



Richard "Dick" Benim

April 27, 1949 - June 14, 2025

Richard (Dick) Benim was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on April 27, 1949. His family moved to Rochester, New York, in 1965. Dick graduated from Churchville-Chili High School in 1967, and shortly after, joined Gleason Works in Rochester where he was employed for 50 years. He retired in 2020 primarily after the onset of his terminal illness, interstitial lung disease.

In his early 20's, Dick and a friend drove cross country twice on their Harley Davidson motorcycles to visit family in Oregon. He said he could have written a book about his adventures. He loved life and he loved people!

In 1975, he settled down and married his sweetheart, Judy Spillane. His family grew in 1979 with the birth of their only child, Julie.

His biggest pride and joy were his grandchildren, Genevieve, Emma and Jack, who referred to him as "GRUMPO". He also had a very soft spot for the family's two dogs, Katy Rose and Maggie Mae (his little peanut) .

Dick is predeceased by his parents, Genevieve and Robert Benim, and a brother, Gary. He is survived by his wife Judy Spillane Benim. The couple enjoyed a friendship of 56 years and were married for 49 years. Also surviving him are his daughter, Julie Pagano (Dan Pagano-spouse), three grandchildren, Genevieve, Emma and Jack, as well as a sister, Kathryn Bascom of North Carolina, and brothers, Daniel, Joseph and Matthew Benim of Oregon.

Family and friends may call Friday, June 20th from 4-7pm. Funeral Mass 9:30am at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624.

Judy and Julie would like to send out a special thank you to Strong Memorial Hospital, especially the Burn Trauma ICU, for all the exceptional care they provided. A special thank you to all the Dr's, nurse's, and respiratory care specialist. To name a few Dr Cook, Dr Cheng, Kylie NP, Russell Oas RRT, Jill P RN, Grace Maimone RN, who has one of the most beautiful souls, and to all the other fantastic staff that helped with him and giving us guidance threw this process. We can't thank you enough for all the love and support from 31800. A special thank you to Beth Pagano Harper, who has been a 2nd daughter to Dick and Judy since the girls were in 3rd grade. She was our rock during this devastating time and helped us understand all the decisions that needed to be made. We love you and are so grateful for you.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions in his memory be made to Clifton Volunteer Fire Department where he served many years on their board as a fundraiser and volunteer.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN **21**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall

EL

“*living with Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) was a daily struggle. I constantly felt out of breath, even while resting. Simple activities like walking to the mailbox or climbing a few stairs left me drained and gasping for air. The medications I was on gave temporary relief, but the side effects made it even harder to cope. In a moment of hope and honesty, exhaustion I decided to try the herbal program from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. At first, I wasn't sure what to expect. But after a few months on the treatment, I began to notice steady improvements. My breathing became less laboured, my coughing reduced, and I felt more energetic throughout the day. What makes this program different is that it's completely natural and gentle on the body, unlike many pharmaceutical treatments I had tried in the past. I didn't experience any negative side effects, and the improvement in my quality of life has been incredible. I've now been on the program for over nine months, and my most recent checkup showed that my condition has sthbilized. For a disease that doctors told me had no cure, this was more than I could have hoped for. I feel like I've been given a second chance at life. If you or a loved one is battling ILD and struggling to find relief, I highly encourage you to explore this option. It has truly made a difference in my life. their website is www.naturepathherbalclinic.com*”

Elizabeth - July 21, 2025 at 11:06 AM

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“ Judy, Julie and family, We are sending our deepest sympathies and prayers to all of you. Meeting each other through years of working at Gleason Works, was a true blessing. We spent many hours at softball games, pig roasts, hunting, fishing and other events in our lives which meant a lot! The last years have been rough for Dick and we are sure for all of you also. May he find peace & wholeness. May memories of better days, help you through. We're sorry for your loss. Love, Milt and Jan Glende

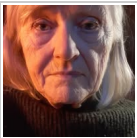


Jan Glende - June 23, 2025 at 06:48 PM

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“ Dick and I began our careers together at Gleason's in July of 1967. He was a good friend throughout the years, and will always be remembered as a wonderful fellow by all who knew him. My sincere condolences go out to all of Dick's family.

DAVE MONAHAN - June 20, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ Dick was my first cousin, our mothers being sisters. Our families lost contact years ago. His mother, my Aunt Genny, was my godmother. I remember seeing Dick in my high school years as we would pass each other on our ways to different schools. This was in Erie, PA. I have recently reconnected with Dick's sister Kathy and I send my condolences to her as well as his wife and daughter. It is always sad to lose family members. My prayers are with you. Linda Work Cristea

Linda L Cristea - June 19, 2025 at 07:57 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Benim.*



June 17, 2025 at 05:49 PM