



## Richard Theodore Nolker

January 25, 1933 - August 25, 2016

Richard Theodore Nolker, 83, of Oxford, MD, died at home Thursday August 25, 2016, surrounded by his three children. Winking and blowing kisses, he put love and laughter into even the labor of dying.

Survivors are Richard's son, Robert and wife Heike; daughter, Cary and husband Leo; daughter, Page; and grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday September 14, 11:00 am, at Holy Trinity Church, in Oxford, MD, to be followed by a reception featuring the Free 'n Eazy Band.

Richard was diagnosed with mesothelioma in January, seven months after the loss of his wife, Lesley.

During his journey, Richard was lavished with love and cared for at home by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the three Nolker children, their spouses, and four grandchildren, ask everyone to celebrate Richard's example by passing out free hugs.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Church  
Oxford, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Theodore Nolker*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Theodore Nolker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Theodore Nolker*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MJ

“ Dear Bobby, Cary and Page,  
It has been oh so many years, but your family has always remained in our family's hearts. I was so sorry to hear "Uncle Richard" and "Aunt Lesley" had both passed away. I know my Dad had spoken to your Dad not long before he lost his valiant fight. Both your parents were very special people, and we all are better having had them in our lives. I remember painting the big mural in the St. David music room, wonderful Easter Egg Hunts, which I carried on the tradition when my own kids were small (and probably too many years after that, because I didn't want the tradition to die) , Christmas mornings with all of you after the presents had all been open, long stretches in the hammock, Silva Mind Control...I could go on and on! My daughter Katie is headed up to meet with a boy she just started to see. He recently bought a house on Lake Wallenpaupack. It reminded me of great times up there, too! I have four kids, the youngest is a senior in college now. We live in New Jersey, close to NYC and Giants/Jets stadium. I'd love to see you if you are ever up in this area (973)222-4124. I hope you are all well and healing. Stay safe.

Love, Mary Kay Jex

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Mary Kay Jex - May 08, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ Bobby, Cary and Paige,

*It's truly sad to think of a world without both of your fine parents. We spent so much time growing up at a Nolker gathering, either at the beach or the lake or the Radnor house! Listening to your Dad play music, paint, or sing or just give advise will always be fond memories for me. I last saw him with Cary at my Mom's funeral just this past April, so I'm surprised by how quickly this happened. I will be hugging all those close to me as a tribute to his memory. I don't think I will be able to come down for the service, but it sounds like the kind of funeral reception he would've wanted, full of music and a live band! We are trying to figure out a way to get Mel down so don't be surprised if he shows up.*

*All the love and happiness our two families shared through our parents are still flowing through us. Keep it alive and pass it on!*

*Tim Boyd*

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**Tim Boyd** - September 02, 2016 at 11:31 AM

RS

“ Dear Paige,

*I'm afraid I don't know the names of all your siblings and families but wanted to tell you all how very special your Dad was to me.*

*We often joked about his art work which I happen to admire. It just makes me happy.*

*I have several of his paintings which I purchased for various reasons over the years. His generosity was exceptional!*

*My favorite is the largest Nolker he ever did (to my knowledge) and hangs proudly in our living room. It depicts me celebrating my 25,000 mile run which we called the "Around the World Run". When he and Lee Phillips and your Mom had dinner with us some time back, I hung all the paintings in that room; he loved it!*

*Your Dad, for many years, entertained us at the Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast and we still tell "Nolker" stories. He was a wonderful story teller and I'm sure you've been told about his kindness and how he made everyone feel welcome by everyone who knew him.*

*My sincerest condolence. We've all suffered a real loss.*

*Warmest regards,*

*Ray Stevens*

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**Ray Stevens** - August 31, 2016 at 02:16 PM

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Andrew

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**Nancy Andrew** - August 31, 2016 at 02:14 PM

MW

“ *I am so sorry to read this. Mr. Nolker was a client of mine, I helped him with his health insurance. What a sweet, kind man. May your strength be found in his wonderful memory. - Marti Wright*

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**Marti Wright** - August 30, 2016 at 09:59 AM

RJ

“ *He was one of the best - his star will shine brightly in heaven.*  
*Rosemary Jung*

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**Rosemary Jung** - August 28, 2016 at 02:07 PM