



Richard "Rick" James Brannelly

December 22, 1946 - April 23, 2020

Richard "Rick" James Brannelly, 73, of St. Petersburg, passed away April 23, 2020, after a long battle with cancer. He was born December 22, 1946 in the Bronx, NY to James and Margaret Brannelly. Rick grew up in Teaneck, NJ and graduated from Bergen Catholic High School in Paramus, NJ. He enlisted in the USAF and served a tour in Vietnam. Rick was a member of Steamfitters Union Local #638 in New York City and worked as an oldies DJ in both New York and New Jersey. He moved to Florida in 1976 where he worked in the maintenance dept. at Shorecrest Preparatory School for 24 years. Rick loved coaching kids in all sports-baseball, softball, football and basketball, and he coached softball at Lakewood High School for 5 years. He was a lifelong Notre Dame fan. Rick is survived by his wife of 54 years, Charlene; children: Michelle Heareth (Rich), Christine Keegan (Brian) and Scott Brannelly; grandchildren: Jamison Brannelly, Mackenzie and Ryan Heareth and Riley Keegan; sister Geraldine McHugh (Desmond) and nephews Michael and Shawn Bolla. The family will have a private interment at Memorial Park Cemetery and his Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pet Pal Animal Shelter online or by mail: 405 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Cemetery

Memorial Park Cemetery

5750 49th Street North

St. Petersburg, FL, 33709

Comments



“ WOW! What a fighter. I think Rick treated that terrible cancer like he played baseball, down to the final out in the final inning. A terrific friend. Loved talking baseball and softball with Rick, an expert. At least that is the way he presented himself. He was also a great time when he was the DJ at social events, Our family of friends and players were much richer by knowing Rick and his family.

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“ So very sorry to see Rick's obituary in this mornings legacy. Our initial exposure to Little League Baseball began when he began to teach Angela the fundamentals of softball. As parents JoAnn and I learned that coaching girls at that age was a challenge in and of itself. Don't know how he did it! Then after Angela came Allison who was more of a challenge for him. We had so many wonderful experiences with all of the family.

I hope I was able to help Rick with his dealings with the VA. He always seemed to appreciate the advice I was able to offer. It was my pleasure to share what I knew.

My thoughts and prayers are with all as you deal with his loss, and begin to navigate through the grieving process.

Steve Turbee - April 29, 2020 at 07:09 AM