



## Richard I. Basch, MD

December 8, 1933 - September 16, 2022

Richard I. Basch, M.D., 88, of Sarasota passed away September 16, 2022. Dr. Basch was born on December 8, 1933 in Boston, Massachusetts to Arthur and Florence (Sweat) Basch.

He was a graduate of Harvard University and the Boston University School of Medicine where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and earned a place in the medical honor society Alpha Omega Alpha. Dr. Basch practiced Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology at Sarasota Memorial Hospital from 1979 until his retirement at age 75.

He was very involved with the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, where he sat on the Board of Directors for 12 years and earned an Honorary Doctorate of Art in 2017.

Richard is survived by Barbara, his wife of 58 years, his son Dane Basch of Sarasota, his daughter Melissa Malone of Portland, Maine, and his granddaughters Erin and Alexandra Basch.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to either Ringling College of Art and Design Scholarship Fund, 2700 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234, or TideWell Hospice, Inc., 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.



# Tribute Wall

AS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dr Richards passing. I knew the Basche family in the 1980s when I was a Riverview high school student and Dane was my great friend. Dr Richard and Barbara always made this the teenage girl feel welcome in their home. Overflowing kindness is what I will always remember about the everloving Basche family. Thank you Dr Richard for my loving memories. You have left behind a beautiful legacy. My condolences to this ever loving Basche family. Peace. Amy Beth.

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**Amy Staugard** - July 28, 2023 at 01:33 PM

AB

“ Barbara, today I learned of Richard's passing. You and those you love are in my thoughts and prayers. I have only happy memories of Richard and you. I will miss his wit, charm and passion for your glass art collection. He will continue to inspire all of us whose life he touched. It's a privilege to send a gift of support to the Ringling in his honor.  
with love and care to you, Annie B.

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**annie bartels** - October 27, 2022 at 10:06 PM

AL

“ Barbara, I just heard today that Richard had passed away. I am so sorry to hear this awful news. I had been trying to reach you for days well before I learned that Richard had passed away.

*I have been thinking about you and Richard and just wanted to reach out to you. I miss our friendship, Richard's keen wit, and the laughter we shared.*

*My heart is with you. Please call when you feel like talking.*  
Adele

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**Adele Laurence** - October 05, 2022 at 09:41 PM

JS

“ Dear Barbara,  
So sorry to hear about Richard's death. My thought and prayers are with you.

*John Schloder*

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**John Schloder** - October 01, 2022 at 01:49 PM

JS

“ John Schloder lit a candle in memory of  
Richard I. Basch, MD



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**John Schloder** - October 01, 2022 at 01:45 PM

BM

“ *Bonnie Malkin lit a candle in memory of Richard I. Basch, MD*



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**Bonnie Malkin** - September 28, 2022 at 06:02 PM

BM

“ *Oh Barbara, I am so sorry to hear Richard's passing. My condolences to you, Dane and Melissa. I remember his love for his family, his orchids and his glass art. RIP! ❤️*

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**Bonnie Malkin** - September 28, 2022 at 06:01 PM

ML

“ *Barbara, I'm so sorry. I can never forget how kind Richard was when my mother collapsed and he rushed across the street to treat her and to comfort me when I flew in and he took me to the hospital to say goodbye.*

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**Martin Lobel** - September 27, 2022 at 01:16 PM

RK

“ *may all your wonderful memories continue to give you all strength and peace.  
wishing your family comfort.  
Rona Kantor*

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**Rona Kantor** - September 25, 2022 at 02:35 PM