



Richard C. Greco

August 14, 1947 - January 25, 2023

On January 25, 2023, Richard C. “Rich” Greco, Sr., 75, peacefully left the loving arms of his family to return home to the loving arms of the Lord. Born in Saugerties on August 14, 1947, he was the son of the late Michael “Sparky” Greco and Evelyn Swart Greco. He was predeceased by his beloved brother, Dr. Michael Greco, Jr. as well as his grandparents, aunts and uncles. Fifty-three years ago on August 16, 1969, he married the love of his life, Colleen A. Bueno, in St. Joseph’s Church, Glasco.

Rich was a lifelong Saugerties resident. He graduated from St. Mary of the Snow School and from Saugerties High School Class of 1965. After earning his Associates Degree from SUNY Ulster, Rich became manager of The Flamingo Restaurant owned by his father, Sparky. Twenty-five years later, he went to work as a courier for the City of Kingston Lab and then Lab Corps. His final, and happiest, employment, however, was as a greeter for the Grant D. Morse Elementary School. Rich’s larger than life personality and warm smile could light up a room. He had a way of making you feel special. During his more than forty-five years of working with the public, Rich made many lifetime friends.

In addition to his wife, Rich is survived by his beloved children: Melissa M.; Richard C. Greco, Jr. and his wife, Jamie; and Jason C. and his wife, Lindsey. Left with a legacy of wisdom and memories from their “Poppy” are his seven

grandchildren: Nicholas and Jakob Natale; Peyton, Kelsey, and Brady Greco; and Lucy and Kellan Greco. Through two generations, this proud father and grandfather attended hundreds of academic, athletic, and artistic events from preschool to graduate school, enjoying every opportunity to be with his family. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, “adoptive grandchildren,” cousins and friends.

Rich is a past member of The Saugerties Lions Club and served on the Board of Education for the Saugerties School District. After retirement, Rich attended daily Mass and then could be found on the golf course from April to November. A member of Rip Van Winkle Country Club for fifty-five years, golf was Rich’s favorite pastime—one he taught all three of his children. Rich has been an avid Mets and Jets fan.

Rich was a special light in this world whose glow will live on in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him.

A procession will form 10:15 Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. in Saugerties and then proceed to St. Mary of the Snow Church where an 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated followed by burial in the Blue Mt. Cemetery. Friends may call Monday, January 30, 2023, from 3:00 pm until 7:30 pm at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. Please offer your condolences for Rich and his family online at www.BuonoFuneralService.com. The family suggests donations go to the Diaz Ambulance and Ulster County Hospice.

To DONATE to Diaz Memorial Ambulance Service, CLICK the link below or paste it into your browser

<https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=EbVKtwhHsqHCenWe7BAoSarY-0AuJEiqFif2mgsX8lcC62BG3P98q3V4986OMIDYnFfiXxKI6EPLSyJW>

To DONATE to Ulster County Hospice, CLICK the link below or paste it into your browser

<https://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now/>

Cemetery Details

Blue Mountain Cemetery

Saugerties, NY 12477

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.
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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Snow
Post & Cedar Streets
Saugerties, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Very sorry to hear of Rich's passing. I was not aware till just now when I searched for the flamingo. Rich was truly one of the nicest guys I ever knew. He was on the school board with my wife Michelle and we had many beers together after meetings. What a lovely and good man. Not a bad bone in his body. May he rest in Peace and may his memory give all who knew him a smile.*

Bruce Tuchman - September 22, 2023 at 01:19 PM

“ *Rich made me laugh. On a funny scale of 1 to 10, Rich hit the only 10 I've ever had in my life (underwear wet when you leave). It was a night in the late 1980's, and they were having a lip sync fund raiser at the auditorium in the High School. All the town bigwigs were there, including the first woman Town Supervisor, Gloria Schovel, and the town board, in the front row. At the time, nobody quite knew how to act around Gloria. So, the show goes on, and suddenly Rich comes out dressed in a grass hula skirt, wig, and a pair of coconut shells as a bra. He does this hula/twist dance, shakin those shells, while lip syncing the Van Morrison song "Gloria".*

"I watch her come up to my house/She knocks upon my door/And then she comes up to my room/I want to say she makes me feel all right/G-L-O-R-I-A!"

Gloria Schovel sank lower and lower in her chair, and the entire room went nuts.

I talked to Rich many times about that night, and he just gave me that grin. Just another night on the Greco funny train...

In my book, one of a kind. I'll never forget that night. He'll be missed.

Rich Praetorius

Richard Praetorius - February 09, 2023 at 03:44 PM

MJ

“ Dear Mrs. Greco and Family,
I cherish my memories of him when we were at Morse together.
Always ready with a smile and willing to talk to when time allowed.
Initially Rich thought my name was Mary. I did not want to make him
feel bad, so I answered him when he called me Mary. We had a
great laugh when he realized my name was not Mary. He will
forever hold a place in my heart.
With deepest sympathy,
Meg Simmons-Jackson

Meg Simmons Jackson - January 31, 2023 at 05:40 PM

GJ

“ To the Greco family
I am so sorry for your loss. Coach was a great family man, coach
and friend. He will be missed. He was a great friend to all
Saugerties athletes. Sending love and prayers to you.

Gordon Freligh Jr - January 31, 2023 at 07:52 AM

AG

“ Dear Coleen and Family, David and I wish to extend our
condolences on the death of your husband Richard. God Bless you
and your family during this time.
Anne and David Grunbaum

Anne Grunbaum - January 30, 2023 at 06:19 PM

GC

“ To Coleen, Missy, Richard and Jason my deepest condolences. Mr.
Greco was a great guy and will be greatly missed in Saugerties. A
smiling face with a great sense of humor. May he rest in peace and
may God give you comfort.

Geri Crowder - January 30, 2023 at 02:19 PM

EC

“ Colleen, My heart grieves for you at this sad time. My prayer is that the support of friends will give you love and comfort, and the love of God will give you peace. I just want to give you a big hug!! He's now in God's loving care and there is comfort and peace in knowing that. God bless you.

Elsa Cameron - January 30, 2023 at 01:22 PM

SM

“ Colleen & Family~

So sorry for your loss.

With Deepest Sympathy~

Susan Maloney
DKG Sister



Susan K Maloney - January 30, 2023 at 01:07 PM

BT

“ Bennie Lemus and Aaron Turner purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard C. Greco.



Bennie Lemus and Aaron Turner - January 30, 2023 at 12:33 PM

TO

“ Missy, Colleen, and family, I pray that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, will comfort you now. My deepest sympathies.

Tim O'Dell - January 30, 2023 at 12:20 PM

JM

“ Jennifer Ferraro Murphy lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Greco



Jennifer Ferraro Murphy - January 30, 2023 at 09:50 AM

SG

“ Very sorry for your loss Colleen, Missy and your whole family. He will be so missed. I hope your memories will be a comfort and a blessing.

Sari Grandstaff - January 30, 2023 at 07:29 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.



January 29, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.



January 29, 2023 at 04:25 PM

MC

“ *Mary Connolly lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Greco*



Mary Connolly - January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

LF

“ *Missy, so sorry for your loss. My kids attended Grant D. Morse when your dad was there. He always opened the door with a smile and was a gentle spirit. He will surely be missed.*

Linda Weeks and Family - January 29, 2023 at 12:56 PM

EF

“ *Colleen and Family: We were sad to learn of Rich's passing. May it help to know - others share in your loss. RIP Rich. Elaine & Dennis Ferraro*

Elaine Ferraro - January 29, 2023 at 12:53 PM

KF

“ *Colleen, Missy, Richard, Jason and all the family and friends we send our sincere condolences to you all. Richie touched so many of our lives. He was a wonderful man, father, grandfather and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Karashay Family - January 29, 2023 at 12:30 PM

JG

“ We send our deepest condolences to Colleen and family for the loss of their loved one and our friend. Rich was fun, funny, and a pleasure to work and play with. John has many memories of him, as do I, going way back to the Saugerties Lions Club shows. He will be greatly missed.

Joni and John Granwehr

Joni Granwehr - January 28, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.



January 28, 2023 at 04:55 PM

BS

“ My condolences to the Greco family, and all of Richie's Family, many Friends, and Loved Ones. He was a friendly, and kind Gentleman, may Rich rest in peace

Bobby Swingle - January 28, 2023 at 11:15 AM

ME

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the family. Rich was an amazing man/father and husband. We will keep all of you in our prayers. Love Missy and Nick Delegato

Melissa - January 28, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.*



January 28, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.*



January 28, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Missy, incredibly sad for your loss. Your friend, Valerie*

Valerie Scott - January 28, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.*



January 27, 2023 at 07:39 PM

ML

“ Always loved your dad, your family. His love for all of you and the community showed throughout my lifetime of knowing you all. He was a good man and will be missed. God bless you all. Love, Mercy (Auer) Lee,
Thomas Lee & Family



Mercy Lee - January 27, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.



January 27, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.



January 27, 2023 at 04:42 PM

JG

“ Great Guy Will be missed by many friends
May He Rest In Peace
Jim Griffis



Jim Griffis - January 27, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Richard C. Greco.* ”



January 27, 2023 at 03:36 PM