



Richard P. Finiki

January 9, 1957 - February 8, 2019

Richard P. Finiki, 62, of North Tonawanda, Friday (February 8, 2019) in DeGraff Memorial Hospital. Mr. Finiki was born in North Tonawanda, New York on January 9, 1957 to Julius and Monica (Urbaniak) Finiki. Rich was a board member of the Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas, Board member of the Boys and Girls Club of the Northtowns, Man of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club and named to the Hall of Fame in 2018, he was a past Exalted Ruler for the Elks Lodge #860, member of the Knights of Columbus Madonna Council #2535, North Tonawanda, NY and many other civic organizations, in his spare time he enjoyed spending time with family and gardening. Rich is predeceased by his parents.

Rich is survived by brothers and sisters Mary (William) Fike, Paul, James (Luanne), Michael (Linda), John, Kathleen, Robert (Shirley), Susan Wolf (Nick), and Cynthia Krause (Gene), beloved uncle of many nieces and nephews and friends.

Friends may call Wednesday from 7-9 P.M. and Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 P.M. Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, NY. Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday at 9:30 A.M. from Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church, North Tonawanda. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of the Northtowns.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

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FEB 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **15**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church
Oliver and Center Street
North Tonawanda, NY

Tribute Wall



“ I was so saddened to hear about the sudden passing of Rich. I met Rich many years ago through business and we remained in touch throughout the years. Its amazing to see all the ways Rich touched the lives in such a positive way. RIP peace Rich you will always be remembered.

Mike Nichols

Mike Nichols - April 05, 2019 at 03:25 PM

DR

“ A great loss of a wonderful person. . . . so sad and shocking that he left us at this time of his journey through life on earth. As a business associate and friend, never have we met more professional, easy going, truthful, "stand-up" guy. A sense of humor, always a kind word, and a true friend. There are not enough words to give praise for this man. He will certainly be in our hearts & minds forever.

Pat & Dave Roth

Dave & Pat Roth - February 17, 2019 at 05:38 PM

JB

“ J.CORRINE BROCK sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard P. Finiki



J.CORRINE BROCK - February 16, 2019 at 06:44 AM

JB

“ I cannot describe too anyone, about the loss of my DEVOTED Friend RICH FINIKI. RICH GAVE TO ME OVER 42 YEARS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH EACH OTHER..AND SO MANY THINGS THAT WE HAD SHARED WITH EACH OTHER, FROM OUR POLISH TRADITIONS, DRIVING TO COLLEGE WITH EACH OTHER, CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, CONCERTS , THE WOODSHED, IN NT, shopping at Farmers market, New year's eve parties with Friends, Functions for work, Holiday gatherings with our families...I could go on for ever. We had a unconditional Friendship, and he had never forget about me for a Holiday or my Birthdays. His heart that was just like his smile Always was.. My life has a major minus now that Rich has his wings , but he always had them. I just had talked with him a week before,
The hardest thing is the LAST GOODBYE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT IT IS REALLY YOUR VERY LAST ONE. V !
! ! 🙏💜💔🎵🍷 With My LOVE,, Always J. Corrine BROCK

J.CORRINE BROCK - February 16, 2019 at 06:42 AM

JB

“ To the Rich Finiki family,
Words cannot Express our sincere sympathy to your family members in the loss of our Gracious man Rich. He was, and played a part in each of our lives in many different aspects.
"Where ever a beautiful Soul has been, There is a trail of beautiful memories ."The BROCK FAMILY, J.CORRINE BROCK, JEFFERY C.BROCK, J.CANDACE BROCK-MC MC DONALD, J.COLLEENE BROCK-PARODI AND JANIESE STEVENS-ZIEMEK

J.CORRINE BROCK - February 15, 2019 at 01:27 PM

JE

“ *My most sincere condolences to the family of Rich Finiki.
I met Rich through the Elks Lodge and often wondered how he
managed to be involved in so many community organizations and
always had a smile when dealing with people.
When this candle went out, it left so many people sad and shaking
their heads....
I will genuinely miss this gentleman and friend.
Jenna*

Jenna - February 14, 2019 at 11:47 AM

YN

“ *your friends at the Boys & Grils Clubs of the
Northtowns purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet
for the family of Richard P. Finiki.*



your friends at the Boys & Grils Clubs of the Northtowns -
February 13, 2019 at 04:35 PM

KG

“ *A great person and a former student of mine at North Tonawanda
Senior High School
KGeering
English teacher*

Keith Geering - February 13, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - February 13, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Friends and Colleagues at International Paper purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard P. Finiki.*



Friends and Colleagues at International Paper - February 12, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ 74 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - February 12, 2019 at 03:16 PM

RO

While there are many people in this world that give their time and energy to a community, there is only 1 Rich Finiki. He gave so much of himself for the good of others and did not have a mean bone in his body. The loss of Rich will be felt hard for a long time by many. I was fortunate to have known and worked with him through The Boys and Girls Club and will cherish his wisdom, influence and kindness forever. We can all learn a lot from the way Rich lived his life.

Robert O'Brocta - February 14, 2019 at 09:45 PM

JB

The times of which we have been able to share with each other, will Always be in my life . !💜😊xoCorrine

J.CORRINE BROCK - February 21, 2019 at 06:04 PM

MA

“ Mary and family, so sorry to hear of your brother's passing. May he rest in God's peace and know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May He wrap his loving arms around you and give you comfort and hope. God bless and keep you. Marylou and Donald Montero.



Marylou - February 12, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard P. Finiki.



February 12, 2019 at 12:17 AM

DJ

“ I just keep shaking my head. Can't believe he is gone. My condolences to his entire family on behalf of myself and the Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas. Rich was a valued member of our Board and will be deeply missed. He leaves shoes that are unfillable in our community. Rest In Peace. Blessings to you and your family.

Deb Jaeger - February 10, 2019 at 07:16 PM

JL

“ We just can't believe Rich is gone. He will leave such a hole in all of our lives. His big smile, sense of humor, generosity, kindness and gentle heart will be sorely missed. He was a great man and we will always keep him in our hearts.

Joanie Lukasavich - February 10, 2019 at 06:00 PM

YK

“ Your friends Mike and Hanni Klinger purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Richard P. Finiki.



Your friends Mike and Hanni Klinger - February 10, 2019 at 04:13 PM

KU

“ I married into this family back in 1974. It is a BIG family, and I was just married to a cousin. Richie was always so much fun to hang out with. He was a dedicated uncle, brother, and friend. He did so much to make family reunions extra special for the children. He would do anything for anyone, anytime. We are blessed to have had him our lives. I will truly miss that wonderful smile and his gentle heart. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Kerri Brittain Urbaniak

Kerri Urbaniak - February 10, 2019 at 03:41 PM

KA

“ Rich will sadly be missed. He was a major community asset. Rest in peace

Kurt Alverson - February 10, 2019 at 03:41 PM

FB

“ dear family of Richard Finiki:
we were saddened to hear of his passing. We always had a great deal of respect for him. You are in our thoughts and prayers-Frank knew him from the Elks Lodge
martha and frank barry
Wheatfield, NY

Frank Barry - February 10, 2019 at 03:25 PM

JM

“ Sorry to hear of Rich's passing. A really great person. Rich will be tremendously missed by the Tonawandas community as he gave of himself in so many ways. A respected, and respectful person. A friend to all. My deepest sympathies to his family. God bless you Rich.

Jeffrey Mis - February 10, 2019 at 02:29 PM

PC

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. I knew him through work but we always shared stories of mutual friends and places we loved. He was a true gentleman.

Pat Clarkson - February 10, 2019 at 12:08 PM

Sara
Ferguson

“ Sending our deepest condolences to all Rich's family and friends.

Glenn, Sara, Emily, and Jeremy Ferguson

Sara Ferguson - February 10, 2019 at 08:24 AM

ST

“ My deepest condolences to the family & friends 🙏

sabine tanis - February 09, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Amy Lynn - February 09, 2019 at 06:57 PM

SF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon Fischer - February 09, 2019 at 06:46 PM

SF

So happy Rich attended our 50th anniversary party January 27th 😭

Sharon Fischer - February 09, 2019 at 06:48 PM

HS

Our Deepest Condolences to Richie's family and friends. He will be missed. We will never forget how he could brighten up a room just by walking into it. He had an infectious smile. He was a very sweet, caring, giving, funny and intelligent man. And a lot of fun at parties too. Just loved him. May he rest in peace. Mike and Heidi Schinas

Heidi & Mike Schinas - February 10, 2019 at 05:53 PM

HK

“ Our condolences to his entire family .
Mike & Hanni Klinger



Hanni Klinger - February 09, 2019 at 06:26 PM

BW

“ Rich was a good man.A very kind,good man.

Bheryl walton - February 09, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sending our condolences. Bryan and Jen Richardson*



Jennifer Richardson - February 09, 2019 at 06:06 PM

BD

“ *Barb Daniels lit a candle in memory of Richard P. Finiki*



Barb Daniels - February 09, 2019 at 06:05 PM

HK

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hanni Klinger - February 09, 2019 at 05:22 PM

HK

Cooking St .Patricks Day dinner at the Elks Lodge with the green crew !

Hanni Klinger - February 09, 2019 at 06:28 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Dean lit a candle in memory of Richard P. Finiki*



Patricia Dean - February 09, 2019 at 05:05 PM

SB

Lit a candle in memory of Richard P. Finiki at Immaculate Conception Church. We will miss you!

Sharon Brennan - February 09, 2019 at 05:50 PM

VP

So sorry to hear this tragic news. Rich and I went to school together. He was always so sweet and kind and a good friend. My condolences to the Finiki family. RIP Rich, you are gone too soon. Vicki Monaco Pohlman

Vicki Pohlman - February 10, 2019 at 11:16 PM