



Richard Joel Croft

November 20, 2021

Richard Joel Croft of Boynton Beach, Florida and Bristol, Rhode Island passed away peacefully on November 20, 2021 after 83 years filled with love, laughter and happiness. Richard was born and raised in Chicago to parents Benjamin and Anne Croft. After graduating from Roosevelt University, Richard began a forty-year career in the shoe industry as a salesman for Gold Seal Rubber Company and later held executive sales positions with Timberland and Reebok. He then decided to partner with his loving wife in growing Leanne Croft Interiors.

Richard and Leanne wed in 1962 and had a storybook marriage, raising three adoring children – Tracy, Wendy, and Bradley – as Richard’s jobs took him from Chicago to Dallas to Atlanta and ultimately to Andover, Massachusetts. After retiring, Richard and Leanne split their time between Bristol, Rhode Island and Boynton Beach, Florida, where they lived in the Cascades, a community which Richard cherished.

A sage advisor, avid spy-novel reader, diehard New England Patriots and Boston Celtics fan, Vienna Beef hotdog connoisseur, inspiring sports coach, and tennis and pickleball enthusiast, Richard’s greatest passion in life was people. In every relationship he made, from his deepest friendships to casual conversations with acquaintances, Richard had a natural and genuine interest in people and possessed the rare ability to truly listen and engage. His humility, charm, infectious smile, and sense of humor made a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Of course, the people closest to Richard’s heart were his family. At the center was his wife of nearly 60 years, Leanne. Their love was deep and abiding, their support for one another unwavering, and their marriage a model for their children and grandchildren alike. Daughters Tracy Daugherty (Bill) and Wendy Duncan (Bruce) and son Bradley Croft (Shannon), and grandchildren Ashley, Corey, and Lindsay Daugherty, Sydney, Chelsea and Bailey Duncan, and Luca and Nico Croft have been blessed by Richard with a lifetime of beautiful memories and a legacy of strength and goodness that will nourish them and future generations for many years to come.

A memorial service honoring Richard's life will be held on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 10AM at Beth Israel Memorial Chapel, 11115 Jog Rd, Boynton Beach, Florida. Those wishing to honor Richard with a memorial contribution are kindly asked to consider The Pap Corps, Champions of Cancer Research, 1191 E Newport Center Drive, Suite 107, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 or The Pap Corps Tribute Donations - Cascade Chapter or online at Richard Croft Online Donation (<https://app.mobilecause.com/form/vSuMjQ?vid=nqsne>).

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Liam Caleb Skyelar - November 27, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ Richard was always a wonderful man. I worked with Richard for many years and always enjoyed our time together. His family was a fantastic part of his life and wonderful addition to our relationship. Our friendship became stronger over time. Missing Richard will be so difficult but the memories will always be so special. My heart is with Leanne and her beautiful family.

Ron Martin

Ron Martin - November 26, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ My earliest memories of Richie are of attending family gatherings such as passover Seder in the hotel in downtown Chicago, bar mitzvahs and weddings. He always had a jovial smile and was a delight to be around. Then he met and married wonderful Leanne and we so enjoyed being around both of them. I will cherish these memories

deborah kornheiser - November 26, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ Dear Leanne and family, we are so, so sorry to hear this very sad news. You kept us up to date with beautiful photos and we felt part of your life.
Marlene & Harvey

Marlene Goodman - November 26, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ Richard, you were a dear Uncle with a great sense of humor and warm hospitality. I am at a loss to sum the decades of memories, some of which are my earliest, punctuated by fun family and televised sports. You were a paternalistic voice of reason, and kept a level head. Your dry sarcastic wit and a quick smile were nonstop entertainment. My prayers, love and condolences to the entire Croft family and descendants. You were all so blessed to have had a kind, loving husband, father, and grandfather in your life for so many memorable years. Respectfully, Todd Towers

Liam Caleb Skyelar - November 24, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ Yellow Sunflowers (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Richard Joel Croft.



November 23, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ Sending love and condolences. He was such a kind and charismatic man. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Betsy Trotta

Betsy Trotta - November 22, 2021 at 04:17 PM