



Richard Peter Van Der Wende

February 13, 1948 - November 1, 2018

Richard Peter Van Der Wende, 70, of Centreville, MD, passed away on November 1, 2018, at his residence.

Born on February 13, 1948, in Patterson, NJ, he was the son of the late Howard James Van Der Wende and Mildred Mattie O'Neal Van Der Wende. Rich attended Midvale Elementary and Haskell Schools, Lakeland Regional High School, Tarkio College, and Glenville State College, where he received his BA in Education in 1970. Rich also earned his Master of Arts degree from Washington College in 1980.

He married his high school sweetheart, the late Susan (Sue) Carol Larson on September 2, 1967. Upon graduating from Glenville State, Rich and Sue moved to Centreville on the Eastern Shore of Maryland to begin his teaching career. He taught history at Queen Anne's County High School for 12 years, as well as coached baseball and wrestling, before exploring other careers in sales and restoration. He was most recently employed at Price & Gannon's Ace Hardware.

Some of his favorite times were spent with his daughter and son-in-law, granddaughters, and his dog, Lucy. Rich enjoyed attending the theatre with his late wife and brother and sister-in-law. He was an avid fan of the Baltimore Orioles and Baltimore Ravens. Rich was an early American history buff, and

loved to travel. He gave back to his community over the years through his membership in the Jaycees, Lions, and Rotary Clubs. He was also a behind-the-scenes helper for the Girl Scouts.

Rich is survived by his loving daughter, Michelle (Shellie) Hagan and her husband Gary; two granddaughters, Jessica and Hannah Hagan of Centreville; his brother, Jim and his wife Nancy of Kill Devil Hills, NC; and seven nieces.

In addition to his wife, Susan, he is preceded in death by his brother, Stanley.

There is no way to express the full life of Rich Van Der Wende or the ways he touched so many people. He was truly a kind man with a generous heart with a deep devotion to his family. He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends, and the community.

A Celebration of Life for Rich will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, 408 South Liberty Street, Centreville, MD, 21617.

Following the Celebration, a fellowship is planned and all are invited to join. Details will be shared after the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 217 E. Redwood St., Suite 1100, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Peter Van Der Wende*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 06, 2018 at 03:53 PM

MG

This is a beautiful tribute to Richie, who was my next door neighbor in Midvale when we were kids. I am glad to see that he lived a good life filled with love and shared adventures. May memories of him keep him always close in your heart and give you comfort. My sincerest condolences, his childhood neighbor, Michele Gulino

Michele Gulino - February 28, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Richard Peter Van Der Wende*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Peter Van Der Wende*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Peter Van Der Wende*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Nikki Bargerstock lit a candle in memory of Richard Peter Van Der Wende*



Nikki Bargerstock - November 11, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ *We will miss you dear friend, you were always there to lend a helping hand or a kind word when needed at Lowe's*

Patti Foy - November 10, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Rich at Lowe's. Great times and great conversations. Always will be family to me. Rest easy my friend.*

Vernon Freeman - November 10, 2018 at 04:13 PM



Hard to believe I just spoke to you and now you are gone. Thank you for your support and kind words. Rest easy my friend.

Karen McQuilen - November 11, 2018 at 07:20 AM



“ *Doris lit a candle in memory of Richard Peter Van Der Wende*



Doris - November 09, 2018 at 09:32 AM

DO

*So sorry for your loss our prayers are with you and your family.
Howard and Doris Ann*

Doris - November 09, 2018 at 08:33 AM

AW

“ *Andy & Agnes Wilhelm lit a candle in memory
of Richard Peter Van Der Wende*



Andy & Agnes Wilhelm - November 07, 2018 at 08:05 PM

TP

“ *Tammy Parker lit a candle in memory of
Richard Peter Van Der Wende*



Tammy Parker - November 07, 2018 at 06:04 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Plummer lit a candle in memory of
Richard Peter Van Der Wende*



Lisa plummer - November 07, 2018 at 01:21 PM

TS

“ My sympathy to your family....May your memories give you peace Mr Van Der Wende will always be one of my favorite teachers at QACHS back in 1976....he made learning fun and he was a wealth of information. He gave a lot to his students because he liked what he was doing and it showed.

Terri Schelhouse - November 07, 2018 at 11:42 AM

LC

“ Lori Collier lit a candle in memory of Richard Peter Van Der Wende



Lori Collier - November 07, 2018 at 11:06 AM

ME

“ Rich was a wonderful friend, I know he is back with Susan now. May he rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful family. God Bless you all.

Millie Eufemia

Millie Eufemia - November 07, 2018 at 09:43 AM

SD

“ Wonderful guy. He will be missed!

sara jane and dick Davidson - November 07, 2018 at 08:01 AM

LH

“ Lynn Higdon lit a candle in memory of Richard Peter Van Der Wende



Lynn Higdon - November 07, 2018 at 12:13 AM

BY

“ Rick was a colleague at QACHS. I always enjoyed talking to him at Lowe's or ACE hardware. I am sure he will be missed by many.
BILL YOUNG

Bill Young - November 06, 2018 at 01:37 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Peter Van Der Wende



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 06, 2018 at 09:45 AM

GP

Our prayers and blessings to the family at this time. Rich will surely be missed in the community. Had a good chat with him last week and said he was feeling good. God Bless all of you at this time. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 06, 2018 at 10:47 AM

BN

Rich was such a great guy. He was my high school wrestling coach and football. I would always see him at Lowe's in Easton were him and I would talk about the past. My thoughts and prayers to the Van Der Wende family. Buster Nelson

Buster Nelson - November 06, 2018 at 11:03 PM