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Richard was born on January 7, 1944, and passed away peacefully on March 14, 2017, after a courageous 12 year battle with Prostate Cancer. Loving husband of Judy; Father of Jeffrey (Sabina), Peter (Nanci), Christian (Christy) and Melissa (Scott); proud grandfather of Jessica, Zachary, Amanda, Adam, Alyssa, Bradley, Shea, Sydney and MacKenzie; brother of Walter Jr (Nadine). Richard was predeceased by his parents Walter Sr. and Dorothea Gage and brother, Michael (Donna) Gage. Richard was born in Rochester, NY and graduated from McQuaid Jesuit High School in 1961. He began a 40 year career at Xerox Corporation at 19 years-old. While climbing the corporate ladder, Richard was very proud to have earned a combined Bachelor's and Master's Degree in 1982 from the University of Rochester. In 1996, Richard and Judy, as empty nesters, took their adventure to Chicago, IL where Richard was the Vice President of Administration for Xerox Corporation. In 2002, he retired from Xerox and enjoyed snow birding from Chicago to Fort Myers each winter until their full time relocation to Florida in 2010. Richard was a talented painter, and enjoyed playing golf, watching Syracuse basketball and experiencing the Chicago Cubs championship run to a World Series victory in 2016. He loved spending time with his friends from Rochester, Boston, Chicago and Fort Myers. Most of all, he was happiest when surrounded by his family. Anyone that knew Richard well was familiar with his creative wit and how tremendously gifted he was at generating smiles and making people laugh. In fact, one enduring question that troubled him for years was "Why is there no poker playing on an African safari?" We think he finally found the answer: "Too many cheetahs"... just saying. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, www.pcf.org or donations in Richard's name can be sent to McQuaid Jesuit, 1800 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617. A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, March 28th at 11:00 am at St. Therese Catholic Church, 20115 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903. To share a story, leave a tribute or



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to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Richard's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign his guestbook.



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JC

Joanne Coyle posted:

I'd like to offer my sincere condolences to Rich's family. I was so saddened to hear of his passing. I knew Rich from working at Xerox in Parkridge ,Illinois. He was the best center Manager I ever remember in my 20 years with Xerox Corp. He always had a smile and a joke around the corner :). I'm reminded of one of our annual meetings where Rich actually came out in a Batman like costume with the mask and cape and lip singing to 'We are the Champions ' by Queen! It was one of the highlights of all my years with Xerox! He was a beautiful person and I wish him Godspeed. My prayer for your family is that all those most precious memories give some measure of comfort until you meet again. God BlessJoanne Coyle

April 15 at 11:09 AM

LD

Lorna Dawson posted:

High school was a long time ago, but a few people remain vivid in memory. Visiting Richie in the hospital after an accident, I was half-afraid to peek into his room, but there he was, making everyone laugh. Even then, he was so full of warmth and high spirits – it's hard to believe he's gone. Lorna Dawson

March 31 at 3:35 PM

NS

Ned Sloan posted:

Rich was a great friend. He was always upbeat and funny. He was a great husband and very involved with his 4 children. I will greatly miss Rich, loved that man. God Bless You Rich!

March 29 at 8:07 AM

DM

Dick Montgomery posted:

Rich was a big part of my Xerox life from my day 1 (1968) in Accounts Payable with Hank Klint, Bob Maloney and Janet Flannagan. He took all the challenges with sensitivity and humor to get the best results. We crossed paths many times in our Rochester Customer Administration careers and in Penfield. He was always a friend and able to balance humor with 'getting things done'. Judy and his family have been a major presence with our families in Penfield. God speed.... Mary & Dick Montgomery

March 29 at 7:16 AM



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MP

Marie Tantalo And Susan Pearce posted:

So sorry to hear that Rich has passed. We worked together in so many different capacities and departments at Xerox it's hard to remember all of them. Rich was always good for a laugh, even in the midst of a crisis, We often joked that he was the perfect example of the little kid who was digging through a pile of horse manure without stopping until someone asked him what he was doing. And the kid says, "with all this horse shit piled here I figure there has to be a pony somewhere in there!" Rich could always find "the pony" and lifted everyone's spirits when he did. Judy, Susan and I are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we both have great memories of the two of you and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

March 28 at 12:55 PM

MB

Mary Jo Bender posted:

Judy we have so many memories with you and Rich when you were in Rochester. He was a great guy who always made everyone laugh, and he was always fun and such a positive person. We both started at Xerox at the same time in the same department. He was well liked right away and was a man who stood out and did very well. We will all miss Rich; but he leaves this world a better place having been here. His infamous laugh pictures on Facebook, his art, his bird houses, his jokes but mostly his love of his family will remain with me forever. Mary Jo Bender

March 27 at 6:41 PM

DK

Dan Kinsky posted:

Judy our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have always enjoyed Richie, his wonderful sense of humor and being in his presence. May God bless you and be a sense of comfort for you now. God Bless, Dan & Sheila Kinsky

March 27 at 12:26 PM

JS

Joe Schnupp posted:

My condolences to Judy and family!! provided financial support for Rich and his staff in Rochester Customer Admin and always appreciated his positive attitude and integrity. He was a bright light in my 34 yr career at Xerox. May he rest in peace. Joe Schnupp

March 27 at 11:09 AM



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BB

Bill Bender posted:

I survived with Rich our years at McQuaid. I like to take credit for introducing Rich to Judy (one of my wife's best friends at St. Agnes). I understand Judy still remembers the shirt Rich wore when we invaded the party on Crawford. Rich was a loyal & entertaining friend. Just a great guy, but you already know that.p.s. I still have 8mm from a New Year's Eve party at that their house. I may submit it to Wikileaks someday. Bill Bender

March 26 at 9:10 AM

VB

Virginia Browne posted:

Many great memories of Rich – our cheerleader during the CAPS project in Dallas. God speed...
Ginny Carson Browne.

March 26 at 8:03 AM

SF

Steve Friedlander posted:

So sorry to hear that Rich has passed. He was a good man

March 26 at 7:40 AM

JW

Judith Weaver posted:

So sad to hear of Rich's passing. I worked with him for several years at Xerox. He was not only a great manager but a friend and mentor. He always made a difficult task seem easy with his humor. He was so proud of Judy and his children. A wonderful man who will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him With sympathy, Judie Weaver

March 24 at 3:45 PM

JW

Judith Weaver posted:

So saddened to hear of Rich's passing. I worked with Rich for many years at Xerox. He was my manager, mentor and friend. He always could make a hard task easier with his support and humor. He was a wonderful person and I am fortunate to have known him. My sympathy to Judy and to his lovely family in their loss.

March 23 at 1:49 PM



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KS

Kermit Slye posted:

To Judy and family: I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of one of the finest persons I knew during my 30 years at Xerox. Beginning in the Temple Building where we first worked in 1963 in the "Control" department, I have many cherished memories of Rich, his personal and professional qualities and accomplishments, and the universal love and respect he earned. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincere condolences. Kermit Slye

March 22 at 10:58 AM

AP

Arthur Portnoy posted:

Rich was an honored co-worker, and more importantly a good friend. My best wishes and thoughts go to Rich's family and friends who will dearly miss him. Arthur Portnoy

March 22 at 10:57 AM

JT

Jessica Thompson posted:

Mr. Gage was a wonderful longtime friend of my parents. I often checked on him and prayed for him every night. As a caretaker to a fighter of cancer I know all too well how difficult it is. He was a true fighter with a positive spirit. Rest easy Mr. Gage, you will live on forever in the hearts of those who were so honored to know you. Love, prayers and light to Judy and family. Jessie Thompson

March 21 at 6:46 PM

MB

Merle Banek posted:

Rich was one of the best of the many supervisors I had during my time in Rochester headquarters. We grieve, but heaven is a happier place with his arrival. Merle Banek

March 21 at 2:44 PM

SC

Sherrie Chapman posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Richard Michael Gage

March 21 at 4:49 AM



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PL

Patrice Wheeler Luszczak posted:

Sending prayers and love Judy to you and your family. I am blessed to have known Rich while I worked at LBS and such great memories at the Solo's golf events! I will miss how he could always make me laugh with his FB posts. And loved seeing his beautiful paintings and how he grew with each one!

March 20 at 4:45 PM

GF

Galinski Family posted:

Sending condolences to the Gage family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Pat and Stan Galinski

March 20 at 11:36 AM

GY

George Yeadon posted:

Rich was more than a manager and co-worker at Xerox. I appreciated his knowledge, skills and insight, both professionally and personally. Our friendship is one I'll remember as long as I live. Condolences to Judy and the rest of the family. George Yeadon

March 20 at 11:07 AM

YP

Yadira Papacrist posted:

Rich was a great leader, mentor and friend. He helped shape my career and provided meaningful counsel. His love for family and friends were always at the top of his priorities, he lived well and shared his big heart with many of us. He may be gone but never forgotten, rest in peace. Love Yadira and Joe

March 20 at 4:12 AM

MM

Michael Morgan posted:

I worked for Rich over several years when he came to run Xerox's Customer Administration Center in Park Ridge. It was a privilege to work with Rich as he was a fine human being who showed compassion and concern for all employees. He went above and beyond any expectations to support me personally in my career for which I am very grateful. Rich was kind to everyone and I am thankful for having the experience of getting to know him as a person. I express my sympathies to Rich's family and hope you are able to take comfort in knowing how Rich positively impacted so many people's lives. Mike Morgan

March 19 at 7:51 PM



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JK

Judy Kriehn posted:

Sincere sympathy to you Judy and your beautiful family. I have many many memories of our Penfield days. May God Bless you. Judy Kriehn

March 19 at 3:34 PM

ML

Margaret Lu posted:

Rich was a wonderful guy, a gentleman with integrity and heart. I enjoyed every minutes that we worked together at Xerox.Our deepest condolences to Judy and their family.Margaret Lu

March 18 at 3:45 PM

MD

Michele Kinsky Davitt posted:

We grew up with the Gage family spending many, many holidays–Thanksgiving, and Christmas, and summer vacations together for so many wonderful years. Uncle Rich has had such a positive impact on all of those memorable occasions–he was just such a JOY to be around. My heart will forever sing when remembering him. Uncle Rich–you will be missed more than words can possibly convey.

March 18 at 9:56 AM

MD

Marsha Dudnick posted:

I worked for Rich when he first came to the Park Ridge facility. No matter how your day was going Rich always had a smile on his face and a good word to say to you. He raised moral and we were all better for knowing him. Rest in Peace Rich.

March 18 at 7:55 AM

PL

Pat Lewis posted:

My sincere condolences to the Gage Family at this time. It is heart breaking to hear this sad news of Rich's passing. I worked with Rich at Xerox. He was responsible for my transfer from Miami, Fl. And although it may sound crazy, I am very grateful to him for that move. He was a great man to work with, he had a compassionate heart, and a great sense of humor. Rich, we will all miss you!!!

March 18 at 7:41 AM



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MK

Mary Ellen Karakis posted:

Truly was one terrific person and leader...just what Xerox needed at the time. Condolences to his family and my prayers are with him.

March 18 at 6:12 AM

DH

Dean Hamingson posted:

I am sad to learn of Rich's passing. I spent many wonderful years working with Rich at Xerox, in Rochester as well as in Chicago. I had his job in Chicago (Park Ridge, Ill) two generations a head of him. Rich was a committed hard working employee who gave much to Xerox. He was always fun to be around, his humor made all happy. Rich and Judy were charter members of a the First Friday group (Eight couples who have met on the first Friday of the month since 1978.) Rich and Judy kept in touch with the group after moving to Chicago and Florida. Rich will be missed, much. Dean Hamingson

March 18 at 5:22 AM

PO

Pam Oettel posted:

Rich was such a wonderful aseniir leader and manager. I loved working with him!

March 17 at 4:33 PM

CH

Clark Hills posted:

A great guy and a great friend. You will be missed Rich. Clark

March 17 at 4:31 PM

AP

Ann Potts posted:

I remember well when Rich first moved to Chicago and took charge of our center. It was at a time that our office had very low morale and he was certainly the right man at the right time. Rich brought his compassion and showed his commitment to employees and doing the right thing. He had a huge impact on the center's morale very quickly. I was always impressed with what a true gentleman Rich was – in fact, I just looked up the definition and it describes him well... "a chivalrous, courteous, or honorable man." Rich had every one of those attributes. He loved his family dearly and I send my prayers and thoughts to you. I hope that your memories will bring comfort during this sad time. Ann Potts

March 17 at 3:28 PM



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Bernie Baron posted:

I worked under Rich's Leadership at Xerox. Rich was a great leader, and a genuine, kind hearted, humble man. Our Prayers and Condolences go out to his Family. God Bless.

March 17 at 2:48 PM



Joe Kinsky posted:

Rest in Peace Uncle Rich. I will never forget the fond memories of the mountains and Uncle Rich's rendition of the song "Hey Hey we're the Monkees" The lyrics were different each time he would sing it but it brought instant laughter to the room. Joe Kinsky

March 17 at 2:13 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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