



Richard J. Cahill

October 16, 2021

Richard J Cahill, age 83, of Venice, Florida, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021. Rich was born in October 1938 in Chicago, Illinois.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Loyola University and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Illinois. He then entered the Army, serving in Germany for 2 years. Upon returning he completed a specialty in pediatrics becoming a pedodontist practicing in Oak Lawn for over 33 years.

He was married to his loving wife Thomasine (Tobee) whom he adored and was married to for more than 57 years.

Rich lived his Catholic faith every day attending Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. Inspired by his incredible devotion to the Blessed Mother he founded a charity, Care for Children, through which he opened two dental clinics in Medjugorje for orphans of the Yugoslav War. He traveled there over 40 times to bring supplies and provide dental services. After the adoption of his grandson, he also opened a dental clinic, Clinique de Rolando, to serve those less fortunate in Guatemala.

When he wasn't helping children or praying the Rosary, he could be found at Beverly Country Club playing his beloved game of golf, holding the title of Club Champion six times.

Rich is survived by his wife, Tobee, three of his children Tom, CeCe, and Gia, his brother Robert, his sister Mary Ellen, and eight grandchildren.

He was predeceased in death by his son Tony and his brother James.

The family will announce details regarding the services at a later date.

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-2004-09-22-0409210047-story.html>

Tribute Wall

MO

“ Remembering our summer on the O'Brien farm in Iowa!!
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Michael O'Brien - November 30, 2025 at 09:26 PM

MH

“ Dear Cahill family: I just learned of Rich's death. I have so many fun and meaningful memories of him from my high school days, when CeCe and I spent a lot of time together. He was so positive and generous. I remember he crystallized an idea about the Catholic faith for me when, during the loud rumpus of a gathering at the house on Springlake, he stopped me, looked me straight in the eyes, and, in a gentle but very serious manner, said: “Molly, the Eucharist is the center of everything. It is the most essential way to know Our Lord. Just focus on that and all will be well.” I think that maybe I was deciding whether or not to go the Mass that day? (Must have been a Sunday, and I'm sure I was tempted to blow it off.) In any case, that moment remains strong and influential in my mind to this day. I even recall that he was wearing a navy, v-neck sweater.

I am so very sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man he was; his presence in each of your lives is strong and active, and always will be, I'm sure. I will pray for Rich and all of you. -Molly (Baldwin) Hughes

Molly (Baldwin) Hughes - January 03, 2022 at 12:39 PM

JO

“ i will always remember the sunday you came into the office when Andy chipped his tooth on the slopes in Wisconsin. Always thinking of others.

When I first brought Patsy to your office because she chipped her tooth and my dentist was so abrupt with her and she was so scared and you calmed her fears.

God Bless you and Tobee my heart goes out to you in your sorrow in losing your Tony and your husband.

Jane O'Brien - December 13, 2021 at 07:13 PM

SG

“ *Gia, Chris and my beautiful nieces, I've started and erased this message several times because I know that there is nothing I can say to erase the pain you're feeling. I'm so sorry you have to be experiencing such a loss. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and all of his dear friends. I promise you he was led in by a very special Angel who loved him.*

Love, Susan

Susan Gaudette - November 01, 2021 at 10:50 PM

EW

“ *I never enjoyed the game of golf as much as I did with Rich. Spent many happy times with Rich and Tobee. Emmett Whealan*

Emmett Whealan - October 24, 2021 at 11:22 PM