



Richard Lionel Reish Jr.

November 4, 1949 - December 11, 2011

“Dickey Bird” as his parents and close friends called him was above all else, a “gentle man.” His laughter was contagious and frequent as he navigated life’s challenges with a smile and a quick wit. His nephews knew him as “Uncle Fun” because his mirthful manner and joking nature made every visit comedic. But, however you knew him, you loved him.

The only son of Jane and Richard L. Reish of Philadelphia, PA, he died peacefully on Sunday, December 11, 2011. He is preceded in death by his wonderful parents, Jane Reish and Richard L. Reish and is survived by his loving wife, Linda Reish; his son, Drew Reish (Jaime) of West Chester, PA; his sister, Lynne Earle (Lou) and their children, Drex Earle, Janie Earle and Alex Earle, all of Austin, Texas; and his sister, Katie Dillon (David) and their children, Jonathon Gardner of Austin ,TX, and Sarah Gardner of Philadelphia, PA.

As a youth, Richard spent his summers in Chestertown, MD, where he grew to love the tranquil beauty of the Eastern shore with its boating, fishing and crabbing. He was an accomplished and competitive yachtsman winning his share of medals in local races.

Richard was a devoted and loving husband and father. He and Linda were married in 1977 and were blessed by the birth of their son Drew, the apple of

his father's eye. Throughout his life, Richard and Drew did everything together. Richard was a passionate mechanic and loved to tinker with engines. If it had pistons and cylinders, Richard and Drew would be close by tinkering, surrounded by a gaggle of canine buddies. They were a regular father and son team at the Go Cart tracks outside Chestertown where they competed every weekend they could in the summer.

Richard's love for kids never diminished even after his retirement to Chestertown where he soon became a favorite and beloved coach to the local school's girls' soccer team. Even after his entrepreneurial spirit motivated him to start a pool servicing business, he still found time to volunteer to coach and support fundraising drives at Radcliffe Creek School.

Wherever Richard went, he made an impression. He was an extraordinarily honest, gentle, caring, and humble human being. He had a gift; no matter what the age, people were attracted to him and often would seek him out for company and advice. He always had time to listen. He was enormously optimistic and always focused on the lighter side and the positive angles of things. He also possessed a deep and muted courage that was not obvious until the chips were down and then his inner strength glowed. During his valiant battle with esophageal cancer, he worried more about those around him and then himself.

Richard was a rare and gracious presence in the lives of all those he touched. We love him, and we will miss him deeply.

A celebration on Richard's life will be held on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestertown, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Humane Society of Kent County, P.O. Box 352, Chestertown, MD 21620 and the Sharon Faith

Scholarship Foundation in care of Elizabeth Libertini, 501 East Campus Ave.,
Unit 309, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent
7760 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Dick and I had some great times together at the Go Kart Track. I will miss him dearly.*



Steven Dombkowski - February 12, 2012 at 08:59 PM



“ *Frank Mills lit a candle in memory of Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*



frank mills - December 21, 2011 at 07:39 PM

DM

“ Dear Drew
I wish you and your family my deepest sympathy. I remember how your Dad came into my shop and just made all of laugh with his great sense of humor.
With love from the Maychak family.

Dan Maychak - December 19, 2011 at 07:05 AM

LM

“ Dear Linda,
Please accept our heartfelt sympathies. Richard was a wonderful, engaging man, who fought a tough battle with courage and grace. May he rest in peace in paradise.
Lynn and Bill Bickley

Lynn K Bickley, MD - December 18, 2011 at 09:04 PM

PG

“ A light has dimmed here in Marshallton for those of us who knew Dick/Mr. Reish/Drews dad. But I will always remember our long talks in the parking lot of Guintas and the funny stories we shared about boating and our families. He will truly be missed.
Pat and Skip Graf



Pat Graf - December 18, 2011 at 07:21 PM

LJ

“ Dear Linda and Drew;
I was most unhappy to read Dick's Obituary yesterday. Though i haven't seen him in quite a while- we always enjoyed his visits with us at the Last Chance Garage. Every time I drove through Marshallton i would think about you folks and wonder how you were doing. Actually- I was there today at Bradford friend's Meeting and the Village seemed different- missing something-and a bit sad- even though you left there years ago.
. I suppose it was the summer before last when I ran in to you at the Landhope store - so I knew that you were all in Chestertown.
It was a wonderfully written obituary- and captured the essence of him perfectly. I am sure you will miss him- as will we. My thoughts continue to be with you both.
Lou Mandich



Louis I. mandich; Jr. - December 18, 2011 at 06:48 PM



“ To Dick's family and beloved friends I write to share with them my loving memory of ths rare and wonderful person. I met him at High Point College through the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. We shared many happy times there together. Even though time and miles have separated us over the intervening years I held him in high esteem as a valued friend, comrade and "brother". May the peace that only God can impart be granted Dick who is now asleep in the Lord and those who loved him so in this life.



Michael "Tiny" Robbins
HPC Class of 1973

Michael Robbins - December 17, 2011 at 10:05 PM

JR

“ *Jane E. Robinson lit a candle in memory of Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*



Jane E. Robinson - December 16, 2011 at 04:37 PM

JI

“ *Joan Iacono lit a candle in memory of Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*



Joan Iacono - December 16, 2011 at 09:52 AM

JB

“ *Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*



Joyce Benton - December 13, 2011 at 07:20 PM

JB

Linda, I was so shocked to hear about Dick. He will be missed when I paddle down your way! A wonderful man! Hugs

Joyce Benton - December 13, 2011 at 07:21 PM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*



Marie Usilton - December 13, 2011 at 05:29 AM

PE

“ *Peggy Edwards lit a candle in memory of Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*



Peggy Edwards - December 13, 2011 at 02:36 AM

PE

Linda, I was so sorry to read Richard's obituary. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I really enjoyed our contact and your kindness. Please know that I am thinking of you. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

Peggy Edwards - December 13, 2011 at 02:41 AM

BC

“ *Branden Carroll lit a candle in memory of Richard Lionel Reish Jr.*



Branden Carroll - December 12, 2011 at 09:20 AM

BP

“*What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us.*” Helen Keller

I read this quote and it makes me think of Reish, he really enjoyed life and it was always a pleasure to spend time with him. He will be missed by all who were given the gift of knowing him.

Buddy & Brandy

Buddy & Brandy Pinder - December 12, 2011 at 08:23 AM