



Richard A. Goeltz

October 16, 2025

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Churchville: Thursday, October 16, 2025 at age 76. Survived by his wife of 54 years, Sylvia; daughters, Rachael Assignon and Erin (Jason) Elsner; grandchildren, Lucy and Claire; and many dear friends.

Richard, a devoted husband, father, and BopBop passed away peacefully at home on October 16, 2025 at the age of 76. Born in Rochester, NY, he spent his life pursuing wisdom and imparting it to others.

For decades, he devoted his teaching career to Gates-Chili High School, where his passion for education and unwavering dedication shaped generations of students. Known for his patience, humor, and genuine care, he inspired young minds to think critically and believe in their potential.

A skilled wood craftsman, Richard had a remarkable talent for transforming raw timber into pieces that told a story — from handcrafted furniture to keepsakes that will be treasured for generations. His workshop was his haven, a place where sawdust mingled with laughter, and where he taught patience, precision, and pride in a job well done.

Above all, Richard was a family man. He was the heart of every gathering, known for his steady guidance, unfailing kindness, and boundless love. His legacy lives on in the family he cherished, the craftsmanship he shared, and the strength that will forever inspire those who knew him.

Family and friends may call Wednesday, October 22nd from 4-7pm. Richard's Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, October 23rd at 11am at Spiritus

Christi Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St. Rochester, NY 14614. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the ALS Association, St. Jude Children's Hospital or Hearts for ALS NY.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **22**. 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/>

Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Spiritus Christi
121 N. Fitzhugh St.
Rochester, NY 14614

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Rachael, My heart was and still is with you as you grieve the absence of your father. May the peace of God comfort and His love nurture you. Receive a Big Hug, my dear friend.

Edith Tiencken - October 30, 2025 at 07:47 AM



“ My condolences to Richard’s family. I hadn’t seen him since I was a little girl and a neighbor of his. But I more recently connected on Facebook and appreciated so much what he had to share. I’m so sorry for your loss.
Lisa Engels Arzate

Lisa Engels Arzate - October 26, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ Sending my sincere condolences & prayers to you Sylvia & your family. May you find comfort in knowing your loved one will always be with you & shared memories will forever be a part of your life. 🙏❤️ Love, !Linda Munger



Linda Munger - October 21, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard A. Goeltz.



October 20, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard A. Goeltz.



October 19, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Lindsay Pepi and Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Goeltz.

Lindsay Pepi and Family - October 19, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dick & Rose Marie Lombard* lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Goeltz



Dick & Rose Marie Lombard - October 18, 2025 at 09:24 PM