



Richard Joseph "Rich" McHenry

December 14, 1944 - April 10, 2023

Richard Joseph McHenry, 78, of Tallahassee, Florida passed away peacefully with his family by his side on April 10, 2023.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents, James & Elsie McHenry, and his brother Thomas McHenry. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara, of 42 years, his children Alison Tully (Robert) and Jimmy McHenry (Colleen) and his grandchildren who brought many smiles to his face, Britton, Henry, James and Colton.

Rich was born in Des Plaines, IL on December 14, 1944, and grew up in Sheboygan, WI. He graduated from St. Procopius College in Lisle, IL in 1968 and began his teaching and coaching careers. In 1973, Rich moved to Florida and coached basketball with lifelong friend, Jim Haley, at Vanguard High School in Ocala, FL. He moved to Tallahassee, FL in 1976, to become the head basketball coach and teach science at Leon High School. He ended his high school coaching career in 1986 but continued to teach until his retirement in 2014.

Rich was passionate about teaching chemistry and was considered the hardest teacher at Leon High School by students for several decades. He was particularly proud of his AP chemistry students.

Although Rich ended his high school coaching career, he was actively involved in his children's sporting activities and coached from many sidelines.

Even if he was not coaching, he rarely, if ever, missed one of his children's games.

Rich was a proud member of the YMCA Indian Princess tribe, The Miwoks, with his daughter Ali and the Indian Guides tribe, Lake Tribe, with his son Jimmy.

The family will hold a private memorial in his beloved North Georgia Mountains. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to Big Bend Hospice or Leon High School Foundation.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the McHenry family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Fellowship and Visitation

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

McHenry Residence

Tribute Wall

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“ Met Rich after he was already retired. He had spent time in my old hometown long ago. Always treated me like a long lost friend and we got to be golfing buddies toward the end. A prince among men who adored his beloved Barbie and his children and grandchildren. The Lake Tribe family will miss him, his smile and his ridiculous wit. Our prayers are with you Rich, my friend, and all of your family.

Pat - April 18, 2023 at 09:39 PM

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“ Rich was such a great person, mentor and a wonderful friend. I will cherish the time's I spent with him and his family. He always was first class in everything he did and he treated me like a brother. He will be greatly missed and not forgotten. Prayers out to the McHenry's
Love You all,
Bob Payne.

ROBERT PAYNE - April 18, 2023 at 02:17 PM

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“ Sending his family and friends lots of warm & loving prayers. Mr McHenry was one of my favorite teachers. I didn't think he was hard, just straight laced - very clear expectations and he didn't let kids slide or go unnoticed when they didn't perform. I will forever remember my ride with him in that old convertible to the chemistry competition.

Blaire Hall (Hopkins) - April 15, 2023 at 12:43 AM

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“ *My husband and I heard about Mr. McHenry from our Leon High School kids, long before he became a family friend! He will long be remembered by all those whose lives he touched. Even after he could no longer speak, his big smile let you know he saw you and genuinely cared. He will be truly missed.*

Gail Wallace - April 14, 2023 at 09:49 AM