



Richard S Roth

June 2, 1942 - June 24, 2024

It is with great respect and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Richard “Dick” Roth on June 24, 2024. A devoted father, grandfather, educator, coach and community leader, Dick leaves behind a legacy of mentorship, inspiration and personal growth.

Born on June 2, 1942, Dick grew up in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating from John Marshall High School, he met the love of his life Linda (nee Peter) on a blind date and they married in August of 1966. A graduate of the University of Findlay, he began his career as a teacher and basketball coach at Uniota High School in Chillicothe, OH. His love and talent for coaching basketball gave him the opportunity to coach at several different programs including Elyria High School, Elyria West High School, Baldwin-Wallace University and Oberlin College.

His passion for teaching eventually led him to pursue a Masters in Education from Baldwin-Wallace University. From there, Dick transitioned into more senior level positions within his chosen field, including assistant principal at Keystone High School in LaGrange, OH, then on to assistant/associate principal and athletic director at Amherst Steele High School in Amherst, OH, before retiring.

While working part-time in retirement, Dick established a new athletic program at Lorain County Community College. A man of many accomplishments, perhaps one of his most proud was being elected as a two-term City of Elyria Councilman representing Ward 3.

Outside of his professional life, Dick was a loving husband to Linda Roth, a proud father to Shawn (Dan) Harrell of Wintergarden, FL, Kristin Kelley of Ann Arbor, MI, and Scott (Michelle) Roth of Nashville, TN. He was also the beloved grandfather to Mallory and Brennan Harrell, Jack and Luke Kelley, and Devon Roth. His proud pup, Abbie must also not be forgotten.

Dick and Linda happily retired to The Villages, FL, nearly 20 years ago where Dick was able to live an active life up until nearly the very end, playing pickleball, softball, golf, and biking.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The American Cancer Society or The Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ So sorry to hear the news. I played basketball for Elyria in 1977 with Mr. Roth, serving as an assistant coach. It was an amazing year making it to the state tournament and his coaching was a big part of it. On a personal level he helped get me to Findlay College where I obtained a degree in Business Management and was able to play basketball. That impacted my life in such a positive way, and I am forever grateful. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Mike Warden

Mike Warden - June 29, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JA

“ Dearest Linda, What a great guy you shared many years with! It was such fun to have good memories with you and Dick. I loved Dick's honesty; you always knew where you stood with Dick - we need more people like him in this crazy world today! I can still see that twinkle in his eye and a nod of the head. 😊 Thank you for sharing Dick's life accomplishments with us; many I didn't know about; how proud you and the family should be.
My deepest sympathy to you and Shawn, Kristin, and Scott, and families as you navigate this time of life. Much love and God's blessings
Joan Antle

Joan Antle - June 27, 2024 at 02:40 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dick's passing. Prayers to Linda, Shawn, Kristen, and Scott. He was an excellent coach and administrator who always put the kids first. I always enjoyed our talks about education and coaching and as you know Dick loved a good debate. R.I.P. Dick and thank you for your impact on the thousands of students that crossed your path.

Mark Mabry - June 27, 2024 at 12:08 PM

JK

“ Dick and I played basketball together in Junior High School at Newton D. Baker and in Senior High School at John Marshall. I graduated from JMHS in June 1961. Dick contacted me in Oxford, Ohio in 2018 where I spent my career teaching in the business school. Since then Dick and I had many meaningful conversations. He was a GOOD HUMAN BEING. You will be missed. Jim Kehr

James Kehr - June 27, 2024 at 11:56 AM

CG

“ Costas Matteis - Atlanta Ga purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard S Roth.



Costas Matteis - Atlanta Ga - June 27, 2024 at 11:04 AM

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“ Costas Matteis - Atlanta Ga planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard S Roth.

Costas Matteis - Atlanta Ga - June 27, 2024 at 11:04 AM

DR

“ *Linda and family, very sorry to read about Dick. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May he rest in peace*

Doris and Ron - June 27, 2024 at 08:37 AM

JH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you for the best of everything. God bless.*

Jerry Henson - June 26, 2024 at 10:33 AM

JM

My deepest sympathy and prayers for your family. Dick was really one of the good guys. God bless

joyce mazur - July 01, 2024 at 05:02 PM