 AM