



Richard J. Stevens

May 27, 1950 - March 9, 2025

Richard J. Stevens Obituary

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Richard J. (Dickie) Stevens, 74, on March 9, 2025 at Albany Medical Center, surrounded by family and friends. Born in Albany, NY, on May 27, 1950, he was the son of the late Edward and Grace (McCarg) Stevens. Growing up in the Pine Hills, Dickie lived his entire life in Albany. He graduated from Albany High and later earned certificates from the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Working for the State of New York for various agencies, he eventually found his calling as a passionate advocate for his fellow union members. Dickie served for many years as the Staff Director for the New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82, dedicated to improving the overall quality of life for the men and women who diligently, professionally and self-sacrificingly served their communities.

Beyond his professional life, Dickie was known for his love of life. He was a gifted story teller who entertained family and friends at every opportunity. He was a die-hard NY Yankees and NY Football Giants fan, who enjoyed visiting Yankee Stadium and MetLife (Giants) Stadium every year. Of course, you could find him every August, under a shady tree at the Saratoga Race Course.

Above all, Dickie was deeply devoted to his family, most especially his best friend and the love of his life, Karen (Pfeiffer) Stevens. High school sweethearts, Dickie and Karen were married for 51 years. He cherished their two children, Richard (Ricky) W. E. Stevens and Meghan K. Stevens (Michio Cohen). He reveled in taking them to their first ball games, Beach Boy concerts and spending time with them at their favorite vacation spots, Marco Island, Las Vegas and Atlantic City . He instilled in them a love of the Beatles and at an early age taught them the words to "American Pie."

Dickie is also survived by his sister Nancy Elia (Nick), brother James Stevens (Nora), his sisters-in law Dixie Stevens, Janis Pfeiffer, Eileen Pfeiffer, Lisa Przekurat (late Jim), Patricia Rigosu (Vinny), brother-in-law Michael Pfeiffer, a host of nieces, nephews and countless friends.

In addition to his parents, Dickie was predeceased by his brothers Edward (Rose Marie), William, sister Sharyn Pallozzi (Tom) and nephew Brian Pallozzi.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Make-A-Wish Vermont and Northeast New York. 92 Congress St, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. [Wish.org/vtny](https://www.wish.org/vtny)

Relative and friends are invited to visit with Dickie's family on Thursday, March 13, 2025, 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Magin & Keegan Funeral Home, 891 Madison Ave, Albany, NY 12208. Funeral services, Friday, March 14, 2025 at 10:30am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave, (Father Bradley Way), Albany NY 12206 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

Tribute Wall

NW

“ Karen, Ricky and Meghan,

I am very sorry for your loss. I truly know what you are going thru. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Nancy Williams - March 14, 2025 at 11:17 AM

WO

“ I didn't know Dickie well, but he was a nice guy. Sorry for your loss.

Wayne Osborn - March 14, 2025 at 05:48 AM

KZ

“ I am very sorry to hear of Dickie's passing. Thinking of his Family and Friends and sending Prayers. Dickie was a great negotiator and was admired. Thanks, Dickie, for all you gave to the needs and fight of the Union Worker, and also all the fun and laughs, too. I know what I'll be singing the next time I do Kaoroke and Go Yankees, You will be missed. --Kimmy Zambito Local #2966

Kimberly Zambito - March 13, 2025 at 05:30 PM

SR

“ Snickie & Rae purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard J. Stevens.



Snickie & Rae - March 13, 2025 at 09:02 AM

TM

“ Tommy and Marie Miller purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard J. Stevens.



Tommy and Marie Miller - March 13, 2025 at 06:48 AM

TM

“ Tommy and Marie Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard J. Stevens.

Tommy and Marie Miller - March 13, 2025 at 06:48 AM

JC

“ Karen and family,
My sincere condolences on the loss of your husband and father. May he rest in peace.
Judy Conti

Judy Conti - March 12, 2025 at 09:10 PM

LP

“ Love Joe and Cindy Puma purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Richard J. Stevens.



Love Joe and Cindy Puma - March 12, 2025 at 08:43 PM

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Love Joe and Cindy Puma - March 12, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JF

“ One never knew where he or she would run into Dickie. He was a staunch supporter of the less fortunate and he loved his family and the City of Albany. RIP Dickie.

John Fischer - March 12, 2025 at 05:15 PM

NH

“ To Dickies family. He will be missed. Such a great and funny guy. To Dickie. Give Fred a high five for me and all the rest of our friends and family in Heaven. I am sure they need a good negotiator up there in case God doesn't like their ways!!!!



Nancy Hartman - March 12, 2025 at 12:02 PM

SF

“ Steve and Michelle Fantauzzo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard J. Stevens.



Steve and Michelle Fantauzzo - March 12, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard J. Stevens.



March 12, 2025 at 10:44 AM

FE

“ To Dickies family, I knew Dickie for 50 years and was in the same fight for our members he was a great guy when we where young we hung out RIP MY BROTHER. Feb

Feb - March 12, 2025 at 09:55 AM

Y8

“ Your friends at Council 82 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard J. Stevens.



Your friends at Council 82 - March 12, 2025 at 08:55 AM

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“ Your friends at Council 82 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard J. Stevens.

Your friends at Council 82 - March 12, 2025 at 08:55 AM

BD

“ I bowled with Dickie for many years. He was small in stature but larger than life. Sorry to hear of his passing. The world is less vibrant without him. Godspeed.

Brien Downes - March 12, 2025 at 08:32 AM

FB

“ After 70 years of friendship and brotherhood there isn't enough room here to say how much you meant to me. Whenever my life was at it's lowest you and your family were there for me. You truly were my brother. I love you bro and no amount of time will heal the void in my life. RIP heaven awaits you.

Frank Bishop - March 12, 2025 at 08:22 AM

FF

“ Karen, Ricky and Meghan,
Dickie and I go back over 60 years. Someone so special can never be forgotten. May his soul rest in peace. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.
Frank Futia and Family.

Frank Futia - March 12, 2025 at 08:12 AM

JO

“ Josh. Mary, Jaylee and Olivia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard J. Stevens.



Josh. Mary, Jaylee and Olivia - March 11, 2025 at 10:55 PM

JN

“ John N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard J. Stevens.

John N. - March 11, 2025 at 10:54 PM

JB

“ Dear Nancy,
Saddened to learn of Dickie's passing. I will always have fond memories of your family from growing up on Morris Street. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.
JoAnne Christopher Bonacker

JoAnne Christoohet Bonacker - March 11, 2025 at 08:11 PM

TF

“ *The O'Connor Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard J. Stevens.*



The O'Connor Family - March 11, 2025 at 07:02 PM

JS

“ *RIP Dickie. You were one of a kind. You will be missed.*

John De Seve - March 11, 2025 at 06:33 PM

PS

“ *My condolences to Karen and family. Dicky was a great guy and friend to everyone. Great memories of laughing and hanging out at Knapps Tavern and Ridgefield Park. RIP Brother.
Phil Seward*

Phil Seward - March 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Richard J. Stevens.*



March 11, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard J. Stevens.*

March 11, 2025 at 05:40 PM

ML

“ *I am still stunned- Dickie was a great friend and union man. I learned so much from him at the table and at the bar. The world is a little dimmer, gone but not forgotten my friend. My deepest condolences to Karen, Ricky, and Meghan- he was and always will be a legend.
-Mike LaDue*

Mike LaDue - March 11, 2025 at 04:48 PM

BL

“ *Dickey always lit up the room.
Your friends at Finn’s will miss you.
Love and prayers for the family.* ❤️🕊

blue - March 11, 2025 at 04:29 PM

DC

“ *My condolences to the Stevens family,me and Dickey go way back,a great guy
and a great union man,thank you Derick for all you did for unions.*

Dennis Clancy - March 11, 2025 at 03:14 PM

LK

“ *Love, Jimmer, Carissa & the kids purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard J. Stevens.*



Love, Jimmer, Carissa & the kids - March 11, 2025 at 11:14 AM