



Richard Stanley Juralewicz

June 25, 1935 - December 11, 2020

Richard Stanley Juralewicz of Fort Myers, Florida passed away suddenly, but peacefully, on Friday, December 11, 2020, at Health Park Medical Center where he was hospitalized for some recent health challenges. he was 85 years old.

Richard was born on June 25, 1935 in Torrington, Connecticut, the proud son of Mary (Pugnier) and Stanley Juralewicz. He was a veteran of the United States Army and later received his PhD. and spent his career in higher education serving as a College Professor. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved children, Richard Wenning of Yarmouth, MN; Niki Juralewicz of Durham, NC and Jon Marie Woolverton of Gilford, NH. He also leaves behind a number of extended family members and many friends who are greatly saddened by his passing. Sadly, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife Joan (Keller) Juralewicz who passed away in 2017. Richard will be warmly remembered and fondly missed by all who knew him.

A Graveside Service for Richard will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas A. Heck at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at the Field of Honor located at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Military Honors for Richard will be provided by the Harney Point Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, No. 8463 following this ceremony. At the conclusion of these exercises, Richard will be laid to rest alongside his beloved wife Joan inside the Mausoleum located at the Garden of Serenity.

The late Joan Keller Juralewicz and her late husband, Richard, both shared a belief that Worcester State University's faculty and curriculum provide the profound knowledge and experience necessary for success in an individual's career and life. The Dr. Joan Keller Juralewicz and Dr. Richard S. Juralewicz Scholarship will support students who work hard to get an education and achieve a high level of academic excellence.

The scholarship's criteria reflects Joan's belief that only the best students should be teachers, as well as Richard's belief that managers must apply behavioral science to release the potential that lies within workers to achieve high performance in a competitive world.

Joan and Richard met, and later married, as members of the Worcester State community—Joan as associate dean of continuing education and Richard as chairman of the Department of Business Administration. Both recognized the importance of education.

Joan's education started at Montclair University, a state college, where she received her undergraduate degree and teacher certification. She received a master's degree from Seton Hall and a doctorate degree in education with a concentration in reading from Rutgers, becoming the only advanced degree holder in her family. Joan's father was a career chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army, and her family moved around considerably.

Richard started as a five-year co-op student at the General Motors Institute and was employed by General Motors as an engineer, earning a master's degree in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He then changed career paths, earning a Ph.D. in the field of organizational behavior, also from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He started his teaching career as a professor at the University of Minnesota and later became one of the founders of the business department at Worcester State University. He was the department's first chairperson and served in the position for 14 years, establishing the internship program for business students. He consulted extensively for major corporations, the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center (Apollo Moon Program), and law enforcement, including the Massachusetts State Police.

After Joan's tenure as associate dean, she became a faculty member in the Education Department. Joan was a wonderful professor of reading and the Education Department's coordinator of the graduate program for reading. Joan authored more than 26 professional publications, presented at 14 professional conferences, consulted with the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and received more than seven distinguished awards.

Joan passed away in March 2017. Richard passed away in December of 2020. This scholarship is a wonderful tribute to a woman who helped bring the reading program to life and who helped so many students. The scholarship also honors Richard, who helped bring the business program to where it is today and mentored so many business students to succeed. Both knew the value of hard work combined with a quality education, such as that offered at Worcester State University. It is hoped this scholarship will assist the men and women who seek the profound knowledge that Worcester State University offers. The couple's aspiration is that as the recipients achieve success, they will, in turn, help future students in the same way.

The Dr. Joan Keller Juralewicz and Dr. Richard S. Juralewicz Scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in education or business with preference given to (in no particular order):

- A. Education students concentrating in reading;
- B. Graduate Education students specializing in reading;
- C. Business students in any concentration with a minor in psychology or who has an interest in applying behavioral science to management as evidenced by another academic concentration or minor.

Students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrate a desire to work hard to get an education and achieve a high level of academic excellence. A \$1,000 Scholarship is awarded annually.

To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Richard's memorial webpage located at <http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com> and sign his guestbook.

Cemetery

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery

1589 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL, 33907

Events

DEC 15 Graveside Service 03:00PM

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL, US,
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DEC 15 Military Honors by Harney Point VFW Post # 8463 03:15PM

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DEC 15 Entombment 03:30PM

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Comments



“ Dick was a highly inspirational and model instructor in my Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota. He also generously treated my wife and me to multiple restaurant dinners during the time I was a poor graduate student.

John Newstrom - January 05, 2021 at 10:16 AM



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“ Jon Marie Woolverton lit a candle in memory of Richard Stanley Juralewicz



jon marie woolverton - January 02, 2021 at 05:07 PM



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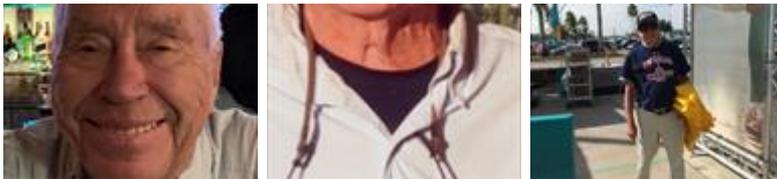
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