



Richard William Forpahl

October 19, 1954 - June 4, 2019

Richard William Forpahl, 64, of New Hope, Minnesota, died on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, MN.

He was born October 11, 1954 at Minneapolis, MN to William and Gertrude Forpahl.

Richard grew up in Minnetonka, MN; graduating from Hopkins High School in 1972.

Richard studied culinary arts at the University of Wisconsin Stout; he spent a portion of his studies abroad in Switzerland.

He was united in marriage to Ann Garfinkle on May 20, 1984.

Along with his wife, Richard and Ann owned and operated Café MSP in the early 1990's. He would later serve as a Professor at Hennepin Technical College teaching culinary arts.

His favorite past times were spending time with his family, collecting cookbooks, traveling with his wife and going to their cabin in Wisconsin, remodeling his home and hanging out with his best friend Twig.

He was preceded in death by his parents; older brother, Gerald Forpahl; sister-in-law, Caren Pelkey and the "Love of his Life," Ann Forpahl.

Survivors include sister-in-law, Paula Forpahl; nephew and niece-in-law, Derek and Jamie Forpahl; great nieces, Isabelle, Dahlia and Anne Forpahl; sister-in-law, Phyliss (Scott) Swonger; nieces and nephews, Samantha Swonger, Sarah (Mike) Roskos, Jacob Pelkey, Lindsey (Matt) Imhotle; great nieces and nephews, Mason, Cole, Rose and Tobias.

The Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at St. Thomas Catholic Church at 11:00 am. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service.

Interment will be at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 10:50AM

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St. Thomas Catholic Church

810 5th Street, International Falls, MN, US, 56649

JUN **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Rick was a dear friend and a tremendous help as I worked on new editions of the textbook used at Hennepin Tech. Whenever we had a photo shoot, he was always here to help, often bringing with him a group of his students. I have a framed photo in my office of Rick, myself, and Rick's colleague Chef Dave Eisenreich standing over a table on which the three of us are working a big sheet of strudel dough. That photo will always have an honored place in my office. Rick will be sorely missed. Our condolences to his dear wife Ann.

Wayne and Meg Gisslen

Wayne Gisslen - June 17 at 12:47 PM



“ Back in Jr. High School - Rick and a bunch of North Jr. high classmates known as the Mill City Men - We were just boys back then. We were having lots of fun and laughs as we palled around. Then on to Hopkins High School, and continued our very fun bunch of friends. As a click/gang our hang out was the Minnetonka Mills, where we sometimes bought packs of Marlboros Cigarette's from the Bennis Texaco, which was next door to the Dairy Queen.

Rick drove this big Ford Galaxy 500 - which we nicked named "The Walrus" Driving Hopkins Main Drag, was our Social media in those days of the early 1970's

I was sad to lose touch with Rick other than an occasional High school reunion. I was Lucky enough to meet Ricks very talented Wife Ann - Great Singer!!

Rick I am sad that You are gone, and can only hope and pray, that you are in a better place.

Mill City Men

Ned - June 15 at 04:20 PM



“ So sad to hear about Chef Rick's passing,he was a super culinarian,and passive person,he and Ann aided in my son's wedding ,and was always willing to give a helping help,I remember the stories he shared about cooking in Switzerland,and his love for baking but being able to sample many of the treats because of the gluten,the angels will now have greater banquets,Rest in Peace Chef. From Chefuture Instructor Bob Menne AAC.

Chef Bob Menne AAC - June 14 at 03:21 PM



“ ACF/Minneapolis Chefs Chapter purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard William Forpahl.



ACF/Minneapolis Chefs Chapter - June 14 at 10:22 AM



“ I will never forget you & Ann owning one of my favorite restaurants Cafe MSP. It was one of the best places & I absolutely loved it. You will be truly missed by all. I hope you get to enjoy life with Ann again up there. May you Rest in Peace

Heidi Hautala - June 10 at 10:34 PM



“ Rick you made my daughter Ann so happy. I will miss you.
Love,
Kayla

Kayla Golden - June 10 at 09:58 PM



“ Dearest Rick you were part of our family. This is so unfair. YOU will be missed and loved forever. Debby Peterson

Debby Peterson - June 08 at 11:20 AM



“ I wrote a note, but maybe it's on Legacy. Rick there are lots of good people in this world, but none compare to you. You helped me so much when my sister died. I will always love you, and miss you. I know one thing for sure...you are no longer ill. Say hello to people we know up in Heaven. Thank you for being you.

Renee Jacobs - June 11 at 02:11 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard William Forpahl.



June 06 at 12:35 PM