



Mr. Richard Arthur Slaven

June 7, 2020

Richard Arthur Slaven, aged 87, beloved son of Jesse Arthur Slaven and Jean Adeline Widmeyer Slaven, died Sunday, June 7, 2020 in Sykesville, MD after a short illness.

Richard was born in Pikesville, MD and lived there until his move to Sykesville, MD several years ago. He was a lifelong Marylander, having graduated with a degree in Physics from Johns Hopkins University. Upon graduation he was immediately hired by the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and worked at APL until his retirement in 1982.

Richard was predeceased by his father and mother and is survived by his first cousins, James Patterson, MD and family of Marion, VA; John A. Patterson of Marion, VA and Bruce Patterson and family of Blountville, TN. He is also survived by special first cousins once removed Rebecca P. Sparger, Jeannie P. Conner, and Caroline P. Woodard, all of Marion, VA.

Richard loved The Episcopal Church, physics, astronomy, maps, Ledo's Restaurant in Pikesville, MD, Baugher's Restaurant in Westminster, MD and every Cracker Barrel Restaurant he passed. He took note of every road number, sign, and landmark along his many travels which filled many small notebooks over the years. Richard also traveled the world chasing solar eclipses combining his love for physics and astronomy. He was a longtime, avid reader of the Baltimore Sun Times which he read daily from front to back. Richard enjoyed classical music and supported the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for many years. Richard had a brilliant mind and endeared himself to many people with his wonderful wit and demeanor.

Mr. Slaven is in the care of Haight Funeral Home and Chapel in Sykesville, MD. He will be interred in Druid Ridge Cemetery in Pikesville, MD, though funeral services are incomplete at this time due to COVID-19.

Comments



“ My Father, Russell Mayer and my Uncle, Stanley Mayer were good friends with Mr. Slaven. We all went to St. Mark's on the Hill Episcopal Church in Pikesville. I can remember at church seeing Mr. Slaven and his mother going up to take Communion, he always walked behind her and seemed very courteous. My parents and Aunt and Uncle moved to Fairhaven years ago. Dad always hoped that Mr. Slaven would come there, but by the time he got there my Dad was not in very good health, my Mom and Aunt and Uncle had already passed. I think they saw each other a few times. I am sorry for your loss.
Jackie Norris

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“ I am so sad to have come across this Obituary. With the Covid 19 outbreak , we have been limited to Were we could go as to keep the Virus limited. I would see Mr.Slavins in the Bistro having lunch or passing downstairs in the hallway. He always gave me a hug & I would say it is wonderful to see you & he would say likewise. He had a very warm smile & was over the moon when his family members came to take him to Virginia & out to have a hair cut & his beard shaped. My condolences go to his family & May God give you comfort at this time, on losing your loved one. I will hold very dear, the friendship that I had with this very special Gentleman. With Love & Sincere Sympathy, Yvonne M Doler-Kreis.

Yvonne M Doler-Kreis - June 11, 2020 at 07:22 AM