



## MARK B. RICHARDS

January 1, 1954 - November 14, 2019

### MEMORIAL VISITATION:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

1:30pm to 2:00pm

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

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NAME TO:

WEST MILFORD MUSEUM

1470 UNION VALLEY ROAD

WEST MILFORD, NJ 07480

Mark B. Richards, 65 years old, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday,  
November 14, 2019.

He was born on January 1, 1954 in Franklin, New Jersey to the late Gene and  
Phyllis (Bunting) Richards and lived his entire life in West Milford, NJ.

Mark was a graduate of West Milford High School and took a BS degree in History from William Paterson University.

He was employed in a number of home improvement companies over the years as well as various rail roads and was most recently employed by New Jersey Transit.

Mark enjoyed reading and hunting and was a very avid model railroad enthusiast.

He was a frequent contributor to the local newspapers espousing a Libertarian philosophy.

In his spare time he volunteered at the West Milford Museum and a Friend of the Long Pond Ironworks.

A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 1:30pm to 2pm with a memorial service starting at 2pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (for GPS use 1 Post Place).

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Mark's memory to the West Milford Museum, 1470 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ 07480.

Log onto [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com) tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

DEC 7. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home

187 La Rue Road

(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)

Newfoundland, NJ 07435

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## Memorial Service

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ So many good family memories 🌸 Picnics and holidays 🌸 family times even if we were not officially family. Mark, you were always so smart and kind. You loved trains and history and I'm so glad you had your railroad job. Thank you for keeping us up to date on news from home with pictures and newspaper clippings of our homes in Ringwood and West Milford. Your Mom was so precious and special to me. Your Dad was always so much fun. For our notes and cards I'm thankful we kept in touch when we were able 🌸 I will see you again when we gather at our Savior's feet 🌸

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**JoAnn Michelfelder Christopher** - November 22, 2019 at 10:48 PM

RI

“ Our most deepest condolences to a dear cousin. Since I retired my wife and I moved to Virginia and had little contact with mark. We were devastated to find out today about marks passing. We love you mark and know you'll now be united with your mom and dad. Gene and Debbie riegler

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**rieglers** - November 20, 2019 at 08:02 PM

RS

“ Many great family gatherings with Mark and his parents many years ago. You will be missed. Farewell Mark .  
Joan and Roy Spitzform

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**Roy Spitzform** - November 20, 2019 at 06:52 PM

BB

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**Bradley Bender** - November 20, 2019 at 09:04 AM

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**Bradley Bender** - November 20, 2019 at 08:47 AM

BB

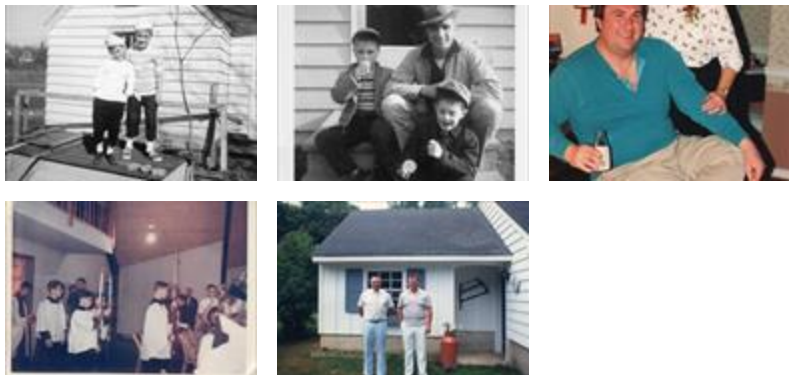
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Bradley Bender - November 19, 2019 at 09:13 PM

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Bradley Bender - November 19, 2019 at 07:48 PM

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Bradley Bender - November 19, 2019 at 06:39 PM

JS

“ Even though we weren't blood relatives, Mark was our "cousin" because his Dad, Gene, and my Dad, Ray, were best friends forever. We all grew up together and had many family get togethers whether it was at Mark's house or ours. That was a time when you called the adults "Aunt or Uncle". Mark stayed in touch with us and would send us info on home we were missing, Ringwood and West Milford, because he knew we were still such a part of the area. He will be missed and I know he really loved his work at the railroad, he was into trains since he was little. I didn't know he was a volunteer at the museum. He will be missed. I had a great visit with him about 5 years ago, he and his Dad and Carol sat and talked for hours, reminiscing about the good old days. Lot's of memories, Carol, we send our love and to Lyn and Brad and family, too! ❤️ Love you all! 🥰

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**Judy Sickora** - November 19, 2019 at 12:04 AM