

Richard John "Rich" Farrell

December 23, 1954 - August 10, 2024

A Tribute to Richard "Rich" Farrell by Dr. Joe Saviak

Richard John "Rich" Farrell was a son, husband, father, brother, student and alumnus of mine, former co-worker, close friend, and brother in Christ. He stepped forward into eternity this weekend into the personal presence and everlasting love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ after a battle with lung cancer.

He was goal-oriented earning his bachelor's degree while in his 50s in 2010. We enjoyed many memorable conversations in class, and I looked forward to when he would stop by my office on campus to talk. He was held in high regard by his classmates and all of our colleagues on campus.

Rich was wise, kind, humble, generous, caring, reflective, and patient with and compassionate towards others. He had a gift for listening, sharing valuable counsel with others, and gifting you with a profound truth about life. He was admired and respected for his faith, love of family, integrity, intellect, and ability to fix anything. He was a mentor and positive influence on so many others.

He was deeply devoted to his amazing wife Patti and two sons we all would hope to have Darrell and Caleb. Caleb preceded him into heaven in 2017 after

a long and brave fight with cancer. So strong was Caleb's testimony shared at his own service that we watched other young people commit their lives to Christ that day in our church.

I will be forever grateful that God gave me the gift of knowing Rich Farrell and having him as a student and good friend. We spent time together on a recent Sunday afternoon which gave me the opportunity to tell him how much we loved him and the exceptional and enduring impact he had on the lives of so many others including mine.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Patricia "Patti" Farrell; son, Darrell Farrell of St. Augustine; adopted son, Jacob Farrell and adopted daughter, Ellie Farrell, both of Interlachen; stepdaughters, Ginger Pierce and Crystal Steeves, both of St. Augustine; brother Thomas Farrell (Debbie) of Dawsonville, Ga.; a nephew, Christopher Farrell of Georgia and grandchildren, Hayley Steeves, Ashley Pierce, and Gabriel "Gabby" Brower, Hayden Tout, Trenton Tout all of St. Augustine.

A celebration of Rich's life with military honors will be held at 10 am on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at Good News Church Wildwood with Pastor Smiley Sturgis officiating. Please remember the Farrell family in prayer during this time. They are very special to our family and so many of us in our community and church surround them in love and support.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Good News Church
1357 Wildwood Dr
St Augustine, FL 32086

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Carolyn Shoals lit a candle in memory of Richard John "Rich" Farrell



Carolyn Shoals - September 21, 2024 at 04:11 PM

JC

“ Such a wonderful friend , actually more than that. A spiritual brother as we helped each other in our sobriety for 20+/- years. A God Fearing man of wisdom , and a heart full of God's kindness to help any one who looked his way. I will miss you and the thousands of phone calls , just to say hello I'm ok today. Love ya Brother. ~ John Casey

John W Casey - August 17, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Richard John "Rich" Farrell.



August 16, 2024 at 04:23 PM

KH

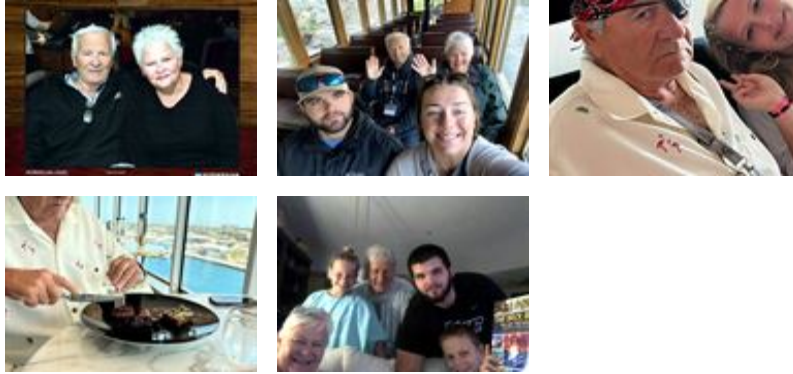
“ One of the nicest guys I knew at Flagler College. Always enjoyed talking with him on campus; and he would help me with anything I needed. He will be missed. Sending prayers of comfort to his wife and children.

All the best, Karen Hudgins

Karen D Hudgins - August 15, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 15, 2024 at 10:37 AM

DC

“ www.givesendgo.com/farrellfamily

danielle carpenter - August 15, 2024 at 09:17 AM

BM

“ Watching how lovingly Rich interacted with his wife and children will ever be a memory we will never forget. We remember the day we celebrated the birth of Caleb & Darrell and then the heartbreaking death of Caleb. Patti & Rich have endured many highs and lows but have remained faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through it all. Patti, may His strength get you through yet another trial, knowing that we will all be reunited to Rich in glory. Know that we love you. Bob & Donna

Bob & Donna McGuire - August 15, 2024 at 08:02 AM

PD

“ Sincerest condolences to Patti, Darrell and family. Rich was a wonderfully devoted, caring and loving father, husband to Patti and friend. I pray by the power of the Holy Spirit that the and of Jesus will touch and heal your hearts bringing you comfort and peace. May Rich now glorify God dancing with angels before His throne !

Patricia Ducher - August 14, 2024 at 11:01 AM

LM

“ Sending my condolences to the family you will miss Mr Rich 😭

Lachanza Mitchell - August 14, 2024 at 10:27 AM

BP

“ Brenda Pence purchased the Cross Heart Locket for the family of Richard John "Rich" Farrell.



Brenda Pence - August 14, 2024 at 08:21 AM

VC

“ *Rich Farrell:
True friend, kind, selfless, brother in Christ!
Met Patti and Rich Farrel through Good News Church and small
group ministry. Rich was a sold out believer and was a mentor to
me by helping me grow in my faith. We worked together at Flagler
College for many years. I was always impressed with his witness
and concern for others. I am sure he is now in Gods glory and
dancing with the angels. I will miss you Rich!*

Victor Cheney - August 14, 2024 at 08:19 AM

DB

“ *Mr. Rich was the true definition of a selfless
man. He always put the needs of his family
and friends above his own, and he will be
dearly missed.*



Daniel and Blinne - August 13, 2024 at 07:55 PM