



Richard F. Davidson

July 11, 1937 - February 1, 2005

Richard F. Davidson, 67, of LaFayette, New York died Tuesday morning, February 1, 2005 at University Hospital, Syracuse, New York.

Richard was born July 11, 1937 in Ellenville, New York, the son of Frank and Ruth (Aherns) Davidson. He was a graduate of Ithaca College and received his Masters Degree from SUNY Cortland. He was a teacher in the Cicero-North Syracuse School District for over thirty years. He was a supervisor of student teachers at SUNY Cortland, a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in LaFayette and a long-time member of the LaFayette Community Band. He was a veteran of the US Army. He loved children, Syracuse University sports and gardening.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Kathleen Maher Davidson, their nine children, Mary Beth, Daniel, Matthew, Christopher, James, Margaret, Lawrence and Kathleen Davidson and Monica Nicholas; twelve grandchildren; one brother, Robert Davidson and one sister, Barbara Terwilliger.

Services: Friday, February 4, 2005, 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 6136 Cherry Valley Turnpike, LaFayette, New York.

Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery, Route 298, Cortland, New York.

Calling Hours: Thursday, February 3, 2005, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Contributions: CNY Children's Hospital, in memory of Richard Davidson, care of Upstate Medical University Foundation, 750 E. Adams Street, Room 326 CAB, Syracuse, New York 13210-9976 or to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ Kathleen, you and your family are in our prayers and we are so sorry for your loss. Keep happy memories close to your heart at the sad times when they occur. Our sympathy and love to you. Jim, Cheryl, Kyle, Kevin and Lauren Roy

February 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear about your great loss. We remember what an incredible man he was...and knew he had to be a great father to have had such a wonderful family. We send our best wishes and condolences to you during this difficult time and hold him and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Katy, Words cannot express our deep sorrow and surprise upon hearing of Dick's death. You and your family have been in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be. Dick left you a beautiful legacy in the wonderful family you share. God bless and comfort all of you and give you strength for the days and weeks ahead. In deepest sympathy, Kathy and Otie Young

February 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Dick's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

February 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ When I was just a beginning teacher at Roxboro Middle, Dick was my coaching mentor and friend that I deeply admired. He touched so many lives in so many wonderful ways and will long be remembered. My heartfelt sympathy to the entire Davidson family.

February 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I am at a loss for words because no amount of them can express my deepest condolences. I'm very sorry for your loss and my thoughts go out to your whole family.

February 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To Larry and the Davidson Family, I am very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

February 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ A true gentleman and good friend . . . we are deeply saddened to learn of his passing. We will always remember him with great fondness. Our deepest sympathies to Kate and the Davidson family.

February 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a teacher in the North Syracuse District but had not been working with Dick. I saw a special segment on one of the TV stations about a phys ed teacher working with special education students at Roxboro Elementary School. That was Dick. I marvelled at the activities he had started with the students there. Later when I came to Roxboro Middle, I was able to meet Dick and really find out what a guy he was. Friendly and considerate seem to be weak adjectives to describe him. It was a pleasure to know him and hear about his family, the all important Lafayette Community Band, and his students. He always was interested in what I was doing with the band at Roxboro and dropped into the band room to just say hi. My thoughts go out to his family and he will always be remembered by his colleagues.

February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Davidson Family, Although I have not seen your family in a long time. I can clearly recall all the memories of days spent at the farm. Most fondly, I remember the amazing spirit your father had and how it's been passed on to each of you. He had such a magnetic energy about him, He will never be forgotten. My condolences to all of you. "When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight. "

February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Matt and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May God strengthen and bless you in your loss. Your Lincoln Center friends.

February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen and Family We send our sincere condolences. We will pray for your Dad and Mom. They are very special people. Our sincere sympathy. Karra and Mom

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“ Remembering the days when our children were little and we would visit at the Davidson house. Katie would teach us how to do corn on the cob and freeze vegetables while Dick would take the kids to the barn or out in the yard to ski and sled. Dick always had a twinkle in his eye and a wonderful humor. To this day our adult children still talk about visits to the Davidson house. We will cherish the memories.

February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Though words can't ease your sorrow, hearts can share your loss. Dick will be missed as he was a friend to all, a fun loving man.

February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Katie and family, Josh, Britt and I have reminisced about our happy memories with the Davidsons sooooo many times! We are truly saddened to hear the news of Dick's passing. I know what a tremendous loss it is for all of you. We would love to see all of you in the near future, and if there is anything we can do, please call us - 677-2870 (Britt is now babysitting age, you know). Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. We will cherish the memories we have of Dick and all of you through the years. With Deepest Sympathy, Kim, Josh, Britt

February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to hear of the loss of your Dad. I hope a lifetime of wonderful memories will bring you comfort. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Wendy Carney Wallman

February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We were just talking about Dick the other day, using one of his sayings, "did you walk to school today or bring your lunch?" I learned so much from your father. He brought smiles to everyone. I know he's up there making the angels laugh too.

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“ Richard F. Davidson

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“ Monica and Chris and family, You are in our prayers during this difficult time. Your dad was a very special person with a lot of love to share. May his spirit be in your hearts always and forever. Anne Marie, Al, Mellissa, Nicole and Mckenzie

February 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

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“ Dear Kathleen and Family, We were so sorry to hear about your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Fondly, Kristen Sweeney and Family

February 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We remember Mr. D from coaching basketball with our son at CNS, We still laugh when we talk about how he teased our daughter about a cricket he always had with him, He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Davidson Family. Terry, Peggy, Terry Jr. and Meghan

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. My love and prayers goes out to the entire Davidson family.

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“ Kate and family, Saying good-bye to a loved one is surely the hardest thing to do. Having recently lost my Dad on January 27th, I know this is a difficult time. I remember Dick's smiling face at the lacrosse games and how proud he was of Kathleen at her graduation party. He was a kind and gentle man; so caring to our daughter Kristen. May you find peace in the memories of times past and comfort in the love of those who care about you. In friendship and with love... Mary Beth, Dave, Kristen, Mike, Connor and Mary Clare Sweeney.

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“ God Bless you all. I remember Uncle Dick's love for all children especially handicapped children. He will have to be my Godfather from Heaven. God knows I need it. He will not be forgotten. Our love to all.

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“ The University of Scranton women's lacrosse team expresses our deepest sympathy to the Davidson Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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“ My deepest sympathy to your family in this time of sorrow. I did not know Dick, very well personally, but as a colleague in the North Syracuse School District and fellow adapted physical education teacher, I can say his contributions and dedication to the field of APE will be remembered. God Bless, Renee McCall

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“ Maggie & family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort in your memories Love Joe & Sarah

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“ Kathleen and family, I am deeply sorry to hear about your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers. I'm here if you need anything.

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“ I would like to express my sympathy to the Davidson Family. I worked with Dick for many,many years in the North Syracuse Schools. He was there all the time as a great teacher and a true friend. He has seen me grow and my family. Dick and I had many great and enjoyable teaching experiences along with alot of good time and laughs. He will be missed and always be in my thoughts and prayers. Fondly Bridget(Hewitt)Burns

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“ To the Davidson Family-My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of sorrow. I am so sorry for you loss.-Carrie Vanderhoof

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“ Dear Kathleen and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love, Mrs. Corcoran

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“ Dick was a wonderful man, kind and gentle, loving and caring, a friend to all, especially his grandkids. We will miss him intensely. May his memory be eternal!

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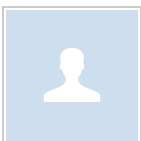
“ All I have is great thoughts of Dickie. He was at Rox. El. when I started teaching 35 years ago. Dick gave me advice many times. He helped shape my style of teaching. Lots of laughs. Always made me feel good. I can hear his laugh now. Basketball after school. I can remember how he'd come out of nowhere to steal the ball from me and score in the wink of an eye. Dick is one of the reasons I settled down and raised a family. He always had wonderful stories to tell us in the teachers room about his family. Dick is in heaven now not only because all teachers go to heaven, but also because of the kind of man he was. Your loss is Gods gain that's for sure.

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“ Katie, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. We will all miss Dick, a great man, friend, father and husband. We're here for you. Much love, Becky, Bob, Rachelle & Victor Dupuis

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“ Kathleen and your family - my thoughts are with you during your time of need. Thinking about you..

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“ I kind man and wonderful family. Mr. Davidson will be missed by all who knew him.

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“ To the Davidson Family, I am very sorry for your loss. I will remember your father fondly. You were all very lucky to have such a caring and special Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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“ Davidson Family - Our deepest thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with you all during your time of need. God bless you all.
Cathleen, Patrick & Michael

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“ Kathleen and Family, I'm so very sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your father was a good man to have raised such great children. Always remember, loved ones never die they live on in your heart.

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“ Richard was my field supervisor for student teaching in the Spring of 2004. He was very supportive of his student teachers. I will miss him very much. My condolences to his family.

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