



## Richard V. DeSanctis Jr

March 2, 1980 - September 1, 2024

Richard Victor DeSanctis Jr., 44, of Baldwin, New York, passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2024. Born in Poughkeepsie, New York in 1980 to Richard DeSanctis Sr. and Jean Murrell, he was affectionately known as Ricky in his childhood, and later as Rich, Rick, or Richard to others.

As a child, Ricky excelled in school and enjoyed growing up in the Hudson Valley area. He often reminisced about the joyful memories spent in Newburg with his nana and great aunt, and the special times with his grandparents in Rhinebeck. His sister and cousins were constant companions in these cherished adventures, creating lasting memories that defined his early years.

His family moved to Cary, North Carolina in 1994, where he attended Apex High School where he would form many friendships, bonds, and articulate his dreams for the future. He played football, participated in Track and Field, and had a unrelenting curiosity and interest in the arts- books, music, history, and films - from classic cinema to the latest independent movies. His class presentations were always a clever, memorable blend of charisma, humor and insight, a talent he would use in nearly every opportunity in his life to great effect. He quickly became a sort of everyman, a “Ferris Bueller” like character who effortlessly cultivated friendships and acquaintances across a wide set of groups and clubs - the DECA business and marketing group, theater, sports, the smart kids, the outcasts, the good ole boys, and many more. Just like in

that film - "Everyone loves him, he's a righteous dude." He could slip easily between conversations and banter in the courtyard on any given morning or afternoon: One minute, breaking down the works of Ernest Hemingway and Robert Service, then talking up the dominant roster of the Joe Torre era New York Yankees, then regaling friends with his assessment of the latest exploits of wrestlers Hunter Hurst Helmsley and Rey Mysterio on Monday Night RAW. He had great social sense, and knew the good spots to get a quick off campus lunch or take a break (he was beloved by the Apex Bojangles Chicken and Biscuits drive thru lady Ms. Sue - who he always greeted by name when he submitted his signature order: 'Chicken biscuit filet combo, french fries and free ice tea"). It was during his time at Apex where he got to know his good friends Marc, Audrey, Steven Maye, Anna, Mashaal, David - and many more. By the time senior year rolled around, Rich's unique presence in life manifested in many memorable ways people still remember - from reciting the George C. Scott "Patton" monologue in his AP history class and regaling his teacher with Frank Sinatra songs, to the undeniable low rumbling sound of his beloved 1984 Baby Blue Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme when it pulled up to go on yet another crate digging journey for old cool jazz records or trip out to the edges of Wake County, the Char Grill, the Walnut Creek Concert Pavilion or just another late night diversion to the Waffle House to get some jet black coffee and plot world domination.

Graduating from Apex High in 1998, Richard elected to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He studied Political Science and international studies, all while working various side jobs along the way (to include a stint as a taxi driver), and endearing himself to yet another group of educators and mentors. A jack of many trades, he could help his friends change their oil or tweak spark plugs, tell them how they were messing up their various relationships and how to fix them, and then head to class and dissect the finer points of international law as they apply to war and conflict with relative ease (many a time he was told he would be a phenomenal attorney or politician by

a professor). He gave as good as he got - he loved good debates and spirited arguments, but would always end it with an embrace and a “you know I love you, baby.” In hindsight, nearly everyone would admit he was right about it all.

In May 2002, he graduated with honors and decided there was only one place to go: back to his homeland, the Empire State. Though friends/family went various separate ways, he always was keen to keep in touch in his own special way - usually a rather extended telephone call where he'd mix life updates with advice and tidbits of wisdom that aged very well.

New York City was Rich's oyster, and he excelled with his combination of charisma and business instincts. He was an accomplished professional and cherished friend by many. In his professional life, he was known for always being a dedicated and hard worker which led him to achieve the position of Chief Compliance Officer for Marsh McLennan Agency, a leading insurance firm. But more importantly Richard's kind and generous demeanor was well known by everyone he met. His unique ability to make long-lasting friendships with people from all walks of life was what made Rich beloved by some many. He always found a way to connect with others on a deeper level. This was only surpassed by his immense generosity. Whether it be a casual hang out, special event, or major life milestone - Rich was undoubtedly the most thoughtful friend in helping to make an unforgettable memory.

In 2012, Rich married Jameka, the love of his life, whom he met while working at AIG on Wall Street. Together, they welcomed their son, Nathaniel Tulio DeSanctis, in 2019. Rich was a doting husband and dedicated father. He loved his family beyond words and always expressed that through telling anyone who would listen, stories or new adventures he was taking with his family. So much so, that his wife would tell him to “stop telling our business”, to which he totally ignored. His vibrant personality continues to shine through

his son, his little “pepper pot” as he affectionately called him.

An avid traveler, sports enthusiast, and connoisseur of perfectly aged scotch, Rich loved grilling and hosting family gatherings. Most recently, he took great joy in captaining his boat, “Aye Natey,” off his personal dock, creating cherished memories with all who came aboard.

Rich’s larger-than-life presence and ability to make people laugh will be deeply missed. He was a friend to all, always giving selflessly and brightening any room he entered. His memory will forever live in the hearts of those he loved and who were touched by his spirit.

Richard is survived by his wife Jameka DeSanctis, his son Nathaniel DeSanctis, his mother Jean Murell (stepfather – Jim Murell), his father Richard DeSanctis Sr. (stepmother – Nancy DeSanctis), his sister Sarah Scofield (husband – Eric Scofield), his sister in laws Cherita Vickers (husband – Arcell Vickers), Robin Harris and Nykiya Harris, his brother in laws Jwyanza Harris (wife – Sharon Harris) and Jody Baines (wife – Wendy Baines) his goddaughters Serenity Huggins and Kortney Henderson, his godson Damian Scott and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation and Prayer Service will be held on September 12th from 6:00-9:00 PM EST at Hungerford & Clarke Funeral Home, 110 Pine St., Freeport, NY. Burial will take place on September 13th at 11:00 AM EST at Greenfield Cemetery, 650 Nassau Rd., Uniondale, NY.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home  
110 Pine St.  
Freeport, NY 11520

## Prayer Service

SEP **12**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home  
110 Pine St.  
Freeport, NY 11520  
(516) 379-3119  
info@hungerfordclark.com  
<https://www.hungerfordandclark.com/>

## Burial

SEP **13** (ET)

Greenfield Cemetery  
650 Nassau Rd.  
Uniondale, NY 11553

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Deeply sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure to work with Richard and his kind way will be missed.

T Myers - September 15, 2024 at 04:56 PM

GT

“ Genesis UMC Stephen Ministry Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Genesis UMC Stephen Ministry Team - September 12, 2024 at 09:29 AM

GT

“ Genesis UMC Stephen Ministry Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.

Genesis UMC Stephen Ministry Team - September 12, 2024 at 09:29 AM

MT

“ MMA Corporate Development Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



MMA Corporate Development Team - September 12, 2024 at 08:37 AM

MT

“ MMA Corporate Development Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.

MMA Corporate Development Team - September 12, 2024 at 08:37 AM

YM

“ Yuri M. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Yuri M. - September 12, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



September 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

MB

“ Marianne and Bill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Marianne and Bill - September 11, 2024 at 03:46 PM

MB

“ Marianne and Bill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.

Marianne and Bill - September 11, 2024 at 03:46 PM

RS

“ Randall, Catherine, Girls and Scott purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Randall, Catherine, Girls and Scott - September 10, 2024 at 09:16 PM

YM

“ Your Friends at Marsh McLennan purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Your Friends at Marsh McLennan - September 09, 2024 at 09:08 PM

YM

“ Your Friends at Marsh McLennan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

Your Friends at Marsh McLennan - September 09, 2024 at 09:08 PM

F#

“ *From the brothers of Doric Lodge #53 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.*



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**From the brothers of Doric Lodge #53** - September 09, 2024  
at 04:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.*



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September 09, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.*



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September 09, 2024 at 01:19 PM

WM

“ *With sympathy, Chuck and Laura McShane purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.*



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**With sympathy, Chuck and Laura McShane** - September 09,  
2024 at 01:01 PM

FM

“ Friends & Colleagues - AICP Mid-Atlantic purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



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**Friends & Colleagues - AICP Mid-Atlantic** - September 09, 2024 at 12:22 PM

AE

“ Anthony, Maria & Stephanie at EDJ purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



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**Anthony, Maria & Stephanie at EDJ** - September 09, 2024 at 11:31 AM

AE

“ Anthony, Maria & Stephanie at EDJ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

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**Anthony, Maria & Stephanie at EDJ** - September 09, 2024 at 11:31 AM

NR

“ Nicola R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

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**Nicola R.** - September 09, 2024 at 11:21 AM

NG

“ Nick, Marybeth, Ron & Linda Giammarco purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Nick, Marybeth, Ron & Linda Giammarco - September 09, 2024 at 10:38 AM

LP

“ Love, (Uncle) Rick Pernod purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Love, (Uncle) Rick Pernod - September 09, 2024 at 10:34 AM

RG

“ Sending love and hugs to the family, so sorry to hear this news, I sat next to Richard at work and he shared stories daily about his son and was so proud of his wife and family, bless you all during this very difficult time

Ruth Giannetti - September 09, 2024 at 09:29 AM

FM

“ Frank & Cindy McKinstrie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Frank & Cindy McKinstrie - September 09, 2024 at 09:16 AM

GY

“ Gulzifa and Yuri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

Gulzifa and Yuri - September 09, 2024 at 08:35 AM

GY

“ Gulzifa and Yuri purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Gulzifa and Yuri - September 09, 2024 at 08:35 AM

TR

“ Ted, Katie, Charlie, Jack & Will Robbins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

Ted, Katie, Charlie, Jack & Will Robbins - September 08, 2024 at 09:14 AM

TR

“ Ted, Katie, Charlie, Jack & Will Robbins purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



Ted, Katie, Charlie, Jack & Will Robbins - September 08, 2024 at 09:14 AM

JG

“ Richards professional support and guidance was second to none. He will be greatly missed, as a friend and colleague.

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**Jamie Glanz** - September 08, 2024 at 08:32 AM

FS

“ From Marc and Lana Schanz purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



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**From Marc and Lana Schanz** - September 07, 2024 at 11:04 PM

JK

“ Richard was a true gentleman both inside and outside of the office. He was a true friend to us all.

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**Joe K** - September 07, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



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September 07, 2024 at 12:33 PM

FF

“ From Ms.Melissa & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



From Ms.Melissa & Family - September 07, 2024 at 09:53 AM

MM

“ Melissa M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

Melissa M. - September 07, 2024 at 09:49 AM

LM

“Praying comfort and peace during this time of morning as we celebrate the life of an amazing person. With deepest condolences, Liz Monahan and Family.”

Liz Monahan - September 06, 2024 at 09:39 PM

YW

“ 1 file added to the album Rich



Yijiao Wu - September 06, 2024 at 04:05 PM

AS

“ *Rest In Peace Rich. I was truly shocked when I heard the news. You will be missed!! My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.*



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**Andy Seltzer** - September 06, 2024 at 03:37 PM

YW

“ *Rich, I will always remember our first call. It was your first week in the office, and the first question you asked me was "what's G&E stand for?". And the time I took John and you to Blue Bottle coffee, you bought a bag of beans after the first sip. And you always made time and came to support us in the DE&I events. You were such an intelligent and genuine person, and have made so much impact in the organization and people around you. You will be truly missed.*

*Yijiao*

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**Yijiao Wu** - September 06, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.*



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September 06, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



September 06, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ Berkley One planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

**Berkley One** - September 06, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ The Bell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

**The Bell Family** - September 06, 2024 at 06:21 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



September 06, 2024 at 06:21 AM

CB

“ Cindy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

Cindy B. - September 05, 2024 at 10:49 PM

LD

“ The world is a little dimmer without Richard. I sat next to him at work for four years. What a talker!! Mr. Charismatic. He made me laugh even when he didn't mean to. Over time I learned what a good person and family man he was. Richard loved the good things in life and whenever I buy good tequila, bourbon or those ridiculously expensive cherries I'll think of Richard. My deepest condolences to his family. I cannot imagine what you are going through. Prayers that you can lean on each other at this very sad time. - With a sad heart, Lisa Derner

lisa derner - September 05, 2024 at 10:07 PM

AN

“ Adrena Nunnally-Shannon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

Adrena Nunnally-Shannon - September 05, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



September 05, 2024 at 09:23 PM

HE

“ Heidi E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

Heidi E. - September 05, 2024 at 09:00 PM

TW

“ The Wards(Jeannie) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Desanctis Jr.

The Wards(Jeannie) - September 05, 2024 at 12:42 PM

TW

“ The Wards(Jeannie) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard V. DeSanctis Jr.



The Wards(Jeannie) - September 05, 2024 at 12:42 PM

SK

“ Rich you will be missed. We lost contact but I always remember our chats about fantasy football, sports in general, and golf. I am so saddened to hear you have left us but you will not be forgotten.

Condolences to Jameka and the entire Desanctis family.

Seth K - September 05, 2024 at 10:02 AM

SK

“ Rich, it had been many years since we spoke and I truly missed not connecting with you! Now I will never get to have that opportunity and am devastated. I miss our conversations about fantasy football, sports in general, and playing golf together. You will be missed.

*My condolences to Jameka and your family! I light has certainly gone out in the world!*

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**Seth K** - September 05, 2024 at 07:17 AM