



RICHARD DETWEILER

March 19, 2012

Richard (Rick) Detwiler, 63, of Lancaster, passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at Hospice of Lancaster County, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Lancaster County to Elizabeth Erb Detwiler and the late Marshall Detwiler, and was the husband of Linda Caccamo Detwiler, with whom he shared 39 years of marriage.

Rick's number one priority was his family. He was co-owner of Detwiler's Salon with his wife, Linda, which first opened in 1973. He was known for humorous storytelling and his dual roles as hairdresser and therapist to his long-standing customers. He had many hobbies, including a love of gourmet cooking, horseback riding and gardening. A graduate of Penn Manor High School and Emile's Hairdressing Academy, Rick was active in theater, and was an early member of Up With People, an international musical performance group.

In addition to his wife and mother, Rick is survived by his two daughters, Whitney Detwiler Forster, wife of Kevin Forster, of Falls Church, VA and Ashley Detwiler of Lancaster; a granddaughter, Talia Forster; and brother Marshall (Buddy) Detwiler, husband of Mary Anne Detwiler of Lititz.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Zion Church of Millersville, 317 North George Street, Millersville, PA with Rev. Stephen P. Cote officiating. A luncheon will follow the service at the church during which time the family will greet friends.

Memorial contributions in Rick's memory may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, P. O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or www.hospiceoflancaster.org or Zion Church of Millersville, 317 N. George Street, Millersville, PA 17551.

Tribute Wall



“ RICHARD DETWEILER

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Detwiler family,
I was so terribly saddened to here of Rick's passing. I am originally from Lancaster, but, have lived in Lexington Ky. When coming back to visit my mom and friends I would always make sure I had my appointment with Rick. I always looked forward to seeing him and hearing his jokes, kidding and stories. I was back there in October and he cut my hair and he was looking good, and had a positive attitude about his cancer. I again was back to visit my ill mother just in February and stop by the salon without an appointment. That's when I learned he was in the hospital and I left there feeling so sad. I just had lost my mother Joyce Parker on February 11th while in Lancaster. So, just wanted the Detwiler family to know how sorry I am for your loss and know you are greiving as I am. It won't be the same without Rick or my mother in my life when coming back to Lancaster. Thoughts are with you.

Sincerely,
Deborah Parker Rigsby

Deborah Parker Rigsby - April 07, 2012 at 12:12 AM

JH

“ Dear Linda, Whitney and Ashley,
I know you're suffering a terrible loss -- Rick absolutely adored his family. His wonderful fun spirit will live on through fond memories of his wit and laughter. He made us all smile, which is truly a gift. I remember how you and Rick gave Kevin and me such wonderful support at the beginning of our marriage -- parties, dinners and even a quick styling by Rick right before walking down the aisle. That was 30 years ago last month, and the memories still bring smiles. Thanks to you both for your dear friendship.
With love,
Janice Henry

Janice Henry - March 27, 2012 at 10:51 PM

HS

“ Dear Mrs. Detwiler, Rick had been my hairdresser for many years and I always enjoyed my appointments. He had a great sense of humour and we shared many laughs telling jokes. I will always have fond memories of Rick and please know that the ones we love are never gone. They live within our hearts. I am very sorry for your loss. In Sympathy, Heinz Schneider

Heinz Schneider - March 23, 2012 at 09:57 AM

SC

“ Dear Linda, Whitney, and Ashley -
My heart was saddened to read the Lancaster obituaries and learn of Rick's death. He was a wonderful person and great friend. I'll bet he and Brian are together telling jokes and catching up on old times. Be strong. I know it isn't easy! If you would like to chat sometime, please send me an e-mail! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Love and hugs,
Suzy Conklin

Suzy Conklin - March 23, 2012 at 09:23 AM

LC

“ Dear Linda,
With a heavy heart I read Rick's obituary. The years since I was a client at Detwiler's Downstairs have whizzed by and I am back in Lancaster County again. Just last week I was planning to call for an appointment and was so looking forward to being entertained by Rick's stories and his quick wit, not to mention getting caught up with all the events from these past years. When I was a customer, Whitney was skating at University of Delaware; Ashley was about 6.... Anyway, memories are most pleasant of those fun visits with you all, and I am deeply saddened of your loss of this wonderful, extraordinary man. Godspeed to you and your family.
P.S. My last name back then was Pyle.

Louise Carpenter - March 23, 2012 at 08:28 AM

SB

“ Dear Mrs. Detwiler, Ash and Whitney,

It brings me great sadness that Mr. Detwiler has passed away. Since I met Ash in 2004, I always loved being welcomed in by your family. I loved having dinner with you guys throughout the years, stopping in for a hair cut or having you guys visit at our place together. I will miss him dearly. Ash and Whitney, your dad was amazing! He was so loving, warm and fun to be around. Mrs. Detwiler, I'm so sorry for your loss. I can only imagine the pain you are all going through. I know having him gone is not what anyone wants, but at least now he is at peace.
Love you all,
Sarah Belt

Sarah Belt - March 23, 2012 at 01:24 AM

MM

“ Dear Linda, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love, John & Mary Markley

markley, john & mary - March 22, 2012 at 11:25 PM

LA

“ Dear Linda,

I am sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He battled the disease very well. I always did enjoy my hair appointments, especially the humorous stories. My prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Lynn Allison

Lynn Allison - March 22, 2012 at 06:20 AM

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“ Linda, Ashley and Whitney

My heart hurts today as I learned of the passing of Rick. From the time I was 8 months old, going to get my hair cut was something I looking forward to doing as I know it would involve laughter and a genuine interest in what was going on in my life. Every visit also involved a pride in what his girls were doing as well including several photos. As usual when I flew back from San Diego in December I scheduled to get my hair cut so that I could bring Gavin in to see Rick since he was always such a special part of my life. He will be greatly missed.

*Much love and many hugs
Amy LaMar (Tate)*

Amy LaMar (Tate) - March 22, 2012 at 05:31 AM

ML

“ Dear Linda and family,

Condolences on Rick's passing. The Caccamo family is my 2nd family and I remember Rick doing my hair after your father said he wouldn't work with my hair as I let it grow longer. :) I even remember him at a variety of Caccamo weddings. There are many special memories out there for all of you.

Love, Marijean Booske Long

Marijean Booske Long - March 21, 2012 at 10:23 AM

NB

“ To Linda and family,

I am so sorry to hear about Rick's passing. I talked to Rick on the phone several months ago and we talked about his illness, but also talked about things we did together as kids and teenagers. There were allot of good memories and we laughed about some of the stupid things we had done back then. Rick and I were friends from elementary school thru high school and beyond. We both married and had children and grandchildren. When each of my grandkids was born, I would stop by and show them off to Rick. That is only one of the many memories I have of Rick. We could laugh together, we could fight with each other, but we were always friends. So here's to you, my friend. Rest in peace. I will always cherish the memories.

Nancy Ament Boyer - March 21, 2012 at 02:23 AM

AC

“ Dear Linda and all of the Detweiler family, Words can not express how sorry we are to hear about Rick. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. I will always remember the smile he had when I walked into the salon over the past 15 years. He was a beautiful artist and always had a joke or funny story to brighten my day. I always felt special while I was there, not to mention having great hair when I left! He did my hair for my wedding, he took on my husband as a client(I'm sure the jokes were flying in that room) and gave my girls their first haircuts. He was the only one my girls would sit still for! Our family loved to visit Mr. Rick and always looked forward to seeing him. He will be deeply missed. We hope you can take comfort in family, friends and all the good memories.

Love, April, Mike, Allison & Ava Colarelli

April Colarelli - March 21, 2012 at 01:56 AM

KB

“ Linda, Ashley, Whitney and Kevin, I am saddened by your loss. Rick was a loving family man, a gifted hairdresser, and an all-around good guy. My life is better for having known him, and I will miss him dearly. May you find comfort in your memories of him. Kelsey Backels

Kelsey Backels - March 21, 2012 at 01:54 AM

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“ MY HEART IS BROKEN INTO A MILLION PIECES, I AM DEVASTATED BEYOND WORDS. RICK, YOU WERE THE BEST HAIRDRESSER AROUND, I LOVED COMING INTO YOUR SHOP KNOWING THAT IT WOULD BE AN EXPERIENCE. YOUR STORIES, JOKES MADE EVERY APPOINTMENT A JOY. I KNOW YOU SUFFERED IN THE END, BUT YOU PUT UP A HECK OF A FIGHT. I AM COMFORTED KNOWING THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER IN PAIN AND REST IN PEACE WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. LINDA, MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN YOUR FRIENDS AT THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME, YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS. ASHLEY AND WHITNEY MAKE YOU ALSO FIND PEACE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOUR FATHER WAS AN AMAZING MAN AND WILL BE MISSED DEEPLY BY ALOT OF PEOPLE. R.I.P. RICK WE LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU BEYOND WORDS, BUT HAVE YOUR MEMORIES TO CARRY US THROUGH. DETWEILER'S WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU. GOD BLESS.

SUSAN SPANGLER (YOUNG - March 20, 2012 at 11:31 PM

SW

“ Dear Linda,
My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your daughters. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you.
With love,
Sue

Sue Wydila - March 20, 2012 at 10:49 PM

LC

“ Rick was the best - he welcomed me into the family with open arms and at times was my "partner in crime" at family gatherings. Always a smile on his face, always ready with a quick joke. I will always remember him with fond memories. Lauren, Emily and I send our heartfelt condolences. Linda, Whitney and Ashley - we love you and are praying for you.

*Lisa, Lauren and Emily Caccamo
Alexandria, VA*

Lisa Caccamo - March 20, 2012 at 10:17 PM

PP

“ Dear Linda,

*I am heartbroken to know that Rick has passed away: I have lost a dear and special friend to me and he will never be forgotten in my heart.
My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family,
Love, Patti*

Patti Pfister - March 20, 2012 at 09:54 PM

GP

“ Linda, even though we live in Dallas, I still check the obituaries most days as we still know a lot of people in Lancaster. I was shocked and saddened to read Rick's obituary this morning. Even though I only met him once at the last HS. reunion, I felt like I knew him longer since I knew Buddy from high school golf. I will keep you and your family in my prayers and please give my condolences to Buddy. Your daughters and family will be a real source of strength and support to you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Gary Penn

Gary Penn - March 20, 2012 at 08:54 PM