



Richard Rubin

October 12, 1939 - September 20, 2013

Richard S. (Dick) Rubin, 73, passed away peacefully at 12:55am on Friday, September 20, 2013 at Bell Trace Health & Living Center. Born in Boston, Massachusetts on October 12, 1939, he was the son of Matilda (Lewitzky) Rubin and Joseph Rubin. He graduated from Boston Latin School, Middlebury College, received a master's degree from the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and his PhD from Cornell University. He served honorably in the US Army from 1961-1968 as a psychologist, retiring at the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Dick was one of a handful of original faculty at IU SPEA, where he began his teaching career in 1973, and remained until his retirement in December 2006. During his tenure he received a number of teaching awards for his excellence in the classroom, and maintained contact with many of his students over the years. Dick's fondest childhood memory was learning to sail at Community Boating on the Charles River in Boston. He later taught sailing for a number of summers at Camp Tevya in Brookline NH. In his thirties he turned to running, eventually completing 18 marathons, including New York and Boston of which he was most proud. He was a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan. Dick was ethical, tenacious, quick-witted, loyal and loving. He was an adoring husband, father, and grandfather, perhaps his greatest personal achievements. He is survived by his wife Wendy (Alper)

Rubin, brother David Rubin (Phyllis), daughter Elizabeth Rubin Walter (Hank), son Peter (Kelli), three beautiful grandchildren, twins Aliya and Ben Walter and Maya Walter, nieces Pam Seligman and Lisa Antoine, and nephew Jonathan Rubin and their spouses and children, brother-in-law Peter Alper (Margie), niece Mara Hochberg and nephew David Alper and their spouses and children, and several cousins. The family wishes to express their profound gratitude to the Bell Trace Health & Living Center staff for their kind hearts and excellent care provided to Dick during his 4-month residency, and to Seasons Hospice for their compassionate end of life care in recent weeks. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. Visitation will be on Wednesday, September 25th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Allen Funeral Home 4155 S Old State Rd 37 in Bloomington. The family requests that any donations in Dick's memory be made to the Greater Indianapolis Alzheimer's Association 50 E. 91st St Suite 100 Indianapolis IN 46240 or to the IU School of Public & Environmental Affairs 1315 E Tenth St Bloomington IN 47405.

Tribute Wall

EL

“ So sorry for your loss. You two were a wonderful couple with 2 loving children. In time, I would enjoy talking with you. Let me know if a call is OK. My thoughts are with you.

Elaina Kintgen - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

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“ The SPEA Distinguished Alumni Council (DAC)sends it sincere condolences on the passing of Professor Rubin.

SPEA Distinguished Alumni Council (DAC) - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

KS

“ Dear Wendy and family,
We send hugs. May Dick's memory be for a blessing.

Karen and Steven Franks - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

JL

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy - we often remember the many many miles we ran with Dick and talk about what great fun it was he was a wonderful person

Joe & Loyce Keough - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

RI

“ Dick was my camp counselor. He taught me to sail. As a co-worker with him later, he taught me about life. He was a very special person to all of us who grew up with him.

Richard Gelles - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

KE

“ Dear Wendy and Elizabeth,

So very sorry to hear about Dick. My sincerest condolences. It has been so very long, but I still cherish the friendship of your family during those first years in Bloomington, and I remember fondly talking with Dick, more times than could be counted, over coffee in Morgenstern's.

Peace for you.

Keith Waits - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

GA

“ Dear Phyllis and David,
I am sorry for your loss. Dick sounds like he was an amazing person. Hugs to you and yours.

Gail Nathan - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

BI

“ *It was with great sadness that I learned of Dick's passing. Our offices were on the same floor at SPEA and although our fields of specialty were very different, we shared many common areas for conversation, especially in his later years there. One common area was grandchildren. Oh how Dick loved his grandchildren and talking about them! He was such a considerate and caring man. I have fond memories of those times that comfort me in my grieving.*

Bill Jones - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

AN

“ Dear Wendy, Elizabeth and Peter,
The Bacher family sends our heartfelt condolences and best wishes during this difficult time. Dick led such a beautiful life. We are very sorry for your loss.
Andy, Dave and Claire

Andy Bacher - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

LU

“ To Wendy and family:

Very sorry to hear the news about Dr. Rubin. You had many great years together, he will be missed by family and colleagues. I am thinking about you.

Luann Dillon - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

TI

“ Dear Peter (and family),

A lovely obit. Glad I had the chance to meet him, if only just briefly. I'm really sorry for your loss. You're in my prayers.

Tina

Tina Bagley - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

LS

“ Dear Elizabeth and Family,
I was sorry to hear about your father's passing. I will miss seeing him around town.

Linda (Luca) Scott - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

BO

“ I was so sad to hear of Dick's passing. He was such a kind and wonderful person with a fantastically dry wit who always found time to stop and chat whenever he came into the library to pick Wendy up from work. His love for Wendy, his children and grandchildren was obvious to everyone who knew him. He always was quick with a smile and a kind word and he will be missed.

Bobby Overman - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

JJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and our hearts are with you and your family. Peace be with your Dad and with all of you. Take care. Love, Jorie, Jared, Jorja, and Jada

Jorie and Jared Edwards - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

DI

“ To all of Dick's family -
It is with great sadness that I read of Dick's death. Before the Alzheimer's took his memory, he was a wonderful colleague, and a kind and thoughtful mentor to younger colleagues (like myself). Dick was always there to provide advice and good suggestions when I had to solve a problem, or figure out how to do something within the bureaucracy of IU.
Even when Dick came after his memory really started failing him, he was always sweet and thoughtful to me, even through his clear frustration with himself (or the situation, I guess) sometimes. I will always remember Dick with great fondness. He was a wonderful colleague.
Diane

Diane Henshel - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

MA

“ To say Dick Rubin was special to me would be an immense understatement. Dick is, literally, why I am a Professor of Public Policy and Administration today. Via one guest lecture a lifelong friendship was begun. Dick saw in me something I had not yet fully recognized in myself, both an ability for and a love of teaching. There can be no great testament to Dick then the reality that I am now a part of a vibrant Public Policy and Administration Department. I will always owe him the very deepest of gratitude for that.

Dick and I met at a moment in my life when I needed a new path. He was able to shine a light toward an academic career, a path I realized that I was meant to take. In the early years on that path he was able to point the way and help me along in rough spots. When the next chapter of that path began, and I moved from IU SPEA to CU SPA, he was there to celebrate. I remember the day I got the admission letter to CU's PhD program and he, Jennifer Mitchner, and I - literally - danced in the hallway of SPEA in celebration.

Other than my parents, there is not one person in the world I owe a greater thank you to than Dick Rubin. Thank you Dr. Rubin! You shall be deeply missed.

Mark Davis - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

ED

“ Wendy and family,

I have known Dick for almost thirty years. The last several years having him as one of my retired faculty office mates.

A good friend and colleague. He brought a wonderful sense of doing good works and making the world a better place to his faculty responsibilities and the way he lived his life.

I will miss him and his stories of growing up in Boston.

You have my deepest condolences and best wishes.

Edwardo

Edwardo Rhodes - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

SU

“ Dick Rubin was my favorite Professor when I was a SPEA student back in the early '80s. He was witty, extremely intelligent, and most importantly, kind. I learned a great deal from him in class and out of class.

*Susan Johnson
BSPA 1983*

Susan Johnson - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

BS

“ *Wendy and Family*

Our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved husband Dick. In the times we met, he was always friendly and great to be with,

Barbara and Ken (best friends of PHYLLIS and David from Raynham)

Barbara and Ken Swartz - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

EV

“ *Dear Wendy...*

I am so very sorry you lost your beloved Dick. I was so surprised to see his notice in today's newspaper. I did not know he had been ill.

God bless and keep you during this very difficult time.

And, God speed, Dick.

*Fondly,
Evelyn Powers*

Evelyn Powers - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM