



Richard C. Haelig

August 1, 1961 - November 14, 2024

Rich Haelig, devoted father and grandfather, beloved brother, treasured uncle and great uncle, and friend to many and more he had yet to meet, passed away November 14 from a recent illness that saw him leave us much too soon.

Son of the late Mary Margaret (née May) and his surviving father, Robert K. Haelig Jr., Rich was born in Plainfield, New Jersey and grew up in Middlesex NJ and Toms River, NJ.

Rich moved to Pennsylvania in 1981 to attend West Chester University. He soon became a Philadelphia sports fan – for better or for worse – as he welcomed his sons to the world. In recent years, Rich loved bringing family and friends together at Citizens Bank Park for many Phillies’ games each season.

Rich eventually settled in Delaware County and, for 30 years, worked as a paralegal and managed the office of Dranoff and Patrizio law firm. There, he was more than an employee – he was an essential part of the operation and a crucial help to thousands of clients over the years.

Although he was an anxious flier, the prospect of time spent with his granddaughters motivated Rich to take up travel in recent years – going everywhere from Cartagena, Colombia to Sonoma, California to all around Ireland and beyond.

He loved to raise money for causes close to his heart, organizing a team for the annual Team Foster 24-hour cycling Ruff Ride, participating in the Eagles

Autism Challenge bike ride, and completing the Bike MS City to Shore ride. Rich leaves behind his sons, Richard J. (Catie) and Julian W., his brothers, Joseph Haelig (Laura), Robert Haelig, and Michael Haelig, and his sister, Mary Gethard (Dwayne). His many nieces and nephews and their families will miss his generous spirit and warm smile. His absence will be felt by many extended family members, great friends collected over a lifetime, and the staff and regulars at Haggerty's bar.

No one will miss "Paca" more than his two granddaughters, Nora and Tess Haelig (Rich and Catie), who were the high point and focus of his life from the minute they were born. Weekend breakfasts and walks to the park won't be the same without Paca, but his girls will continue to light up this world and make him proud every day.

The family would like to acknowledge with special gratitude for their love and support, Matthew Murphy, Rich's "brother from another mother" (Tina) and family, the Valdes family and the Patrizio family.

Please join us in celebrating Rich's life at Kovacs Lombardo Funeral Home in Springfield on November 23, 2024, with visitation from 10am -12pm and service starting at 12. Reception to follow. All events are family-friendly.

Mass of Christian Burial and Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, we suggest a few options – buy a gift for a child in your life or a cold beer for a good friend, put \$50 into your local block pool, or donate to any of the charities mentioned above. Above all, enjoy your life and the people in it.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Kovacs Lombardo Funeral Home
530 W. Woodland Ave.
Springfield, PA 19064
(610) 544-3222

Service

NOV **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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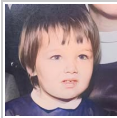
Tribute Wall



“ *Lombardo Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard C. Haelig*



Lombardo Funeral Homes - November 19, 2024 at 07:42 PM



I am so sorry to hear this. I have worked for many Judges in Delaware County and Rich was always my go to person. He was always so kind and very helpful with anything I asked (even if it was a stupid question). We had a case that was from hell and the phone calls and emails that went back and forth were always kind and respectful and even funny at times. He always had a funny thing to say, he was just that kind of person. He would brag all the time about his family and grandkids. I could go on for hours. I am truly in disbelief about this. I am truly going to miss you and our talks. As I would always say to him “when it’s your time for you to go, those golden gates will open with no problem”. Hope you had a great journey home Rich. God Bless you!!! ❤️❤️

Regina Bledsoe - March 07, 2025 at 10:26 AM

BO

“ *I'm sad to say I never met Rich. Eileen May was my great aunt through Patrick Tighue.
If anyone wants to talk email me at info@billoneal.com*

BILL ONEAL - August 22, 2025 at 03:48 PM

DC

“ To Rich's family,
I just learned that Rich passed away. I cannot believe this terrible news.
I knew Rich from his work with Dranoff & Patrizio. I work in the legal field and over the past twenty years or so would work with Rich whenever Steve or Arnie needed my firm's assistance with a case. Rich knew everything about every client's file. Absolutely everything. Rich was beyond a paralegal and office manager. He was always available to jump in to help, even when he had so little time. Rich was an absolute delight to work with and someone I deeply admired.
Over the years, we chatted from time to time about family. I remember so fondly when Rich told me that his first Grandchild was born. He was over the moon.
Rich was, is, just a terrific person with a beautiful heart. I am so terribly sorry for your loss. May your hearts be buoyed knowing of the many, many people who respected and cared for Rich.
My heartfelt sympathies,
Diane Cowan

Diane Cowan - January 02, 2025 at 01:56 PM

TR

“ The Tripod - Raf, Dubbs & Rockets planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard C. Haelig.

The Tripod - Raf, Dubbs & Rockets - November 23, 2024 at 12:57 AM

Jl

“ Rich was one of the most sincere and genuine people I have known. He could always be counted on for help when I needed it. I’m going to miss him and I’m going to miss his sense of humor. Rich gave so much of his time and energy to others. Jane Iannuzzelli

Jane Iannuzzelli - November 22, 2024 at 10:30 PM

DF

“ Dave Delnegro & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard C. Haelig.

Dave Delnegro & family - November 22, 2024 at 08:05 AM

DF

“ Dave Delnegro & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard C. Haelig.



Dave Delnegro & family - November 22, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard C. Haelig.



November 21, 2024 at 08:54 PM



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

November 21, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard C. Haelig.



November 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM



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

November 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard C. Haelig.



November 20, 2024 at 01:38 PM



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

November 20, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard C. Haelig.



November 19, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ 137 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lombardo Funeral Homes - November 19, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ Kelly, Mary, and Kathy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard C. Haelig.



Kelly, Mary, and Kathy - November 19, 2024 at 01:38 PM

CN

“ A great guy, possessed of a no nonsensical demeanor. Rich never minced words. His dry sense of humor defined his character. He shall truly be missed by all who both knew and loved him.

Clayton Nelson - November 19, 2024 at 12:36 PM

LB

“ Love, Pennie & John Bevilaque purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard C. Haelig.



Love, Pennie & John Bevilaque - November 17, 2024 at 02:00 PM

LB

“ Love, Pennie & John Bevilaque planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard C. Haelig.

Love, Pennie & John Bevilaque - November 17, 2024 at 02:00 PM