



Richard Innis

December 3, 1944 - October 8, 2023

It is with deep honor, love, admiration, and gratitude that we announce the passing of Richard Lee “Rick” Innis of Columbus Ohio. Rick passed away peacefully in his home, with his loving wife of 37 years, Karen, by his side on October 8, 2023 at the age of 78.

Rick was the beloved husband to Karen, and loving father to his daughters, Laura Poland (Tim), Melinda De Bruyne, and Amanda Briggs (Drew). He was a devoted grandfather to his grandchildren, Brian and Nathan Poland, and Graciella and Gia De Bruyne. Rick also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters in law. He was predeceased by his mother Virginia, his brother Stan, and his father Tom.

Rick graduated from the Ohio State University in 1966, and from Capital Law School in 1970. His ability to achieve the level of success he ultimately did is a testament to his drive and determination for creating a life around himself and his family that was not only stable and secure, but also exemplary and beautiful in all the ways that mattered. He accomplished his goals through disciplined hard work, and curious exploration of his interests. Achieving the rank of Captain, he served in the US Army so that he could pursue the success he envisioned for himself as a lawyer. A distinguished and accomplished attorney, Rick made a significant impact through his leadership in the local legal community, having served as President of the Federal Bar

Association, President of Lawyers Club of Columbus, and President of the Board of Trustees for the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, a published legal scholar, and a Life Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation. He was an exceptional orator in the courtroom, making him nearly impossible to defeat at trial. He shared his considerable talents with students aspiring to legal careers, volunteering as legal advisor to high school mock trial teams for nearly 15 years. Rick retired in 2013, following a career full of accomplishments, achievements, and accolades.

A renaissance man, he learned new passions endlessly, and was always busy. He never met a stranger. He loved sharing great music, great food, golf, sporting events, and beautiful vacations with loved ones. He volunteered extensively with the Charity Newsies for over four decades. He ran two marathons, including the first-ever Columbus Marathon in 1980. He delighted most though in simple pleasures, like time with family, his garden, or a quiet evening outside with his bride.

His greatest contributions were to his family, friends, and community. Rick was known for centering his life around creating and nurturing relationships filled with love and meaning. His amazing life was guided by a gentle but strong heart, and his legacy is the love we have all experienced and get to carry forward from the honor of having had him in our lives.

Please join us to celebrate Rick's life on Tuesday October 17th, from 2-5 p.m. at Medallion Country Club, 5000 Club Drive, Westerville OH 43082. There will be a brief service at 3:00

In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be sent to Charity Newsies, 4300 Indianola Ave. Cos. OH 43214.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Medallion Country Club
5000 Club Drive
Westerville, OH 43082

Service

OCT 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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