



## Richard John Nelson

March 8, 1945 - January 13, 2017

Richard John Nelson "Rick", 71, of Mooresville, died peacefully on January 13, 2017. He was born March 8, 1945 to Ester Lidberg and John Richard Nelson in Englewood, NJ. Rick was a wonderful husband, son, brother, uncle and friend. A kind and easy going man, he loved to travel, read, and just sit back enjoying life and the view of Lake Norman from his porch. Rick enjoyed good food and was always scouting out new recipes to try. After earning a chemistry degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, he worked in the dyes and chemicals industry until retiring. He spent most of his career in technical and IT management with Clariant (formerly Sandoz) in Fairlawn, NJ and Charlotte, NC. Rick was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Folke Dahlgren. He is survived by his wife of nearly 24 years, Cathy Critz; sister, Jean Dahlgren, nephews David Dahlgren (Elizabeth Poole) and Chris Allen Dahlgren, and niece Ingrid Coard (Peter), all of Florida; mother-in-law Elizabeth Critz, sisters and brothers-in-law Marie and Kenny St. Romain, and Tommy and Teresa Critz; nieces Susie and Ali Weller; Sam, Lisa, Mary, and Jennifer Critz; nephews Drew Weller (Rachel); Otto and AJ Critz; and great niece and great nephews. His beloved canine kids, Gustav and Freya, will miss him. A celebration of Rick's life will be held Saturday, February 25, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville. Memorials may be made to St. Therese Catholic Church, Mooresville, NC or Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Sherrills Ford, NC. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Nelson. Condolences may be

made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard John Nelson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Richard John Nelson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Richard John Nelson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear this news. Life goes by so quickly and all the things we wish we did or said, didn't happen. I have those regrets. We were high school friends and shared many good times. We had a tight group of friends and eventually went many different directions. All I can say is Rick was a good friend who would do anything for you and was always there when you need him. Rest In Peace, my friend. We will meet again.*

**George Demarest** - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Well Cousin Ricky it is with a sad heart that I type this note expressing some of my thanks for your guidance in our youth and early driving lessons in your parents Saab 2 cycle and later your 72 Pontiac Tempest 4 cyl with 4 bbl. which could really move along the roads in your town. I remember you taking me to my first college Christmas Dance and me showing you when the closest 18 yr old bar I new about. Yes cousin we had some great times together and I can't walk through my living room without seeing the piano we would hide under at the Swedish Christmas Eve when the entire family was together. Bless you cousin and enjoy your parents and cousins Donald and Dagmar You are in my thoughts and prayers see you some day- cousin

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**Chuck Dearborn** - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Cathy, Dan and I extend our deepest sympathies to you. We will always be indebted to him for his generous support of our family. Karen, Dan, Kyla, and Jack Kelly

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**Karen Kelly** - January 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ When he married Cathy (my good friend from first grade forward), Rick became part of my extended family. We shared some good times and some great meals at Caruso's and Rick's kitchen. I will miss him and even the twinkle in his eye when he leveled you with that dry Viking wit.

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**Nancy** - January 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Cathy, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

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**Suzanne** - January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Cathy, I am so sorry to heard this. You have been such a blessing to me so I know you absolutely have been a blessing to Rick as you shared life together. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you get through this difficult time. This is a very big long distance HUG. cs

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**Claire Smith** - January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To Cathy, my heart is breaking for you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Let me know if I can do anything. Robyn Crigger

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January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort sustain you in the days to come. Psalm 29:11.

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**Floyd Family** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Cathy we are so sorry for your loss. Rick was a good person and will be missed. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Martha Michael** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I knew Rick from work! He was a great colleage and we had one or the other nice glas of wine together. RIPP  
Paul from germany

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**Paul Mauer** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I am so saddened to learn of Rick's untimely passing. Although I didn't work directly with him, whenever I had the occasion to work with him on projects at Clariant, I found him to be kind, diligent, sincere and with a dry wit. He was a thoroughly decent person and will be sorely missed. May God provide comfort through this difficult time of transition.

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**Connie Knight** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I knew Rick for only a short time but will always remember his smile and warm personality. Cathy be strong. I am here for you always.

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**Gloria Carrozzo** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Loved Rick. Loved his humor, loved his knowledge, loved talking with him. The world will be a sadder place without him. God's peace to his family.

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**Abby Bostian** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So honored to know him. Pat and Marvin odonnell

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January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ A wonderful person and great friend. He enjoyed all aspects of life, especially traveling. We had some great times working and traveling together that will be remembered forever. He is now peacefully at rest.

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**Ed Elder** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *I will cherish the memories of the many good times we spent together.*

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**Ali Weller** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JD

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*Johanna Dingler,*

*Bad Soden*

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**Johanna Dingler** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *May God's Peace be with you during this time of sorry.*

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**Rufus Gregory** - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM