



Richard D. Yancich

March 1, 1944 - July 1, 2021

Richard D.. Yancich, 77, of Dilliner, Pa., passed away Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Mapleshire Rest Home in Morgantown, following a lengthy illness. Born in Dilliner on March 1, 1944, he was a son of the late Nick and Mary (Prete) Yancich.

Graduating in 1962 from Mapletown High School, and later from West Virginia University with a degree in mechanical engineering, Rich served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a retired mining engineer, having worked for both J & L Steel and Gateway Mines.

Surviving are two daughters; a brother, Alex Yancich of Ellicott City, MD; an uncle, Orlando Prete of Dilliner; one aunt, Doris Lewandowski, of Warren, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

Also deceased are two sisters, Delores Palmer in 2006 and Rena Yancich in infancy, and a brother, Mike Yancich in 2020.

Friends are invited to join the family for a Memorial Mass at the St. Ignatius Worship Site of St. Matthias Parish in Bobtown on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion, with Military Honors accorded at the graveside by the Point Marion Veterans Posts. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home,

Point Marion, Pa.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

7500 Morgantown Road
Point Marion, PA 15474

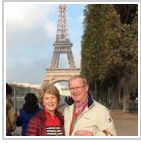
Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUL **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ignatius R.C. Church
Bobtown Hill Road
Bobtown, PA 15315

Tribute Wall



“ we were so sorry to hear about Rich He was in our wedding in 1966 and I grew up with him in grade school and high school Such a fun person and good friend May he rest in peace Helene and Merv Wilson

Helene Wilson - July 10, 2021 at 06:23 PM

DY

“ DAVID YANCICH lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Yancich



DAVID YANCICH - July 09, 2021 at 05:52 PM

DY

“ Oh My...This is so hard. So many memories, so many great times. Uncle Rich influenced me in so many ways. Made my final decision to go to college for mechanical engineering because Uncle Rich did. Always wanted to be like him. All the fun times in Dilliner, 4th of July was always the best because Uncle Rich would bring the best fireworks. Him and Uncle Mike at all the holidays, in Dilliner and later in life in Ellicott City. Just not the same without them. He was in Ellicott City and at the hospital when David was born. He is David's God Father. David and I had so much fun with him while David was growing up...fishing, hunting, shooting guns, golfing and just hanging out. What a great Uncle he was. Uncle Rich liked his tequila, always loved going back for hunting season and sitting in the living room doing shots. (Gave David his first shot when he was way too young). Uncle Rich had his frustrating side, but we always loved him and will miss him so much. God Bless you Uncle Rich. Say hello to everyone in heaven for us. You will live in our hearts forever.

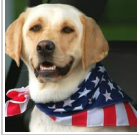
Dave Yancich - July 09, 2021 at 05:48 PM

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Dave Yancich - July 09, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Mark Prete lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Yancich*



Mark Prete - July 09, 2021 at 11:03 AM



Rich was my cousin, but more of an older brother. He took care of me and there were times, I took care of him. A part of me is now missing. I'll see you again, my cousin, best friend and older brother.

Mark Prete - July 09, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Tribute Wall*



Mark Prete - July 08, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Jennifer Skumlien lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Yancich*



Jennifer Skumlien - July 07, 2021 at 11:02 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Barone lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Yancich*



Kathy Barone - July 07, 2021 at 09:36 PM

SU

“ *What a wonderful man Rich was. I had alot of conversations with Rich while working at the Dilliner Post Office. Rest in Peace my dear friend.*



Sheila Hoge - Postmaster- USPS - July 07, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Tribute Wall*



Mark Prete - July 07, 2021 at 05:34 PM

DG

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Diana Gronholm - July 07, 2021 at 05:15 PM

DG

“ *Diana Gronholm lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Yancich*



Diana Gronholm - July 07, 2021 at 04:56 PM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of my cousin, Rich, and the entire Yancich family as I spent a great deal of time at their warm and loving home when I was growing up in the 50's and 60's. Several years older than me, I looked up to Rich almost like an older brother. He seemed to have it all -- he was popular, athletic, good looking, smart and had a lot of friends. He even worked at Prete's gas station for a while! I remember watching him do his math homework and was amazed at how quickly his pencil moved. It was nothing like the simple arithmetic I was doing at the time. I thought he must be very, very smart! On any given Saturday, he would be watching American Bandstand on TV and it was the best music ever. And, yes, he liked to dance. We all know that he could polka dance among the best at a fun-loving wedding reception. I have a vivid and special memory of Aunt Mary and Uncle Nick taking my dear cousin, Sharon, and me with them to Mapletown High School football games to watch Rich play. I could see how proud they were and it was so exciting to be there too. Afterward we would spend the night at Aunt Mary's. It was so much fun! I remember feeling sad when Rich left the safety of rural Dilliner, PA and joined the Navy. When he left, we were there for his send off, watched him board a plane for the very first time not knowing when we would see him again. He served his country well and once again made his family proud. When he returned home, I so admired him for making the decision to attend West Virginia University. I think he commuted most of the time but I also remember he had an apartment in Morgantown with some buddies of his, drove that snazzy Triumph sports car, and went to WVU football games and after parties. I know I was young and impressionable but he was just so cool!

Not so long ago (before he got sick) Rich made a CD for me of favorite hit songs from the 50's and 60's. It was so very thoughtful of him. I've been listening to those oldies but goodies and reminiscing. Thanks again for that, Rich. I'm so sorry you had to leave us so soon. We will all surely miss your gigantic personality and the sound of your laughter.

Love,

*Your cuz,
Diana*

Diana Gronholm - July 07, 2021 at 04:54 PM



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Mark Prete - July 07, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *Mark Prete lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Yancich*



Mark Prete - July 07, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Greg Palmer lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Yancich*



Greg Palmer - July 07, 2021 at 12:25 AM

ME

“ Merry Jo Eichelberger sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard D. Yancich



Merry Jo Eichelberger - July 06, 2021 at 04:32 PM

ME

My husband Butch worked with Rich, a very nice man.

Merry Jo Eichelberger - July 07, 2021 at 11:38 AM

RC

“ Uncle Rich was a wonderful Uncle and will be missed so very much. I remember staying with him at his house in Uniontown, PA. It was there I learned about his sweet tooth. After dinner one night there were no sweets in the house so he ended up eating a bowl of cereal with chocolate syrup on it. I remember bringing my little record player with me and we listened to my old 45 of Bennie and the Jets over and over again. I gave him the record when I left. Uncle Rich loved to tease. I remember hiding from him up in grandma's front bedroom. There were so many wonderful times: holidays, cool outs, visits to my parents' house. He even made it to SC for my kids high school graduations. It was there he learned about a Low Country Boil and was a big fan. We affectionately called each other Bubba. I saw him the day before he passed and prayed with him. Rest easy Bubba. I'm sure you are riding your Harley up there in heaven. Say hi to my mom and dad. I will miss you more than you know. Love you.

Renee Courey - July 06, 2021 at 11:43 AM

NY

“ I will miss my uncle - Rich Yancich. He passed away last week and was far too young. I have many fond memories of our time together. In the late 1960's, he was in the Navy and stationed at the Patuxent Naval Station in southern MD. He spent many weekends at our home in Ellicott City. He was only 11 years older than me and was more like a brother than an uncle and we used to prank each other. I remember one incident when I made him mad and he chased me all over the property and caught me in his awesome green Triumph sports car - why I was in his tiny sports car is beyond me. Anyway, I remember trying to get away and I was caught on his stick shift and cried out "My Back, My Back". For years after that, Rich and I would make a joke when we had an ache or pain and we would both say "My Back, My Back".

We shared a love of motorcycles and I remember buying his green Kawasaki 350 enduro as a teenager. I used that bike to commute to college my first year. Rich loved riding motorcycles and I know it saddened him when he had to sell his cherished Harley Davidson a few years before he got sick.

He was a great comfort to his older brother Mike who was able to pass away at home because Rich was there to support him. Mike passed away a year ago on July 4. Rich had no one to support him and he spent his last days at Stonerise, an assisted living facility, in Morgantown. They provided the care and support he needed over the past few months.

We visited Rich 10 days before he passed and he was doing very well considering his illness. He was sharp as a tack and seemed stable. A few days later, his condition deteriorated rapidly.

Alex, Dave, David and me visited Rich the day before he passed and were able to say goodbye and to let him know we cared about him and loved him.

Rest in Peace uncle Rich.

Your nephew Nick

Nick Yancich - July 06, 2021 at 09:01 AM