



## Richard Aquinas Walsh

August 6, 1933 - March 20, 2010

Richard Aquinas Dick Walsh, 76, beloved husband of Mary Beth Sheehan Walsh, of Bloomfield and formerly of West Hartford, died Saturday, March 20, 2010 amidst family at St. Francis Hospital. Born in Bridgeport, the son of William and Ruth Myers Walsh, Dick lived in West Hartford for over 70 years, moving to Bloomfield six years ago. He graduated from St. Thomas the Apostle School, attended The Loomis School and graduated from high school at St. Thomas Seminary. He graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in 1955, and obtained his Law degree from UCONN in 1958. He spent many years in the private practice of law in Hartford, and eventually became managing counsel of the Connecticut Laborers Legal Service. He was a member of the Connecticut and Hartford County Bar Associations and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1990, Dick was appointed to the Superior Court Bench by Gov. William O'Neil. He served in that capacity for twenty years, sitting in Waterbury, Enfield and for several years, in Juvenile Court in Hartford. Dick spent many happy years in the Litchfield Court House, where he eventually became the Administrative Judge. When he took senior status, Dick sat in Middletown, his father's hometown. A devout Catholic, Dick was a daily communicant. He was a parishioner of St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford and of St. Patrick's Church in Jupiter, Florida. Dick served on the CT State Board of Examiners for Nurses, the Committee for the Protection of Human Rights at St. Francis Hospital, the parish counsel of St. Peter Claver and was on the board of directors for

several baseball leagues. He was also a member of the Irish American Club in Glastonbury. Dick loved and was a student of all sports, at all levels, from swimming to hockey, Little League to The Red Sox. Dick and his entire family celebrated his 70th birthday at Fenway Park, where his name was in lights. Dick and the love of his life, Mary Beth, shared 52 years of marriage. Together, they enjoyed travel and many friends. They spent many and afternoon or evening enjoying the activities of their grandchildren. In addition to Mary Beth, he is survived by his six children and their spouses; Bridget Moses and her husband Neil of Medfield, MA; Maura Walsh-O'Brien and her husband A.J. O'Brien of West Hartford; Deirdre Crowell and her husband Dick of Medfield, MA; Shelagh Fobare and her husband Tod of Dallas, TX; Eileen Neubert and her husband Dan of West Hartford; Luke Aquinas Walsh and his wife Caitlin of Wilton; 17 grandchildren; Brendan, Katherine and Christopher Moses, Andrew and Rose O'Brien, Anne Marie, Clare, Matthew and Grace Crowell, Kaitlin, Hanna, and Maggie Fobare, Sarah and Hayden Neubert, and Lauren, Conor and Janie Walsh, and his brother, W. Kevin Walsh of West Hartford. He was predeceased by his twin brother, Robert E. Walsh.

The funeral will be Thursday at 9:15 from the Molloy Funeral Home , 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m in St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St. , West Hartford. Burial will be private. Calling hours are Wed. from 4-8 pm at the funeral home. Donations in Dick's memory may be made to St. Thomas the Apostle School, 25 Dover Rd. West Hartford, CT 06119 or The House of Bread, 27 Chestnut St. Hartford, CT 06120. On line expressions of sympathy maybe made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *It seems as though I'm a little late. I just learned of His Honor's passing a week ago. Although I didn't deserve it -- by any means -- I was lucky enough to have him hear my criminal proceeding on a drug possession charge in 1994. He allowed me to work my program of recovery outside the walls as one of the terms of a 3-year suspended sentence. I may never have worked that program inside the walls. Today, 18 years later, I am clean and sober. I was sorely afraid, when he looked me in the eyes over the bench and warned me that I was going to serve every second of those 3 years if he ever saw me again. I never saw him again. But please let me add that his sense of justice will be hard to replace. I pray his spot in Heaven is reserved and occupied by a soul who deserves it. He was a great jurist, and I'm sure an even greater man.##imported-begin##Jim##imported-end##*

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May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Beth and Family,*

*Nancy and I were sadden to hear of your loss. Although we have not seen you for some years now, we have thought of you. Particularly when we are in Weston, Vt. God Bless.##imported-begin##Frank Hursey##imported-end##*

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March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a classmate of Dick's at Loomis Chaffee but saw him only rarely after that time, my loss. He was quiet, earnest, candid -- perfect qualities for a judge. And being a judge did not change him, to my knowledge. Those qualities persisted throughout. My sincere sympathies to the family.##imported-begin##George D. Edwards, '51##imported-end##

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March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Walsh,  
I was so sad to hear of Mr. Walsh's passing. A wonderful part of going to Holy Cross was not only making terrific friends, but also getting to know our friends' parents. I have fond memories of spending time with you both in VT, at Deirdre's wedding and other happy occasions. Love to you and your whole family during this very sad time. Fondly, Lynda Dugas HC'84##imported-begin##Lynda Dugas##imported-end##

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March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Trina Campbell##imported-end##

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March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Beth & family:*

*We were so sorry to hear the sad news and our hearts are with you all. It was such a pleasure to have known Dick, he brought so much joy to others and was a person that once you met, you never forget him.*

*Our love and caring and support are with you.*

*Gil and Audrey##imported-begin##gil & audrey o'hara##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I hope the memories of you dad comfort you during this time of loss! I can still hear the distinct sound of his kick/swim stroke while he swam during Early Bird swims at Kennedy Pool as I slept opps I mean guarded the pool. With Sympathy Janet Noel-Zaleski##imported-begin##Janet Noel - Zaleski##imported-end##*

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March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Walsh family-  
Please accept my sympathy in the passing of Judge Walsh. I had the pleasure of working with him in the Hartford Juvenile Court when I was a young lawyer. Judge Walsh was a compassionate and kind man and, undoubtedly, one of the most respectful and professional Judges I have worked with in my 20 year career with the Public Defender's Office. Please know that I am praying for your family to find comfort in this time of loss.  
Sincerely, Ann Guillet###imported-begin##Ann Guillet###imported-end##*

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March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mary Beth and Family,  
  
We are so saddened to hear of Dick's death. He has been so brave these past several years. We will always treasure our friendship and Steve's working relationship with Dick. Unfortunately, we are vacationing and are unable to be with you. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
  
Love, Steve and Sue###imported-begin##Steve and Sue Kristofak###imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Beth and Family,  
We learned of Dick's passing last evening. Unfortunately we are away and unable to attend the services. My personal memories go back to the 50's with Dick. I remember the Viking Bakery truck and Hawks Nest Beach that very hot summer day, his consumption of clam juice which he assumed was leamonade at my insistance. Some non Dick Walsh words followed. The Allstars Baseball team and long talks with Dick my father at our Westfield Rd home,also come to memory. Of course OLS. We will miss him.  
Dick and Irene###imported-begin##Dick and Irene Brady###imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences,  
Debbie Pierot-Crawford###imported-begin##Debbie Pierot-Crawford###imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Walsh, Bridget, Maura, Deirdre, Shelagh, Eileen & Luke,  
  
We are so sorry for your loss. I shall miss seeing Judge Walsh walk down Saltaire Drive and spending time on the beach. He was a wonderful neighbor and always so kind and friendly.  
Yours, Julia, Bob, Maggie and TC###imported-begin##Julia M. Nixon###imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ sorry Mr&Mrs Tod Fobare, hope you are doing ok,If i can help you let me know##imported-begin##Bill Greenwood##imported-end##

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“ Mary Beth & Family, Our deepest condolences to you and your families. He will be sorely missed by all. We, personally, only knew him a short while but felt his warmth and goodness. God will take him in his fold. Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely, Ed & JoAnn Mascolo##imported-begin##Ed & JoAnn Mascolo##imported-end##

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to the Walsh & Fobare extended families.

We will keep you in our thoughts & prayers.

Sincerely,

Glenn Benoist##imported-begin##Glenn Benoist & Family##imported-end##

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear MaryBeth and family,  
It is hard for me to believe that such an important person in my life is no longer here. Dick spent many hours with us on Westfield Rd. and was such a good friend to my brother Jack. I remember lying in my bedroom at night and Dick was in my brothers room and he would intone "Credo in Unum Deum" and I would answer Patrem omni potemtem and we would sing together. Bob and I send you our love and remembering.##imported-begin##Jill & Bob Hollister nee Brady##imported-end##

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“ Many years ago I was a law clerk for Judge Walsh at Litchfield Superior Court. I have been a practicing attorney for some 15 years now and can say, without hesitation, that he was the most kind and helpful legal mentor in my career. My sympathy to your family.##imported-begin##Matthew Beizer##imported-end##

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I didn't know Judge Walsh well, my brief meetings and interaction with him remain most memorable. My deepest sympathies to the entire family.##imported-begin##Tim Smith##imported-end##

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *MaryBeth, accept my deepest condolences for the death of your husband. Didn't realize Dick was not well. Be assured my thoughta and prayers are with you.*

*Love,*

*Annette###imported-begin##AnnettemaherWalters###imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shelagh and Tod, our prayers and thoughts are with you. So deeply sorry for your loss. May God fill you with overwhelming peace.###imported-begin##Chris and Karen Doggett###imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Beth and Family:  
We were saddened to learn of Dick's passing.He was a gentle man who loved his family,his profession and his Church.We will remember him in our daily prayers.May he rest in peace.Sincerely,Bob&Pat###imported-begin##Bob&Pat Hilliard###imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to receive word of Dick's passing. He was a wonderful man and a fine jurist. When I was appointed by Governor Rowland as a family support magistrate, one of my weekly assignments was Litchfield, which is where I first met Dick. From the beginning, he exhibited a kind and welcoming demeanor and was very helpful in my difficult transition from private practice to the bench. In September 1998, when Governor Rowland nominated me for a judgeship, he was the first judge to telephone me to offer his congratulations and wish me well as a fellow judge. I was honored to have Dick and Mary Beth among the guests at my home for a holiday party several years ago. Dick will be missed by all of the judges who had the good fortune to serve with him. My deepest sympathy to you and your family and these most difficult days. Wil Trombley###imported-begin##Wilson J. Trombley###imported-end##

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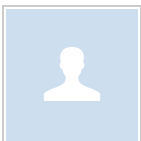


“ Dear Mary Beth,

We are very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. We will miss seeing him at Old Lyme Shores; he was always so friendly with a smile on his face. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.###imported-begin##Eileen and Dutch McClure###imported-end##

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Walsh and Fobare families. I know this is a very sad and difficult time for everyone. I know your faith will help you through this trying time. God bless you.###imported-begin##Karen Corona###imported-end##

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March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Walsh Clan,  
So sorry to hear about your husband and dad. Have many great memories of Mr Walsh and your family when Luke and I were growing up. My sincerest condolences to all of you.  
Kevin, Jen, Alex, and Owen Peltier##imported-begin##Kevin Peltier##imported-end##*

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear the sad news. I have many fond memories of time spent as a child up on Staples Place.. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.##imported-begin##Bryan Tamaccio##imported-end##*

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Walsh Family: I will remember with great fondness the years we had as neighbors on Staples Place. It was a wonderful time and place amongst great neighbors-the Walshes. How different we were but yet still connected with common values, kindness and family fun. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Rachel glassman Gioia##imported-end##*

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary Beth: I want to express my deepest sympathy on the loss of Dick. He was an exceptional person. I consider myself privileged to have made his friendship . As a colleague on the bench I admired his calm and kindly approach to people with whom he dealt. He was an example for all of us. I will cherish his memory. The best to you and your family as you deal with his loss. Sincerely, Bill Mottolese###imported-begin##Hon. William Mottolese###imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary Beth and Family: our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We have the fondest memories of laughing with Dick and the Walsh crew at The Lake - what a genuine, thoughtful, happy and loving man. He will be missed and always remembered.

With love,

Susie and Mark###imported-begin##Susie and Mark Morris###imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Marybeth & family*

*I was devastated to learn of Dick's passing  
My sympathy to all of you  
I haven't know Dick a long time, but in the time I knew him I enjoyed  
him immensely.  
He was unassuming, kind, generous humorous and helpful to  
everyone.  
If ever anyone deserves heaven, it is Dick Walsh.*

*I know you are comforted by being blessed with the time you had  
with him as a husband, father, and grandfather.  
What a glorious example to all of you  
With Love  
Rosemary Coler##imported-begin##Rosemary Coler##imported-  
end##*

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“ *In and through his six children and soon, through his granddaughter,  
Judge Walsh was truly a member of the Northwest Catholic High  
School family. We are heartbroken for your loss, and have  
remembered your beloved husband, father, and grandfather in our  
morning prayers each day this week. You have our very deepest  
sympathy.##imported-begin##Michelle M. Murphy, Dir. of  
Communications, Northwest Catholic High School##imported-end##*

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary Beth and Family,

*How sad we are to hear of Dick's passing.  
He was one of the nicest men that we have ever known.  
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*Ron and Sylvia##imported-begin##Sylvia Ann Nucci##imported-end##*

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“ Deirdre and family,

*We are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of you  
and are here to help in any way.*

*Love,*

*The Neeb family##imported-begin##Halle and Chris  
Neeb##imported-end##*

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“ A Prince among men

*Fred and I met first met Dick when we were considering Sea Colony  
for our home. He and Mary Beth let us in from the beach and look at  
the community without our broker-They showed us their apt and the  
fact that they were from CT didn't hurt.*

*We will miss his smiling face. Our condolences to Mary Beth and  
the entire family.##imported-begin##Holly and Fred  
Lehrer##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Walsh family.  
I first met Dick in 1965. Our offices were close together and I saw him often. My last case as an attorney was before Dick in Litchfield. He made sure I was able to leave court in time to get to my appointment hearing in Hartford. I am very sorry to learn of his passing. He was a true gentleman, colleague and friend.##imported-begin##Hon. John R. Caruso##imported-end##*

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Luke and the Walsh Family:*

*We send to you our most sincere sympathy and condolence. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*Love,*

*Joe, Ann Marie, Alex and Joey##imported-begin##Joe McCormick##imported-end##*

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *DEAR MARY BETH & FAMILY, WE ARE ALL PRAYING & THINKING OF YOU. DICK WAS TRULY A "GENTLE MAN" & A "GENTLEMAN" FROM MY GOOD MEMORIES OF ST. THOMAS SCHOOL RIGHT UP TO ST PETER CLAVER. BRIDGET, THE GASHO FAMILY SENDS LOVE TO ALL OF YOU. BE ASSURED OF OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS. MUCH LOVE##imported-begin##JUDY & THE MCDONOUGH FAMILY##imported-end##*

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“ To the Walsh Clan - please know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I have so many memories of growing up with all of you from Grennan Road to Northwest. One doesn't forget those people they meet along their journey, and what lasting impressions they make. He was one of a kind. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Michael Morgan##imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary Beth and the Walsh Family,

On behalf of the Shea and Callan Families, we are so sorry to learn of Dick's passing. He was such a kind man, and good friend to my mom, Mary Fran, and Uncle Gearin, since childhood. Mom still speaks of their "adventures" walking to St. Thomas the Apostle School. He will be missed.

Love to you all,

Mary Beth Callan Serdechny, and family, Jim, Callan & Luke  
##imported-begin##Mary Beth Callan Serdechny##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ THE CALABRESE FAMILY EXTEND THEIR SYMPATHY TO MARY BETH AND ALL THE WALSH FAMILY WE WILL KEEP DICK AND EVERYONE IN OUR PRAYERS. GOD BLESS##imported-begin##bertha and ted calabrese##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Deirdre and the entire Walsh family, I am so sorry for your loss and I am praying for your dad and your family. I have great memories of you, your family and your dad in your kitchen, always teasing me about Notre Dame. Especially during this season of lent, I often think of my own dad and also fondly remember your dad at those early 6:30 daily masses at St. Thomas. I know he will be watching over all of you, as your biggest fan and angel. Your family is his greatest tribute. Love, Elise##imported-begin##Elise Brennan##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences on your loss.

John, Colleen, Liam, & Eileen Whittel##imported-begin##John Whittel##imported-end##

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“ To the Walsh Family- I am a lawyer from Torrington who over the years appeared before your father and husband at the Litchfield court. He was truly a decent man to me and to anyone who came before him. I am so sorry for your loss. I am glad that I got to know him. I am sorry I did not know him better. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you##imported-begin##AL MENCUCCINI##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Eileen,

*My deepest condolences on the loss of your father. May God bless & comfort you and your family at this challenging time. Let the memories of who he was for you and others and the life he lived bring you peace.*

*Sincerely,*

*Betty Cruz*

*Travelers###imported-begin##Betty Cruz###imported-end##*

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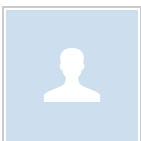


“ Deirdre,

*We are so sorry about your dad. We are thinking of you and your family and feel your loss. What a legacy your dad leaves, he was such an important part of your lives and will be so missed. I see so much resemblance of you and your kids in his picture. Our thoughts are with you and your entire family.###imported-begin##Don & Adina Colangelo###imported-end##*

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March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Walsh family: I knew Dick as a practicing attorney and as a judge. A gentleman in every sense of the word. I last saw him in November. I now wish that I had spent a few minutes more talking with him. My condolences on your loss.###imported-begin##Michael Georgetti###imported-end##*

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March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Walsh Family: My sincere condolences on the loss of Judge Walsh. He was a great friend and colleague. I served with him for just a short time in Middletown, but I was glad to get to know him. He spoke often and fondly of his family, especially his grandchildren. Again my sincere condolences and may god bless you all. Judge Robin L. Wilson##imported-begin##Judge Robin L. Wilson##imported-end##*

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March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mary Beth and family,*

*My sincerest condolences on the passing of Dick. He was such an exceptional man and will be missed by so many.##imported-begin##Eireann Flynn Marzarella##imported-end##*

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