



Richard "Rick" L. Cullen

September 2, 1943 - February 2, 2018

Richard Lee "Rick" Cullen, 74, of Delmar, died Friday, February 2, 2018 at his home in Delmar.

He was born September 2, 1943 in Salisbury, a son of the late Charles M. Cullen and Marguerite Pusey Cullen.

Rick lived in Delmar for the majority of his life. He graduated from Delmar High School with the class of 1961 where he was a proud member of the Delmar Wildcats football team and the championship team of 1959. After attending Missouri Valley College he returned to Delmar. He landed a job at the Salisbury Times in the sports department where he worked for two years before proudly serving his country in the U.S. Marine Corps. Two years later, he returned to Delmar and returned to the Daily Times as a beat reporter. In 1972 he was promoted to Sports Editor, a career he thoroughly enjoyed until his retirement in 1996. In 1999 he went back to work for Morning Star Publications as an advertising consultant and still held that position at the time of his death. He was a member of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Delmar for many years. Rick was an avid golfer who loved playing at Hooper's Landing in Seaford and was a past member of Seaford Golf and Country Club and Sussex Pines. Rick will be remembered as a faithful fan of the Cleveland Indians and Baltimore Ravens.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Judith Long Cullen; a daughter, Lee R. Cullen of Delmar; sons, David Frey (Teresa) of Delmar, Matthew Frey of Springfield, Virginia and Jonathan Frey of Laurel; 7 grandchildren, Cristina Frey, Caitlin Stiegler, Bailey Frey, Lauren Frey, Cameron Frey, Mason Frey and Benn Frey; 2 great grandchildren; and a nephew, Eric Cullen of New Jersey.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Charles M. Cullen; and a special uncle and aunt, Richard and Mabs Cullen.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where family and friends may call from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Reverend Phyllis Walton will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 101 E. State Street, Delmar, DE 19940 or to Delmar High School, Delmar Football Team, c/o David Hearn, 200 N. 8th Street, Delmar, DE 19940.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting <http://www.shortfh.com>.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Short Funeral Home

13 East Grove Street, Delmar, DE, US, 19940

FEB **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear Judith and Family,

I know this is an extremely confusing and difficult time for all of you. I wish I knew what to say that would help you transition easier from being a wife to accepting widowhood. But unfortunately, no words can prepare you for the journey -- only the Lord can comfort you and help you find peace. You don't know me, but Rick and I were good friends as well as classmates at Delmar High from 7th grade through our senior year. Rick always made me smile with that flirtatious charm he maintained throughout his life. .After moving to Alaska in 1982, I rarely got back to Delaware to visit, but I did get back for the 50th class of '61 DHS reunion and was pleased to see Rick still had a witty,.sense of humor. It was our first time seeing one another for more than a decade or two. But he and Denny Campbell (both DHS football jocks) picked up where they left off more than 50 years prior joking, flirting and teasing me about my social activities when we were teenagers. Please know that I adored your husband. Even tho he was a joker, he also was very sensitive, especially when it came to family and close friends. He was one of a kind... very special....I will never forget him. Judith, Know that you are in my prayers, and I would have called you personally if I had your address. My phone number is 907-789-5220, should you ever decide to visit Alaska. I would enjoy meeting you and sharing a cup of tea. Till then, may you find solace in your memories and be surrounded by friends and family who love you. Georgia Mears Sepel, Juneau, Alaska.

Georgia Mears Sepel - February 22, 2018 at 02:40 AM



“ Bill And Becky Brittingham lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" L. Cullen



Bill and Becky Brittingham - February 06, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ I worked with Rick at The Daily Times for 10 years during the most enjoyable days with Mel Toadvine, Brice Stump, Billy See, Todd Dudek and the entire staff. Rick was always a gentleman and a professional. I saw him not long ago at DelMar Diner and went over to hug him. He had the same friendly smile I remembered. I'm sorry to hear of his death. He was a good man. We will all remember him most fondly.

Susan canfora - February 04, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ Rick was an outstanding sports writer! One of the very best and he was my good friend. Sorry for your loss!
Ben Sirman

Ben Sirman - February 04, 2018 at 10:11 AM