



Richard Leslie James Wharf

February 26, 1955 - June 21, 2018

WHARF: Richard Leslie James Wharf passed away suddenly on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the age of 63 years. Richard will lovingly be remembered by his son Dan (Becky) and their children Noah and Hayden, daughter Lisa (Patrick) Twomey and their daughters Melora, Dara and Bronwyn and son Ryan (Alanna) and their sons Ethan and Lennon. He is survived by his mother Olive and his siblings, David (Terry), Donald, Janice, Pam and was predeceased by his father William James Wharf, brother Frederick and sister Dawna-Jo.

Richard was born on February 26, 1955 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He grew up in Winnipeg and attended school in the St. James area. He attended Red River College and received his Medical Radiological Technology Diploma in 1976. In 1980, Richard and the family moved to Brandon.

Richard worked at Brandon General Hospital which became the Brandon Regional Health Centre for 22 years in roles progressing from a general duty technologist to System Administrator of Diagnostic Imaging. Richard was involved with the Manitoba Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (MAMRT) and the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT), including roles on the board of directors and being President of the CAMRT. For the past 16 years he worked at the Brandon Clinic as a General Duty Technologist.

Richard had many passions which centered around teaching. He enjoyed the aspects of teaching and his patience and ability to explain why you were doing something or should be doing something helped him to excel in these teaching roles. Some of these passions include his lifelong pursuit and instruction of Martial Arts, specifically Isshin-Ryu Karate. Richard was one of the founding members of Westman Isshin-Ryu Karate and achieved his 6th degree black belt (Roku Dan) as well as the title of Shihan (master instructor). His love for teaching also led him to roles instructing at Assiniboine Community College, Reiki, Coaching minor sports and many others.

Richard enjoyed many other passions including genealogy, meditation, crystals and gem stones, energy healing, toastmasters, music (specifically the Beatles), technology, travel and reading. These passions resulted in Richard crossing paths with a wide variety of people.

One of the things that Richard loved most was his family. He always found time to attend grandkids activities including musicals, gymnastics competitions, baseball, hockey and soccer games as well as being the resident dog sitter for the grand dogs Lexi, Bailey and Ruby.

A Celebration of Richard's life was held on June 29, 2018 at Brockie Donovan in Brandon, Manitoba.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Richard may be made to Kid-Sport West, 1430 Victoria Ave. East, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 2A9; or to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Unit 3-2430 Victoria Ave. Brandon, Manitoba R7B 0M5.

Events

JUN **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM

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Brockie Donovan Chapel

332-8th Street, Brandon, MB, CA

Comments



“ Deepest Condolences go out to the family and friends of Richard Wharf. Our family met him through his Karate teachings and were immediately drawn to his firm but gentle style of teaching which was a perfect match for my son. Who in his own time came to have a great admiration and respect for his instruction and kindness. We would like to extend our chance for Randa, Prophet and Angel Joy to honor the memory of his many contributions.

Kanoonat KitchiManitou - July 10, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. I knew Richard from our time serving on the CAMRT Board of Directors together. With many fond memories.
Donna Hateley
Past President - CAMRT

Donna Hateley - July 04, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Richard. I had opportunity to not only work at BRHC with Richard but also grew up in the same area of Winnipeg, Deer lodge area. Richard was the same age as my brother and I knew Richard from grade school at Linwood Elementary through St James Collegiate. I remember fondly the Wharf home on Belvedere St. My parents were friends of Richards parents through church at Deer Lodge United. I got the opportunity to reconnect our friendship when I moved to Brandon many years ago. Our sincere sympathy to the entire Wharf family.

Gord & Joan McNamee

Gordon McNamee - June 28, 2018 at 11:54 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Leslie James Wharf.



June 28, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ From; MAHCP and Executive Council purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Leslie James Wharf.



From; MAHCP and Executive Council - June 27, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ So sorry to read of the sudden passing of your Dad.As a family we have known your Dad for many years from living in the East End of Brandon, as friends during soccer and work at BRHC. Our sincere sympathy to you as a family. Your memories will help to assist you thru this very difficult time.
The Reilly Family...Iris ,Cameron,Brendon and Janine

Iris Reilly - June 27, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ Your Scotiabank Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Richard Leslie James Wharf.



Your Scotiabank Family - June 27, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Richard's passing. He was so kind and understanding in our involvement with the ups and downs of Southend Community Centre. He gave a lot of energy to his students and I know that his teachings will live on in those who remember him. Blessings to all the family.
Marcia

Marcia Wiebe - June 27, 2018 at 08:08 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your Dad's sudden passing Dan. We are all thinking of you

The "Baley Crew"
Ken, Lynn, Todd, Ian & Deke

Lynn Baley - June 26, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ Richard will be missed by so many . He was a wonderful instructor and mentor. Thinking of the family and it was an honour to have known him . Thank you Richard Students Ty and Jayden Lagasse Parents Robert and Kathleen Lagasse

kathleen lagasse - June 26, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ Richard was my sensei during my last two years of high school before I left Brandon. He was truly an amazing role model. Kind, respectful, selfless, and inspirational. During my time as his student, I grew so much as a person, gaining a confidence that I still carry today. I am so sorry for the Wharf family's loss and feel truly blessed to have been able to Richard my sensei.

Roslyn McKay - June 26, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Richard was passionate about so many things in his life! Karate, friends, spiritual things, family,his work. He never did anything half way! I feel so fortunate to have known him! Take care Alana and Ryan, Dan and Becky, and Lisa and Patrick!

Denise Cox - June 26, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ I had not known Richard long, but in the time I did this past year, he was kind, caring and a very knowledgable man who was ready to help others. He had a strong work ethic and sense of pride in all he did. I know that our meeting added wellness to my life, and I suspect it is the same for all others' lives he touched. He talked lovingly of his family and my sincere condolences and prayers go out to you all. Donna Gerlinger

Donna Gerlinger - June 26, 2018 at 06:00 AM



“ I used to work with Richard many years ago when I lived in Brandon. He always greeted me with a smile, even when we were both feeling stressed from our jobs. My condolences to his family. May your memories help you through the sad days ahead.

Corina Mark - June 26, 2018 at 12:20 AM



“ It has been an honor and a pleasure to be a part of Shihan Richards' Isshinryu Karate dojo. I was first inspired by Shihan Richard while watching him teach Max in Little Dragons and Samurai karate classes. I needed to be a part of this experience and finally joined. I am thankful for the opportunity to be part of this karate family and under Shihan Richards' wing. He taught much more than karate basics, katas, bunkai and Isshinryu history. His dojo's camaraderie was second to none! Marcus joined Richard on the Board of the South End Community Center and together they managed to get a new floor put in but later the building was condemned. It was definitely disappointing for Richard and all involved with the community center. We will remember Richard fondly. He was truly a gentleman with a kind soul. I appreciate the conversations we had and the get togethers at his home and ours. "A person's heart is the same as Heaven and Earth." One last KIAI for you! Domo arigato gozaimasu Shihan.

Mary, Marcus & Maximus V

Marcus - June 25, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ My sincere sympathy and condolences to Dan, Lisa, Ryan and your families. We shared many good times together and I know first hand how difficult it is to lose someone you love dearly. Be strong for each other and share and enjoy the memories! Hugs Doreen Angus

Doreen Angus - June 25, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ Dan, Becky, Noah and Hayden, So very sorry for your loss.

Sharon Hutchison Lamb - June 25, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Ryan, Alanna, Ethan and Lennon. I did not know your Dad but you are a man who is loving, kind, considerate and ready to lend a hand, so I imagine you are like him in many ways. Love to you all.

Brenda Skene - June 25, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ Ryan, Alanna and family

So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

Karen Carvell

Karen Carvell - June 25, 2018 at 04:51 PM