



Richard Francis Muth

April 29, 1955 - September 12, 2016

Richard Francis Muth, 61, of Alexandria, Virginia died suddenly on Monday, September 12, 2016, at his home. He was the loving husband of 32 years to Christine (Conroy) Muth and devoted father of daughters Emily and Laura.

Richard was born on April 29, 1955, to James C. and Lorraine Ann (Bode) Muth in Washington D.C., and grew up in Bethesda and Potomac, MD. He received his bachelor of science degree in biophysics from Johns Hopkins University in 1977 and his master of business administration degree from George Washington University in 1987. Richard served for 27 years as a contracting officer and acquisition policy professional for the Department of the Navy at the Naval Air Systems Command, the Naval Sea Systems Command, and the then office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition) before retiring in 2004. After marrying the former Christine E. Conroy in June, 1984, and settling in Alexandria, VA, he became father to Emily in 1987 and Laura in 1990 and spent many happy years involved in supporting his daughters in their school, athletic, theater, and marching band activities. Throughout his life, Richard was well-known for his quirky sense of humor, which brightened the lives of family, friends, neighbors, and sometimes even complete strangers. He enjoyed photography, astronomy, birding, Washington Nationals baseball, and travelling with his family to many locations in the United States and around the world. Highlights included trips to Alaska, Hawaii, England, Italy, Spain,

France, Greece, and Chile. He was an excellent cook, and was especially known for his holiday pecan pies, special eggs for breakfast, and his expertise in grilling the Thanksgiving turkey. In the last year of his life, he was proud to walk his daughter Emily down the aisle at her November 2015 wedding and to see his daughter Laura receive her master's from Boston University in June 2016.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Christine of Alexandria; two daughters, Emily Muth Gravolet (Bradley), of Pittsburgh, PA, and Laura Jane Muth of Alexandria, VA; siblings Michael Muth (Marci) of Santa Fe, NM, Karen (Muth) Jones (Charles) of Houston, TX, Janet (Muth) Shannon (George) of Fort Meyers, FL, and Ingrid (Dybvik) Carlson (Lars) of Hanover, MA; and many loving nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his constant companion and beloved English Springer Spaniel, Abby.

Friends are welcome at a viewing and service that will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22315, from 12 pm to 2pm on Sunday, September 18.

In lieu of flowers, family members request that donations be made to the breed rescue group Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue (MAESSR), PO Box 15354, Richmond, VA, 23227. Adopting Abby from this organization and supporting its work brought Richard great joy in his life.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Francis Muth*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *Richard, I will miss my baseball and cigar buddy. I have enjoyed these 11 years of Nats baseball together. My thoughts and prayers to Chris, Emily and Laura.
I will miss you at the ballpark. Go Nats!*

September 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart aches for Chris, Emily and Laura. I always enjoyed Richard's quirky (bizarre) sense of humor. May your faith and memories give you strength to endure your grief.*

September 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, I know you will miss your brother. Take comfort in knowing you were planning to visit him just before he passed. My sympathy to you and your family.

September 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



**“ We mourn the loss of our son-in-law and brother-in-law! He was a good family man who was always there to support others in their endeavors and, especially, in times of need. We miss him already! May God rest his soul! May God share his grace with his wife and family during this most difficult of times!
Joan, Nancy and Bob Conroy, Jr.**

September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM