



RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG

January 29, 1952 - September 13, 2025

VISITATION:

SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

2PM TO 6PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

CHURCH VISITATION PRIOR TO FUNERAL MASS:

MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

10AM TO 11AM

5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD
OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07435
973-208-0090

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MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
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PRIVATE FINAL DISPOSITION

Richard DeYoung, 73 years of age, passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at his home in Sussex, NJ.

He was born January 29, 1952 in Paterson, NJ. to the late Alice A. (nee Fryns) and the late Edward C. DeYoung.

In October of 1997 he married Kathy Ann (nee Thompson) and has since called her "Babydoll" which was also tattooed on his arm in a heart; soulmates forever.

Rick, as he liked to be called, graduated from Wayne Hills High School in 1970. He worked for a printing press in the city for a short time before becoming a lineman for the then called New Jersey Bell. He worked there for 30 years before retiring with disability from being diagnosed with emphysema. He also was an EMT for a while in the 70's. He has worked part time as a photographer for the Department for Persons with Disabilities and has been a volunteer along with his wife with one of the residents for over 20 years. Rick also volunteered much of his time and was a board member of the Wilson House in Vermont.

He was extremely bright, witty, and talented. He started playing guitar when he was 12 years old up to the point where he couldn't do it anymore after being diagnosed with Parkinson's. He was in several different bands and also played at many functions for DPD.

Rick was a loving and caring man and also a friend of Bill's and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife Kathy; his two daughters from his first marriage, Erin and Robin both of who live out of state; his three grandchildren Anthony, Helene "Bee" and Holly. He was also Poppy to Kathy's daughter's children-

Kaytlyn, Austin, Savannah and Merrick, Emily, Aiden and Abigail; his five great grandchildren; and his sister Diane Woolridge of Virginia.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday: September 21, 2025 from 2pm to 6pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

The family will also receive visitors on Monday: September 22, 2025 from 10am to 11am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07435; followed by the funeral mass at 11am at the church.

Final disposition will be private.

On line condolences and directions: www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 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
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Visitation at Church Prior to Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church
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Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Tribute Wall



“ Kathy, Michael and I are so sorry for your loss of your best friend, soulmate, the love of your life. Sending prayers and hugs to you 🙏🥰🙏❤️

Christina Schaible O'Brien - September 22, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG.



September 22, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG.

September 18, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG.



September 18, 2025 at 09:39 PM

GC

“ Rick, thank you for loving my friend so deeply and sharing so many wonderful memories with our Blue Glass Group. You will live on in our hearts until we meet again. Rest in peace and hope you are strumming your guitar again 💙

Gloria Cervoni - September 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM

KB

“ We will definitely miss seeing Rick. He could be counted on to make us laugh, keep the music fun, and always make us feel welcome. See you again someday.

Kris and Matt Bulas - September 18, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG.

September 18, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG.



September 18, 2025 at 07:55 AM

DW

“ Diane Woolridge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG.

Diane Woolridge - September 18, 2025 at 07:50 AM

KW

“ Keith Woolridge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG.

Keith Woolridge - September 18, 2025 at 07:40 AM

BH

“ I have know Richie for more than 45 years, even before I worked for the phone company. As linemen partners we had so many laughs, and still managed to get our work done. Richie had a way about him that made people smile and laugh. I will miss you buddy. We will meet again on the other side. Bruce Hazelman

Bruce Hazelman - September 17, 2025 at 10:56 PM

DW

“ Best brother ever. Love you big bro.

Diane

Diane Woolridge - September 17, 2025 at 08:17 PM

EW

“ Ed W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of RICHARD "RICK" DeYOUNG.

Ed W. - September 17, 2025 at 08:04 PM

DB

“ Always enjoyed your visit to Vermont Robert and I felt very appreciated by you. sincere condolences to the family. I know what you are going through Katy. As you know Robert passed away only 6 months ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you
Diane Boutin

Diane Boutin - September 17, 2025 at 06:10 PM