



Richard Winter Hepburn

July 25, 1940 - September 17, 2020

Richard Winter Hepburn, 80, formerly of Bridgeview IL, Homer Glenn IL, Crest Hill IL and most recently of Apex, NC, passed away at home surrounded by his family on September 17, 2020. He was preceded in death by his Mother Anna (nee Panek) Hepburn, his father Winter Joseph Hepburn, his brother John Walasek, and his brother Paul Walasek.

Richard is survived by his wife Rose (nee Abrahamsen) of 54 years, daughter Kristin (Christopher) Moore, son Eric (Katherine) Hepburn, and seven loving grandchildren – Shannon, Teagan, Cassidy, Lauren, Claire, Evan, and Quinn. He was Uncle to Larry Herman, Jean Kestner, John Walasek, Sandy Walasek, Laura Walasek, Martin Walasek, Geraldine Walasek, and Jean Walasek. Richard was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend to all.

Richard, a veteran of the United States Navy, worked as an elevator mechanic until his retirement at 62. Richard loved fishing, poker, spur of the moment trips to the local casino with Rose, all things sports, and most importantly being with his family. Richard was always there to help friends and family in whatever way he could.

A special thank you to the UNC Hospice Team in Apex for their loving care and support – you made a very difficult time easier.

A memorial ceremony will be held at Wake Memorial Park in Cary, NC on Wednesday, September 23rd at 11:00AM. Richard will be laid to rest at Wake Memorial Park in Cary, NC immediately following the ceremony.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a memorial donation to the American Liver Foundation in Richard's name. <https://liverfoundation.org/for-patients/donate-now/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd

Cary, NC 27519

(919) 465-0888

<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Live every moment,
Laugh every day,
Love beyond words.*

These words are etched on a plaque giving tribute to Rich—my dear, sweet husband, caring dad to Eric (Katherine) and Kristin (Christopher), and fun-loving grandpa (pops) to Shannon, Lauren, Teagan, Claire, Cassidy, Evan, and Quinn. He enjoyed his life to the fullest, he did it right. We remember him today with fond memories and great love; and sincerely thank all of our family and friends who have made this past year a bit more bearable.

Rose 🌹

Rose Hepburn - September 18, 2021 at 01:50 AM

RH

“ *From card sent in September, 2020*

You and your family are in our prayers.

*In remembrance,
Bill & Sue Bridgeford*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 12:07 PM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

We were so sorry to hear of Rich's passing. He was such a fun guy and I'm sure he will be sorely missed. Hope you are doing as best as you can. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

*Hugs to you!
Phil & Peg*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 12:05 PM

RH

“ From card sent in September, 2020

We are so sorry to hear about Rich. He was a lovely man. Please take care of yourself and accept our condolences.

*With all our sympathy,
Melonie & Damian*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

We are very sorry about Rich. He was very ill when you moved, but hope that he had many good times with your family and that the virus did not cause him more distress. I know that this is going to be a very hard time for you, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Aldo and Mary

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 11:57 AM

RH

“ From a card sent September, 2020

God bless you always!

*Prayerfully,
Donna and Jim Thompson*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 11:47 AM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

I'm so sorry to hear that Rich has passed...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I do miss seeing you around the community and at cards, although I haven't been playing much. Please take care of yourself and know that I think of you often.

*Love,
Bonnie*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 11:45 AM

RH

“ From card sent in September, 2020

Was so sad to hear of Rich's passing. So happy to know that you got him to North Carolina in time to spend the last few months with family—glad for you, too. It goes without saying—you are missed—just not the same around here.

*Love and prayers,
Jane Banks*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 11:41 AM

RH

“ From a card sent in October, 2020

I'm sorry to be so late with this, but I wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear about Rich's passing. I hope you are doing well —stay safe and enjoy the upcoming holidays (as best you can).

*Love,
Kathy*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 11:36 AM

RH

“ From a card sent September, 2020

So sorry. Rich was loved or liked by all. Nancy and I feel fortunate to have spent so many hours playing hold'em together. Always a gentleman, good sport, and formidable foe....."B" actor though! Wising you peace as the family grieves. Hoping to see you again, Rose, if you get back in town.

*Love,
Larry & Nancy*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 11:32 AM

RH

“ From a card sent September, 2020

So sorry to hear about Rich. We will remember the good times we had with him and you.

*Our deepest sympathy,
Roger & Joyce*

Rose Hepburn - September 17, 2021 at 11:26 AM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

*With sympathy,
Linda (book club at Carillon Lakes)*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 11:49 PM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

Just want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed playing poker with you and Rich. He will be missed.

Marie Siddall

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 11:46 PM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

We're thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. We hope you know how much love all your friends from Carillon are sending you! Please take care of yourself and God bless.

*Love,
Alice & Norm*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 11:43 PM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

We hope all the good memories of Rich will keep you strong at this very hard time.

*Hugs to you,
Russ & Barb*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 11:39 PM

RH

“ From card sent in September, 2020

I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. You both have been through difficult times for months, but through it all your spirits shone bright with love and determination. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*I love you,
Barb*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 04:58 PM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

Come to Me all who are weary and heavy-burdened and I will give you rest...

I am gentle and humble of heart. Matthew 11

*With deepest sympathy.....
Janet*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 04:53 PM

RH

“ *From a card sent in September, 2020*

So sorry to learn of Rich's passing. He was a good guy—know you all have many wonderful memories to sustain you.

*Thinking of you,
Judy (Sophia)*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 04:45 PM

RH

“ *From a card sent in September, 2020*

Words are so inadequate at a time like this, but know that I am thinking of you and holding you close in my thoughts. Wishing you God's peace.

*Love,
Kathi B.*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 04:41 PM

RH

“ Excerpt from a very special letter sent in 2020

Know that this comes to you laden with hugs.

I can't help but remember two young women setting out from Chicago to San Francisco in a car that you had learned to drive only a few weeks earlier.....we leapt into the great unknown.....Of course, little did we know that you would find Prince Charming and that he would follow you back to Chicago.....So, our grand adventure opened the doors to your life long adventure of love and family.....I am so glad we made that journey! And I am happy for all the years you had with this wonderful man.

....we are never prepared for such a loss. My heart grieves with yours.

*With love,
Donna B.*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 04:37 PM

RH

“ From card sent in September, 2020

I want you to know you're in my thoughts—and in my heart.

*Love ya,
Joan*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 04:14 PM

RH

“ From an e-mail sent September 22, 2020

Rose, I am so sorry for your loss. Rich was truly a great guy! I really enjoyed playing poker with both of you at Larry's place. The difference with Rich's play was that the other guys wanted to win money but not Rich, he wanted to just play good poker! I can still remember when Rich bluffed me with a pair of deuces....Hah! did he ever enjoy that. I called him "deuces" forever after that and he really, really enjoyed that. He truly was a fun guy to play poker with. I bet up in heaven he is still telling that story. I wish you only the best and if you are ever in Florida please contact Elaine and me. Good luck in the future!

Tom & Elaine Pold

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 04:11 PM

RH

“ From a card September, 2020

Our deepest condolences for the loss of your husband. We know how strong your marriage was and the love between the two of you so clear for all to see. We share in your grief and send our love and prayers.

Diane & Carlo Benchamma

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:58 PM

RH

“ From an e-mail sent September 22, 2020

Rose, my dear friend, my heart goes out to you.

Pat Greven

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:53 PM

RH

“ From an e-mail sent September 17, 2020

I'm so sorry to hear that Rich has passed away. Sending you hugs from Illinois.

*XOXO
Candy*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:51 PM

RH

“ September, 2020

A sincere thank you for the many beautiful flowers sent by:

*Deedy and Larry Herman
Jean and Rick Kestner
Carol and Wayne Bielski
Joyce and Mike Kopera*

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and has gone a long way to brightening my spirits. Bless you!

Rose 🌹

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:47 PM

RH

“ From a card sent September, 2020

So sorry to hear of Rich's passing. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with you!

*Love,
Kristin, Kevin, Tess, Paige, and Laney*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:35 PM

RH

“ From a card sent September, 2020

This has not been a good year. I feel your pain, Rose, and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Family is the best medicine.

*Love,
Mary Rankin*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:32 PM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

We are so very sorry for the loss of Rich. His fun spirit and smiling face will be missed! You are all in our thoughts and our prayers.

*Love,
Greg, Amy, Abby, Ella, & Vivie*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:28 PM

RH

“ *From a card sent in September, 2020*

May you find new hope and strength in God's love and comfort in the thoughts and prayers of those who care about you.

*Love,
Marshall and Laura*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:23 PM

RH

“ *E-mail sent on September 18, 2020*

Oh, Rose, we are so sorry for the pain this must be causing you. As you said, he passed in peace with loved ones near. If there is anything we can do to help ease this for you, please let us know.

*Love,
Janet & Bill Musil*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:18 PM

RH

“ *From a card sent in September, 2020*

In your time of sorrow, may you find comfort in those gathered around you and may your warm memories bring you peace.

*Love to you,
Carrol Moore*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 03:02 PM

RH

“ From card sent in September, 2020

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate Rich's life.
Let us know if there is anything that we can do for you.*

*All our love,
Jean & Rick Kestner
Alice Abrahamsen*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 02:57 PM

RH

“ From a card sent in September, 2020

I am so sorry for your loss and the loss to the whole family. I was so lucky to have a close relationship with him. I am going to miss hearing his voice.

*Love,
Sandy Walasek*

Rose Hepburn - September 16, 2021 at 02:38 PM

RR

“ *Many fond memories at Old Oak CC golf course. Rich and I had many a laugh together while sharing new golf stories.
Rose we pray you stay strong thru this sad time.*

He was a winner and will be missed.

*Your friend,
Richard Rozak.*

Rich Rozak - September 24, 2020 at 10:21 PM

HM

“ *Another good one has left us. Keep Rich, Rose and all of their family in your prayers.*

Henry Maeder - September 23, 2020 at 10:59 AM

JC

“ *Rich will certainly be missed. Eventhough Syl and I have been in Florida for a number of years, I will always remember the many times we sat around a poker table and exchanged pleasantries, or was it really exchanges of wit. Rich certainly had that and more. RIP!!*

James Chiado - September 22, 2020 at 10:19 AM