



## Richard D. Healy

August 16, 1942 - December 20, 2022

Richard Dennis Healy, a resident of Albany New York for 52 years, passed away on December 20, 2022, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, New York. He was 80 years old.

Richard was born in Boston, Massachusetts where he spent his childhood. His family moved to Corinth, New York, when he was an adolescent. He was the eldest son of Daniel and Cecile Healy. After graduating from Corinth High School, he participated in the GE apprentice program in Pittsfield, Mass.

Richard proudly served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge, he completed a Bachelor of Science at SUNY Plattsburgh in 1970. His Master's Degree in Public Administration was completed at SUNY Albany in 1974.

Most of Richard's working life was spent as the Albany County Commissioner for the Aging and Handicapped, a department which he helped to establish.

Richard was known for his sharp wit and intelligence. He was an avid reader with a passion for history and politics. He was a lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox, growing up within earshot of the roar of the Fenway crowd. Richard loved woodworking and home improvement projects, and the entire family benefitted from his knowledge and willingness to help.

Richard led a full life. He enjoyed spending time in Florida during the winter with his family. He spent his summers at the coast of Maine with his wife of 51 years, Ellen, and their beloved husky, Sasha.

Above all, Richard cherished his family. He and Ellen took full advantage of their retirement to participate in the lives of their children and grandchildren. They were present for all the milestones, including christenings, birthdays, sports games, recitals, plays, grandparent's days and graduations. "YaYa," as he was called by his grandchildren, derived tremendous joy from his family.

Richard was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Jim. He is survived by the love of his life, Ellen, and his children: Kara Flaherty (Brendan) of Colchester, VT, Daniel Healy (Julia) of Altamont, NY, Miriam Hadden (Jacob) of Lake Placid, NY, and Lauren Bulakowski (Adam) of Essex, VT. He is survived by his siblings Paul Healy (Patricia), Anne Bourdeau (Raymond), and Diane Reinman (Allan) and sister-in-law Eileen Healy. Finally, YaYa is survived by his grandchildren: Patrick, Aidan, Eva, Maggie, Zoë, Annika, and Violet.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at the the Gerald B. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in spring of 2023.