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## R ichard Tear Obituary

Richard Scott Tear of Vermilion, Ohio passed away peacefully March 14, 2017 at the age of 60, from a long illness. He is survived by his wife of thirty-four years, Diane, sons Ben of Oakland, California, Karl of New Orleans, Louisiana, sister Sue of Longview, Washington, brother Jim of Amherst, Ohio, and a large extended, loving family. Rick was preceded in death by his parents Philip and Phyllis Tear of Oberlin, Ohio. Rick was born November 10, 1956 in Youngstown, Ohio and spent his childhood in Poland, Ohio and Oberlin, Ohio. He attended the University of Denver for two years and later graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Political Science and English. In his youth, he worked at the Oberlin Golf Club, tended bar, drove a taxi, and managed the kitchen in his fraternity house. He found his calling when he began working with developmentally challenged adults at Murray Ridge Center where he took on many roles over his thirty year career. Rick enjoyed watching old movies, traveling, walking along the shores of Lake Erie, golfing, and running in his younger years. He was a Cleveland Browns season ticket holder, an avid reader, had a passion for cooking and music and enjoyed coaching recreational baseball for both of his sons. A graveside service in the celebration of Rick's life will be held Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Westwood Cemetery in Oberlin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lorain County Metroparks. For online condolences, visit [www.dickenfuneralhome.com](http://www.dickenfuneralhome.com) SERVICES Graveside Service Saturday, March 18, 2017 Westwood Cemetery Morgan St. Oberlin, OH 44074

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VL

**Valerie Wilson Liber** posted:

Dear Tear family, I am so very sorry to hear about Rick. We knew each other at DU and he left a lasting impression in my heart. He was always so kind and caring just a wonderful human being. I will be praying for all of you and hope that you can find some peace in his memory. Sincerely, Valerie Wilson Liber

August 25 at 8:00 PM

GS

**Greg Sferra** posted:

Diane, Ben and Karl, You have my condolences on Rick's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Greg!

March 27 at 8:00 PM

QS

**Quentin Schwinn** posted:

Rick was a good friend when we were young and growing up in Oberlin. I'm very sad I wasn't able to maintain friendship with Rick as years went by. My heart goes out to his family.

March 18 at 8:00 PM

RR

**Rhonda Richardson** posted:

Rick and I dated for year or two and spent many special moments together back when we were in high school. I hadn't kept in touch with him at all but I remember it was a pleasure to see him and catch up at our 20th reunion in 1995. I knew him as a very kind, generous, and loving young man with a gentle soul and an endearing smile. I will always have fond memories of him and I shall be forever grateful that I had a chance to know him for a few years. My deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.

March 16 at 8:00 PM

LS

**Lee And Bev Seeley** posted:

Diane, Ben, and Karl, We are thinking of you and remember you in our prayers. Lee and Bev Seeley

March 15 at 8:00 PM



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**Renee Barrett** posted:

Diane and family- so sorry about the passing of your loved one. Prayers for comfort and strength at this difficult time.

March 15 at 8:00 PM



**Bill Seaman** posted:

Much Love, Bill

March 15 at 8:00 PM



**Marilyn K Weber** posted:

I have many memories of working with Rick at Murray Ridge that will continue to make me smile each time I recall them--LONG weeks managing Camp Timberlane, shared office spaces and morning coffee chats. And many many lives at the group homes forever touched by his presence. Diane Ben and Karl, may you find comfort and peace through the thoughts and prayers of so many who were touched by Rick and his friendship.

March 14 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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