



## Richard Paul Guzzio

September 6, 1945 - January 31, 2016

Richard Paul Guzzio died peacefully at Connecticut Hospice on Sunday January 31, 2016 after a long illness. He was the fourth child of Helen Cain Guzzio and Salvatore Joseph Guzzio born September 6, 1945 in New Haven. He graduated from North Haven High School in 1964 where he was senior class president. Richard was a terrific dancer, often the favorite of classmates who asked him to join them on WTNH Channel 8 Bandstand. After high school Richard graduated from St. Raphael's School of Radiology. He was an x-ray technician at St. Raphael Hospital, Park City Hospital in Bridgeport and the VA Hospitals in both Providence, RI and West Haven, CT. During the 1970's Richie was one of the original organizers of Catholic Dignity in New Haven. During those years, his home was a welcoming place for many, often serving up his famous baked beans that were made from scratch. When entertaining out of town guests, he loved to show off the City of New Haven. He loved the city and its history. Richard has a strong sense of faith. He was a parishioner of St. Aedan's Church. Richard leaves behind brothers James of Charlotte, NC, Robert of Madison, CT. and Michael Guzzio of Caudwell, NJ sisters Eleanor Guzzio of Wilmette, IL and Lorraine Chammah of Austin, TX. He was the favorite uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was also a proud godfather to Ivailo Agli who he helped raise. The family would like to thank Dr. Sam Geller and Dr. Arthur Selzer for their years of care and to also thank the staff at Connecticut Hospice who helped Richie in his last days.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Aedan

Church. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Burial in St. Bernard Cemetery. Calling hours will be Thursday from 5 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Memorial donations may be made to Smile Train P.O. Box 96231, Washington, D.C. 20090-6231, CT. Hospice 100 Double Beach Rd. Branford, CT. 06405 or to a charity of one's choice. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Bernard

New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

FEB 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Aedan Church  
112 Fountain St.  
New Haven, CT

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *David Bassermann Stadalnik*

*February 5 at 5:33pm ·*

*The News just made it out to California that dear friend Richard Guzzio passed away. He was the best man at our "Wedding of the Century" and frequent guest to our home in California. Here is Richard getting some sun with us on our boat. He also took trips to Las Vegas and Sedonna with us. He always got to the bottom line. He aways went up to the spiritual highs. I suspect he will be watching over all his family and friends. Much Love from long time friends David Stadalnik and Johnny Mendezon.*

*David Bassermann Stadalnik's photo.*

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*Ricardo D'Onofrio, Peter Stellavato, Craig Hemming and 4 others like this.*

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**David Stadalnik** - February 09, 2016 at 07:59 AM

JG

“ *Richie was a kind generous soul. Always the friend and cheering squad. I have many happy memories of dances, parties and just goofing off. Rest in the arms of the lord, dear Guz. JoAnn Spignesi Green*

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**JoAnn Green** - February 05, 2016 at 09:44 AM

SZ

“ My deepest sympathy to the Guzzio Family on the loss of Richard. Jack would talk about him and I was lucky enough to meet him . When my brother Bill Mansfield had his knees operated on, Richard would come down to talk to Jack and I. I know it made Jack feel much better knowing he was there.  
Sincerely,  
Susanne Zdanowicz

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**Susanne Zdanowicz** - February 05, 2016 at 08:23 AM

SB

“ I'm sure that I speak for many of us from the NHHS Class of '64, when I remember with fondness the energy with which Richie approached any event. We depended on him to have things in order and complete. Many of us assumed that schedules and plans that had been made, would be kept. He made our Senior year run smoothly, as we assumed it would be. Thanks, hombre.  
Stan Burg, Albuquerque, NM

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**Stanley Burg** - February 05, 2016 at 01:01 AM

MF

“ I lived next door to the Guzzio family. We grew up together. He was gregarious, just like his siblings. Over the years we kept in touch briefly. He was my high school class president and we had several class reunions over the years. The last one was last Summer. We reconnected and exchanged telephone numbers. I was ready to call him for a breakfast meeting, when I received the news of his passing. I know he had a rough time, but he was upbeat when I saw him last. You will be forever in my memories and although we went our separate ways, you will indeed be missed. RIP Richie...  
Signed, Mike Fusco...

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**Mike Fusco** - February 04, 2016 at 05:14 PM

JG

“ I will miss you Uncle Richie. You were the best story teller ever and had a very good heart. I'm sad you are gone but am happy you are at peace with our Lord Jesus in heaven through eternity.

Jim Guzzio - February 04, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Guzzio.



February 03, 2016 at 03:35 PM

IA

“ Richard you have become a great godfather when you come to my school play and musical concerts. I will think of you when I celebrate my birthdays or look at the pictures of you and me. Thank you very much and I loved you a lot. I will miss you so much. From Ivailo Georgiev Agli

Ivailo Agli - February 03, 2016 at 02:43 PM

LC

“ Richard was a family friend and almost family. He had been friends with my sister Pat Zandri for many years until her passing a year ago. I will always remember Richard's friendly smile and his kind heart, he will be deeply missed. RIP Richard, God will be there with open arms for you...

Linda Cosenza - February 03, 2016 at 08:22 AM

BS

“ I arrived at North Haven High in the fall of 1961. I was with the group from North Branford. We didn't have a high school so they "Farmed" us out to North Haven. Somewhere along the line I met Guz, It was an instant friendship, he just started talking and that was that. He introduced us to many of our classmates and helped us blend into the school. After graduation I ran into him several times, he treated it as though we had coffee yesterday. What a joy it was to spend time with Rich at our 50th reunion, the stories went on and on. Christmas Eve 2015 I went to mass at Saint Brendans (my old parish as a child). I arrived early and was inspecting the church when I spotted Rich come in and sit. I walked over to the pew and just stood looking at him. It took a moment for him to recognize me and then the smile came. We had a great chat before mass, it was a special Christmas gift for me. I missed him this year as I will miss him forever. I regret I will out of state and not able to attend the service.

*Bill Schaeffer*

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**Bill Schaeffer** - February 02, 2016 at 10:20 PM

AW

“ Sincere condolences to the Guzzio family. I worked with Ritchie at the Va Hospital in West Haven. We often walked in together from the parking lot and shared many nights sharing a cup of coffee and having great conversation while working in the MICU. I have fond memories of Richie and pray that you will find comfort in knowing how special a person he was to so many people.

*Ann Williams Charlotte, North Carolina*

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**Ann Williams** - February 02, 2016 at 06:26 AM

KF

“ Dear Eleanor, Lorraine and the entire Guzzio family,



*Please accept my most sincere sympathy and deepest condolences of the loss of your dear brother, Rich, my friend and a friend to so many! It was so good to see him at our 50th high school reunion. He was so caring to everyone and would help anyone in need. He was fun, a great dancer and an all around good guy. So supportive of all of our school events. As I now live in Florida I will not be able to attend his funeral service but will certainly be with you all in thought and prayer during this difficult time. May he rest in peace. Hugs to you all.*

*Katie Pope Fuchs*

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**Katie Pope Fuchs** - February 01, 2016 at 11:08 PM