



## Richard L. Weiss

September 9, 1932 - October 27, 2023

Richard L. ('Rich' or 'Dick') Weiss passed from this earthly life to his eternal life on October 27, 2023, at his home in Bonita Springs, Florida. Richard was born in Riegelsville, Pennsylvania on September 9, 1932, to Rose and Frank Weiss. He was the youngest of seven children in the family. He is predeceased by his sister, Madlyn Weiss Male, and brothers, James Weiss and Francis Weiss. He is survived by his brother, Carl Weiss, and sisters, Rosemarie Weiss Krewson and Joan Weiss Moore, and fifteen nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his "favorite and only" wife, Rita Ann Walter Weiss, and fifteen more nieces and nephews.

Richard began his education in a single-room school in Riegelsville and went on to graduate from Easton High School, in Easton PA, where he was on the Wrestling Team. He continued his education, graduating from Villanova University in 1956, with a degree in Economics and Finance and a bonus of several lifelong friends. During his school vacations, he worked for Weiss Construction, his father's firm, along with his older brothers. He was inducted into the US Army, purposely avoiding OCS, in order to serve his two years and begin his business career. Richard was hired in 1959 by Royal Globe Insurance Company in New York, NY, to be an Office Manager. He was shortly transferred to "the Royal's" office in Cleveland, Ohio where it was Rita Walter's good fortune to see him with friends and to then make his acquaintance at Winterhurst Ice Rink's Adult Skate Nights. During this time

Rita's family moved from the west side of Cleveland to the east side of Cleveland, and it was routinely predicted that "love does not cross the Public Square" in Cleveland, Ohio. The prediction was overcome and the two were married in 1961. In early 1962 Richard was transferred to the New York office. Rita and Richard lived in North Bergen, NJ for eleven (11) memorable years until they bought their home in Stamford, CT. Several years later he joined McKinsey Consultants in New York, specifically to organize their home office. Finishing that task, he chose not to become a consultant and made another strategic change, going to work for Harry B. Helmsley in New York City, profitably managing major real estate holdings in New York, California, and Virginia. He left Helmsley Spear in the late 1990s after Harry's demise. He continued to consult in real estate transactions and manage his own assets.

With the turn of the century, Richard and Rita became "snowbirds" in Naples, Florida. Finally in 2012 after almost 40 years as residents of Stamford, CT they became Florida residents and settled year-round in Pelican Bay where rich friendships formed, and life was good. Late in 2019, they made the decision to again change "home" to The Terraces in Bonita Springs, where life was good, as well. However, now, we will miss Richard's smile, his good humor, and his quiet wry comments, but we know he is once again "at home" with his Maker.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Richard at St. William Catholic Church, 601 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL on November 16, 2023, at 10:00 AM, preceded by a gathering of family and friends in the narthex of the church after 9:30 AM; Mass will begin at 10:00 AM. For those who are unable to attend the funeral mass will be live-streamed at <https://youtube.com/live/eBP9zOvFNks?feature=share>.

In remembrance of Richard's life, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, any charitable donations be made to Hope Hospice, Ft. Myers, FL, or The

Terraces Foundation, Scholarship Fund, Bonita Springs, FL, or a charity of one's choice

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# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

NOV **16**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. William Catholic Church  
601 Seagate Drive  
Naples, FL 34103

## Funeral Mass

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