



Richard T Furlong Sr

November 18, 1947 - September 25, 2016

Richard Teric Furlong, Sr. 68, of Bradley, IL, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, September 25, 2016 He was at home, surrounded by his loving family.

Rich began his successful firefighting /paramedic career with the Harvey Fire Department as paid-on-call in the mid 1970's. His hard work, training, dedication, and love for the job earned him promotions. He retired as Deputy Chief of the Harvey Fire Department in May of 1998 and moved to Bradley, IL. However, retirement didn't suit him. He missed the firefighting camaraderie. He decided to join the Bradley Fire Department as a volunteer and eventually gained the rank of Assistant Chief. He spearheaded and was responsible for training many Kankakee County firefighters in Haz-Mat and had a part implementing Haz-Mat in Kankakee County.

Throughout the years, he shared his knowledge and experience by teaching fire sciences at several suburban colleges, was an active member of the South Suburban Haz Mat Team, ESDA (Emergency Service Disaster Agency), and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management). Rich was also the proprietor of his own electric company, Rich & Sons Electric, where he shared his knowledge of the electrical trade with his sons and many others. Rich's

intelligence, bravery and wit touched many in his professional life.

Rich is survived by his loving wife, Diane (Ladislav) Furlong; his sons Richard(Lisa) Furlong, Jr.; Mike(Stephanie) Furlong; Larry(Laura) Greenwood; daughters Suzanne(Bryan) Pinto; and Heather(Trent)Makare;

His greatest joys were his many grandkids, Joshua, Richie, Colton, Amber, Jeremy, Joseph, Cayden, Alystin, Kayonna, Jaylynn, Adelena, Trenton, Amara and Avery. They will miss his bad jokes and consistent teasing. They loved him dearly.

Additionally, he is survived by his father, Bob(Rebecca)Furlong; brothers, Alyn Furlong, Bill(Jan) Furlong, and Dan Stokan; his sisters Vera(Brad)Seydel and Leslee(Steve) Ciecierski; and many nieces and nephews.

Rich will be remembered by his favorite pastimes. His enjoyment of practical jokes, and bad jokes, were continuous. He loved doing the crossword puzzle, camping, fishing, designing fire trucks, wearing his crocs, smoking cigarettes, playing freecell, swimming in his pool, watching movies and oh, how he loved his brownies and a good milkshake!! His laughter was contagious. He loved people. Rich was completely loved and will be wholeheartedly missed.

Preceded in death by his mother Moina(Imam)Furlong

Memorial Service

Please join us to share your stories.

October 8, 2016 Visitation starting @ 1pm

Service/Eulogies @6pm

Firefighter Walk Through to be announced.

Church of God Worship Center,

420 Cardinal Dr.

Bourbonnais, Illinois

Cemetery Details

Cremation rites will be accorded

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Church of God Worship Center
420 Cardinal Drive
Bourbonnais, IL

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard T Furlong Sr*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Dr. Lang asked me to send a note to express his heart-felt sympathy to your family at this time. He will be missed.*

delinda - October 05, 2016 at 08:01 AM



“ *My sympathy to your family--Richard was always smiling and had a joke for us when he came to Dr. Lang's office. I really could "feel" the love he and his wife had for one another...something that is not so prevalent today. May God grant you joy and laughter as you recall the precious times you all had with him! ---Delinda Ascher,, Nurse at Dr. Lang's office*

Delinda AScher - October 04, 2016 at 03:10 PM



Thank you to all of you. You are all wonderful and compassionate.

Diane Furlong - October 05, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Richard T Furlong Sr.*



October 03, 2016 at 04:36 PM

BI

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Bill - October 03, 2016 at 03:46 PM

DF

Thank you so much Bill

Diane Furlong - October 03, 2016 at 10:51 PM

DF

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Diane Furlong - October 02, 2016 at 02:11 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"If love could have saved you" was purchased for the family of Richard T Furlong Sr.*



October 01, 2016 at 12:49 AM

DF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Diane Furlong - September 30, 2016 at 10:54 AM

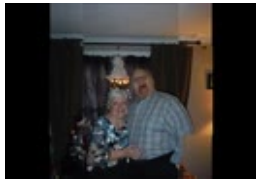
BA

Diane this is a beautiful tribute.

barb - September 30, 2016 at 05:52 PM

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Diane Furlong - September 30, 2016 at 09:43 AM

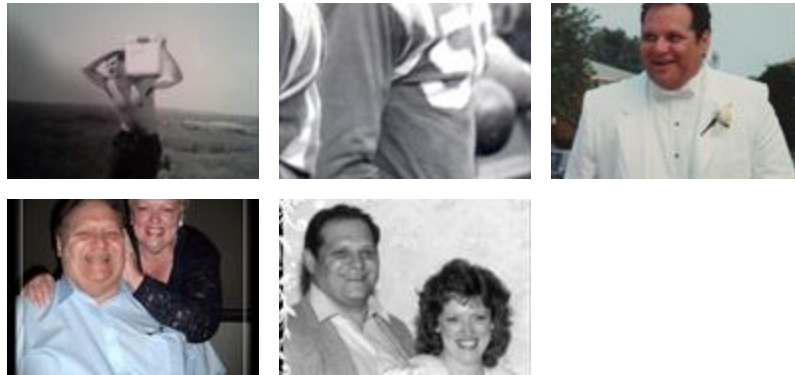
JS

Beautiful memorial. Rich was an incredible person. He lived his life to the fullest and touched so many lives. He always had a big heart, a smile and a large shoulder. Rich and Diane they just fit , they really seemed to complemented each other. Thank you Rich for all the love you left behind and all the lives you touched. You will be missed by many. <3

Judy Griffey Sipe - October 01, 2016 at 08:15 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Diane Furlong - September 30, 2016 at 08:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Richard T Furlong Sr.*



September 29, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Richard T Furlong Sr.*



September 28, 2016 at 02:07 PM

KL

“ I've only lived in the neighborhood a couple of years but was so thankful to call Rich my buddy! We'd easily chat or wave at least 5 times a day. I'll miss his silly heckling while I played ball with my girls. I didn't dare miss a pitch with Rich looking on :). Our family has felt a great emptiness the past few days, not getting our daily "good morning, have fun at school" greeting. He is missed every time I look out the front window. He was such a joy to have around. We will miss him dearly ❤️

Katie Locke - September 28, 2016 at 12:47 PM