

Dear Nathan,

Some of you receiving this may know this information, others will not. We are sharing the unfortunate news that Richard Wallace passed away in August of 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Last spring Richard was invited to participate in a celebratory Retirement Service in Schenectady in June for his friend Scott Trexler. Richard planned a grand trip east in late May, 2014 and spent time with family and friends in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, even attending a Mets game at Citifield. He enjoyed catching up with everyone on the East Coast and was in good health and fine spirits.

We have heard and pieced together the following timeline about his passing. Friends and relatives shared their conversations from around his birthday on July 14. He was feeling fine. Around the first week in August, Richard had a business trip to Ogden, Utah planned which he called and cancelled, due to not feeling well. On August 13, Richard was in a local supermarket and suffered a cardiac arrest and was transported directly to a hospital by ambulance. We believe he never regained consciousness and did not have contact information in his wallet or a cell phone with numbers to reach us. He passed away on August 20, 2014.

Richard lived in Las Vegas for over 20 years and had a network of business colleagues and friends which became concerned when he did not return their calls. They reached out to the East Coast for any input or information, and a colleague put out a missing person's report on Richard. We on the East Coast did not have any information beyond the first week in August. We too spoke with the Detective working to locate Richard and filled in details as we knew them.

On September 5, Richard was found in Las Vegas in a mortuary where the hospital had sent his body. Joan Kahres, Richard's sister, was contacted by police in Pennsylvania that he had been found. The family and the friends that had been working with the police and family were notified and his siblings, Edwin, Joan and Walter began plans to take care of Richard's final wish, a cremation without a wake. Richard's brother Edwin flew out to take care of this for him. Walter soon joined him to continue working on closing Richard's estate.

Richard did also state that he would like his friends and family to come together for a memorial service when we talked about his desires through the years. The President of the American Guild of Organists in Las Vegas, a good friend of Richard's, planned a memorial service out in Las Vegas which Richard's brother Walter was able to attend. Joan and her husband, Paul, drove out to Las Vegas to take care of some additional things after her brothers needed to return to the East Coast.

We thank all of the participants in the Memorial Service and friends and colleagues of Richard who helped the family take care of Richard's requests and our needs during this time. We are truly grateful for your presence in Richard's life and your care for him.

We will be holding a Memorial Service for Richard on the East Coast. It will be held:

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Redeemer Lutheran Church  
92-10 217<sup>th</sup> Street  
Queens Village, NY 11428

Redeemer was the congregation that sponsored the Boy Scouts which the Wallace family was involved in. Richard later became Redeemer's organist. He also became a Youth Advisor and assisted the organ search committee in later years for Redeemer's current organ. Redeemer is also located a few blocks away from the home in which he grew up and the first home that he bought.

Tributes during the service are certainly welcomed. If you would like to present a musical tribute, please let us know what you would like to perform by May 1<sup>st</sup>, so that it can be organized in the Service and listed in the Memorial Bulletin. If you would like to present a verbal tribute or remembrance, there will be a time for sharing during the Service also.

If you wish to present a musical tribute to Richard, please contact Paul or Joan Kahres at:

570-686-1537  
pk\_thirteen13@yahoo.com  
neverjoanie@yahoo.com

We hope that you will be able to join us as we remember Richard and his life of stewardship and care for us, and his love of music.

Sincerely,

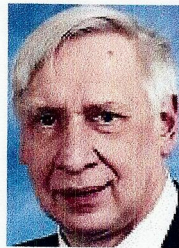
Ed and Nancy Wallace  
Joan (nee Wallace) and Paul Kahres  
Walter and Alyson Wallace  
Richard's nieces and nephews

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**For**

**RICHARD D. WALLACE**

**1947 – 2014**



**Saturday May 16, 2015**

**2:00 p.m.**



**Redeemer Lutheran Church  
92-10 217<sup>th</sup> Street  
Queens Village, New York 11428  
718-468-8868**

**Collation following in the church hall**

**Hosted by:**

**Ed & Nancy Wallace**

**Joan & Paul Kahres**

**Walter & Alyson Wallace**

**Richard's Nieces & Nephews**