

RICHARD SCOFIELD DONLEY

January 2, 1950 - December 1, 2023



Richard Scofield Donley peacefully entered Heaven after a prolonged illness, which he fought bravely and with the grace that comes only from God.

Born in Ashland, Ohio, Dick Donley spent much of his childhood driving a pint-sized Lyman on Lake Erie with his buddies and learning to scuba dive with equipment inspired by Jacques Cousteau. He was a trumpeter in his high school

marching band and even marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. He pursued squash, had a mean tennis serve and his passion for water sports lasted a lifetime. He competed on the water ski team at the University of Miami where Ann Carey Donahue introduced him to a young Maribeth Donahue and her Boston Whaler. It was a perfect match from the start.

Dick and Maribeth married on New Year's Eve, 1971, in a candlelit ceremony at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They settled in Pittsburgh and began their family as he worked at Westinghouse, where he brokered many deals and refinanced his way in to the hearts of the business community with his jocular, knowledge and honesty. For a period of years, his work in commercial real estate took him back and forth to London, until he decided to start his own development company. He subsequently won several Developer of the Year awards from NAIOP, which is voted on by the premiere developers in the region.

Dick was a Presbyterian junior deacon as a young man and converted to Catholicism after many discussions with Father Bryce at St. Bede Church, while fooling his family into thinking he was working on his classic car housed at the parish. His biggest hesitation was the fear that his beloved mother-in-law would ask him to don a crisp white suit for the occasion.

Dick was an avid hang glider, a classic car enthusiast, a wood worker, and all-around tinkerer. There wasn't a single thing in need of repair that he couldn't rehabilitate with his extensive tool collection in the workshop of the basement garage.

Dick never stopped scuba diving or driving a Lyman with his buddies. When he was diving on Grand Cayman Island with Maribeth and good friends or cruising Lake Erie in his treasured wooden boat, the sparkle in his eyes easily revealed the little boy from Ashland living his dream.

Dick Donley was a true gentleman. He loved his family and friends, was a faithful husband to his wife, a stellar provider to her and their children, and brought his sense of humor with him wherever he went. He was quick to laugh and even quicker to offer a helping hand. He supported his children's and grandchildren's pursuits and had a sentimental, generous heart. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Maribeth Donahue Donley; his eight children on Earth: Megan (James) Stella, David, Richard (Melissa), Reverend Christopher, Rhodora (Scott) Huffmyer, John O'Connor (Sara), Maura (Matthew) Rheingrover, and Kaitlyn; as well as his seventeen grandchildren on Earth: David Paul III, Marissa, Elizabeth, Christopher, Richard Scofield III, Madelyn, Caila, Isabella, Liliana, Scott, Jr., Brynne, Tyler, Gabriella, Penelope, Zita, Avila, and Emilia; as well as his sisters, Suzanne Donley and Deborah (Robert) Quane; his niece, Maggie Quane (engaged to Brian O'Malley); his twelve brothers and sisters-in law; his Outlaw crew (their spouses); his 74 nieces and nephews and their spouses; and his 158 great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his parents, David P. and Janet Donley; his parents-in-law, John F. and Rhodora J. Donahue; dear friend, Parmalee Jones; his daughters, Heather and Melissa; his grandson, St. Conlan Matthew Rheingrover; and his brother-in-law, Harry Dooley.

Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.**, 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street (freyvogelfuneralhome.com) on Monday, December 4, 2023 from 1-4PM, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 from 5-8pm. Funeral Wednesday, December 6, 2023, Mass of Christian Burial Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church at 10AM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his favorite charities: Move A Mountain Missions (www.moveamountain.org), The Red Door (www.divinemercypgh.org), and Gift of Mary (www.giftofmary.org).

St. Conlan Matthew, Pray for Us!

St. Eligius, Patron Saint of Hardware Store Keepers and Garage Keepers, Pray for Us!

St. Padre Pio, Pray for Us!

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