



Richard H. Flores

May 27, 2018

Richard H. Flores, 68, of West Hartford, husband of Barbara (Brown) Flores, died Sunday, May 27, 2018 at home after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. In addition to Barbara, he leaves his son Alexander M. Flores and his wife Annie Cawthon of Colorado, his daughter, Anna E. Flores and her fiancé Daniel Lawrence of Simsbury, three brothers, Fernando, Enrique, and Michael Flores, his sister, Ana Flores, and several nieces and nephews.

Born in Havana, Cuba, the son of the late Hannibal and Raquel (Galbis) Flores-Jenkins, Richard moved to the U.S. following the Cuban revolution with his two brothers; the rest of his family later followed. He graduated from Bloomfield High School and Central Connecticut State University where he earned his B.A. in Education. His career began at Penny High School where he was a teacher and swim coach. He later pursued a career in business, obtained his MBA from the University of Hartford, and joined CIGNA where he spent the remainder of his working life until retirement. Though he left teaching early on, he never lost his passion for learning, education, and connecting with others.

Richard and Barbara married in 1976 and settled in West Hartford to raise a family. He was an All-American Swimmer in college and was instrumental in helping to organize the West Hartford Waves Swim Team. Forever an athlete, he also enjoyed running, biking and kayaking. Later in life he learned to love gardening and cultivated a beautiful garden full of tropical plants. But, above all else, Richard loved spending time with his wife, children and family. His favorite memories came from family vacations and days spent on the beaches of Martha's Vineyard.

Family and friends will be received on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT. Burial at Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaeljfox.org. For directions and online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home

136 S. Main Street, West Hartford, CT, US, 06107

Comments



“ On behalf of President and Head of School, Christian Cashman, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Richard Flores. Richard, along with his mom, the late Raquel Flores-Jenkins and niece Sara Demos Avery, NWC faculty member, is a valued member of the Northwest Catholic community, so we mourn his loss along with all who love him. Please know that we will remember Richard and his entire family in a special way at our next school-wide Mass. We are very sorry for your loss.
~ Jane Leary, Director of Constituent Relations, Northwest Catholic High School.

Jane Leary - June 02, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ I was one of the Flores boys first American friends through their cousins, the Salazars. I spend many days at their first house on Hamlin St in Manchester and I was treated like one of the family just as they were treated as ours. We spent countless hours playing wiffle ball and exchanging stories on Cuba and America. We still stayed in touch when they moved to Bloomfield off of Blue Hills Ave. we all got together again on my parents 60th wedding anniversary and it was like old times all over again. Thanks again Hanibal for the great memories.

Godspeed and hope to see you on the other side.
Bill Taylor

Bill Taylor - June 01, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ I was just 10 years old when I was plucked out of the waters of the Bloomfield Pool where Rich coached, mentored and developed me in to into a competitive swimmer. Rich took on myself, my brother and sister and conditioned us all to be worthy competitors through high school and at the college level. We would never have achieved our goals without Rich having such an important role in our lives. I know we put a few grey hairs on those long locks of hair in having to deal with all of us! With time, we lost touch but was so happy to see Rich at Cigna when I began my employment there in 2002. His words of advice and encouragement in how to navigate the company were right there in sync just as he counseled me in how to improve my technique in the water. Rich gave me so many great memories in my growing up. He made a competitive sport fun and gave me focus at a time when I needed it. My heart and condolences are with the entire Flores family.

Patrick Hurley - June 01, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ Rich and I began our careers at CIGNA on the same day, in the same initial training classes. I recall his clever wit, his attention to detail, his love for his family, his ensuing success within the company. He was a good and kind man ... my condolences to you.

Jay Baker - May 31, 2018 at 07:48 AM