



Richard Stanley Skowronski Sr.

November 2, 1939 - June 13, 2024

Richard "Rich" Stanley Skowronski Sr.

Richard Skowronski, 84, of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on June 13, 2024, in Pittsburgh. Rich was born on November 2, 1939, in Pittsburgh, PA, to the late Henry and Grace (Wright) Skowronski.

For many years, Rich dedicated himself to a fulfilling career. He started as a bricklayer at Simmon's & Son's Brick & Block before transitioning to Allegheny Stoveworks. Rich found joy in his work in Maintenance and Locksmithing at Shadyside Academy.

Rich was a man of many interests and hobbies. He had a passion for trains and classic airplanes, often visiting the Vintage Wings hangar at Venango County Airport to watch the restoration progress of Beach City Baby C-53 aircraft. He also cherished his books, puzzles, and enjoyed listening to polka music every Sunday morning. Rich found pleasure in Facebook, home projects, puzzles, models, and taking virtual train rides on YouTube.

Rich was a beloved husband to Alma (Simmons) Skowronski and a devoted father to Deborah Skowronski (Paul Kempter), Richard (Kimberly), David (Kerri), John (Amy), James, and Gary. He was a loving grandfather to Richard, Emily, Jessica, Elizabeth, Hillary, Rachelle, Ashley, John Jr, Kevin, Taylor, and Gary Jr, and great-grandfather to Aidan, Gracie, Wyatt, Quentyn, Ashon, Christian, Dahya, Krysta, Reyna, Julia, Madeline, Logan, Cole and Lucas .

Rich is also survived by his sister Linda Walters (Thomas) and brother Norbert Skowronski (Elaine), and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for later this summer. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Disabled American Veterans.

Arrangements were entrusted to Thomas Smith funeral home in Blawnox, PA.

Rich Skowronski will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. May he rest in peace.

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“ I was close friends with Rich’s sister Linda since high school, and the same with his brother Norb, who was my mentor at age 16 at my first job at the Dairy Queen. I had never met Rich in person because he was already grown and out of the house when I used to go over and hang out on Collins Drive. He somehow became my friend of FB several years ago, and we “liked” and shared each other’s posts, especially the political ones. We thought alike. I’d like to share with you the kind of person he was. When my mother passed away in Pittsburgh a few years back, Linda was living in Florida and Norb in Maryland. Rich made it his business to come to the viewing, even though he had never met me or my family, because he wanted to “represent the Skowronski family,” as he put it. That spoke volumes to my family and me about the kind of man he was. He certainly did not have to do that. My Prayer Group and I have been praying for Rich since he got sick, as have tons of other people. I know that Rich is up there in the company of his deceased family and friends, and I’m confident that he is happy and gets to look upon the face of Jesus daily. Rest in Peace, my friend, and I hope someday to party with you, Alma, Linda, Norb and all our families in the perfect joy of Heaven.

Susan Jeannett Neal - June 15, 2024 at 05:39 PM

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Thank you for your kind words. It's comforting to hear how he affected other people's lives.

Deb Skowronski - June 15, 2024 at 07:08 PM