



# Richard Siegel

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## **Richard Siegel**

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**R**ichard D. Siegel left this life suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 4, while doing one of his favorite things, playing golf. Richard was born on December 21, 1946 in Schenectady, New York to LeRoy and Sara Siegel, who pre-deceased him. He was joined by his sister Joanie, who passed away in 2017. “Richie” was educated in local Schenectady schools, Croydon Hall Academy in New Jersey and graduated from Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts, in 1969. He loved to regale his family and friends with tales of his various shenanigans at these institutions. He went to work at his family’s meatpacking business, Pleasant Valley, founded by his beloved grandfather and mentor Leo Weiss. After Pleasant Valley closed, Richie went on to work as a food broker at various organizations in the Albany-Schenectady area before retiring in 2012.

At that time, Richie and his wife Susan moved to the Seacoast of New Hampshire where he honed his love of golf while Susan completed her career with Albany International Corp. When his sons Steven and Adam began to have children of their own, Richie could not tolerate being so far away from them, so off to Florida Susan and Richie went, moving there full-time in September 2016.

Richie often said these years in Florida were the best of his life: he was near both his sons, and he was a full-time Papa for Matthew, Joshie, Sara and Samantha. His family and friends became overwhelmed at the number of videos and photos he would send them of his adored grandchildren. His job, as he saw it, was to now take care of his wife, sons and grandchildren, and he did it with great joy. He was the Pied Piper of his grandchildren and their #1.

He loved the Giants, the Yankees and sports in general; he loved a wide range of music, particularly James Brown and Buddy Guy, and loved being outdoors, especially lazy days at the beach.

Richie was a one-of-a-kind. It is impossible to capture his essence in words; everyone



he knew has a Richie story. And we will be telling these stories to comfort each other for years to come. We will love him and miss him all the days of our lives.

Richie leaves behind his wife of 14 years, Susan Marie Catherine (he liked to use her three names and say they had been really married 25 years because they had their first date in September 1994); son Steven, his wife Jessica and their boys Matthew and Joshua (Wellington, FL); son Adam, his wife Kim and their daughters Sara and Samantha (Lake Worth, FL). Additionally, his brother-in-law Richard Olender and his cherished nieces Lisa Newman and Karen Nash and their husbands and children. Also, his second mother Aunt Marion and an extended family of beloved cousins he grew up with in Schenectady and have always played a major role in his life. Also, his first wife Sandi Gould, the mother of Steven and Adam, who became a great friend to both Richie and Susan.

Donations can be made in the memory of Richard Siegel to St. Jude's Children Hospital and/or the Salvation Army Bahamas Hurricane Relief.



## Tribute Wall

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BL

**Beth Lobdell** posted:

Susan, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Although I never met Richie, I know he had to be very special for you to pick him! Please know my thoughts, prayers and love are with you and all of your family. There are no words to heal the pain or ward off the grief, but I hope knowing others care and are there for you helps to give you comfort. May God's grace embrace you with strength, guidance and love. May all of the precious and cherished moments of your life together bring you peace as well. God Bless, xoxo

October 4 at 7:51 AM

DK

**Dan Kawola** posted:

Susan, my sincere condolences to you and your family.

October 4 at 5:42 AM

SL

**Sandy Laplante** posted:

Susan I'm so sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Richard ??

October 3 at 5:55 PM

KA

**Karen And Ed Adelska** posted:

My deepest sympathies to you Susan and your family.

October 3 at 3:54 PM

BA

**Bruce Atkin** posted:

Richie was The Godfather of Jewish soul..really enjoyed his company in Albany... RIP brother!!

September 19 at 4:59 AM

FF

**Frank Ferrucci** posted:

Richie was a great person to know and be around, he always made you feel good. My deepest sympathy to Susan and all the family as he will be missed. It was a pleasure to have worked with Richie and been friends with him for so many years.

September 9 at 6:50 AM



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AS

**Angie Sunkes** posted:

Richie made work fun – always a laugh when he was around. My deepest sympathy to all.

September 9 at 4:10 AM

CR

**Chris Rogers** posted:

Richie was surely one of a kind. One minute he was my friend the next he was like my father. But that's what I loved about him, he could just switch gears like that and that was the way he showed me love. You will always be in my thoughts. Gone too soon.

September 8 at 5:47 PM

LF

**Lee E. French** posted:

Richie was one of a kind in all the right ways. His laugh and fun loving attitude was great. I had the opportunity to do business with Richie while at Price Chopper and also travelled to Alaska together on business where we fished, watched bears at midnight and flew on a plane that lost one of its engines and we always laughed and had a blast. I loved getting the texts with pictures and videos of his Grandchildren – they were all the love of his life!! Richie you will be missed and to Susan and the rest of the family please rest assured he is still smiling and loving each of you.

September 8 at 4:58 PM

CB

**Caren Braiman** posted:

Richie was one of a kind. He was a wonderful Friend and co-worker. I will miss his e-mails and Family pictures that he shared. My deepest sympathies to all of you.

September 8 at 3:38 PM

DB

**Denise Butler** posted:

So sorry Richie was a great guy we worked together for years for Don Sommer R.I.P. my friend

September 8 at 8:10 AM



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**Don Sommer** posted:

Richy was a fun loving great guy. Loved music dancing and tennis as well as golf. We spent wonderful many years together May he Rest In Peace

September 6 at 11:36 AM



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