



## Richard Irvin Olsen

February 20, 1974 - July 9, 2017

Vernon - Richard I. Olsen, age 43, passed away on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Savannah, Georgia, Richie has lived in Sussex County since 1977. He was a member and participant of SCARC services and had lived in a SCARC Group Home. Richie is survived by his parents, Richard E. and Marilyn Olsen of Vernon; his two sisters, Keri Olsen and her fiance David Dickman of Jersey City and Mary Olsen of Vernon; his four aunts, Donna Wirths of Ringwood, Michaeliene Drexler of Hackettstown, Denise Mastroberardino of Nesconset, Long Island, New York, and Jean Evans of Montana. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at St. Monica R.C. Church, 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday prior to the Mass from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the church. Private cremation services will be held at the convenience of the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to SCARC, Inc. or SCARC Guardianship Services, 11 US Route 206, Suite 100, Augusta, NJ 07822. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

## Cemetery Details

**Private Interment will be held at the convenience of the family**

## Previous Events

### **Mass of Christian Burial**

JUL 11. 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Monica R.C. Church  
33 Unionville Avenue  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
stmonica@ptd.net  
<http://www.stmonicasussex.org>

# Tribute Wall

WE

“ Dear Rich, Marilyn, Mary and Keri.

*So sorry to hear about Richie. Did not hear until today so unfortunately were not able to make the wake. Richie and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless  
Steve and Darlene Weber*

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**Weber's** - July 13, 2017 at 07:41 PM

DW

“ Dear Mr and Mrs Olsen, I have many memories of Richie and the girls from my babysitting days. We are so sorry to read of Richie's passing and we send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We are away and could not be at the funeral. I am sure Hal and I will see you soon. Debbie and Hal Wirths

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**debbie wirths** - July 13, 2017 at 11:40 AM

CP

“ Dear Rich, Marilyn and family...We are so sorry to hear of Richie's passing. Please know that you are in our deepest thoughts. May you gather the love and support of your family and friends around you like the comfort of a warm blanket. You were such loving parents to Richie. Please extend my condolences to Keri. We made a donation to SCARC Guardianship in honor of Richie.  
Connie and Fred Podorf

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**Connie Podorf** - July 12, 2017 at 09:29 AM

KP

“ To the Olsen Family, I was saddened to read of Richie's passing. My thoughts are with you all. Please accept my sincerest condolences.  
Karen Punch and family

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**Karen Punch** - July 12, 2017 at 05:34 AM

PM

“ So sorry for your loss and sorry that I didn't hear about it in time to pay my respects. Blessings to all of you and know that Richie is in a better place now and smiling down on all of us. We will see him again someday!  
Sending Love and Prayers,  
Pam Michaluk

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**Pam Michaluk** - July 11, 2017 at 10:11 PM

KS

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs Olsen,  
I was lucky to have known Richie and to have been able to bear witness to his playful and innocent spirit. He was so privileged to have you both as parents. We all will think of him fondly.  
Love,  
Katie Swanson

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**Katie Swanson** - July 11, 2017 at 08:40 PM

EC

“ Dear Marilyn and Richard: I am so sorry to hear about Richie. I cannot imagine what you are going through. Richie was always smiling and happy. You both have been wonderful, caring and loving parents. It was always obvious how much you loved Richie. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and your family. Prayers and Blessings - Liz Celmer (John's daughter from Barn Hill)

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**Elizabeth Celmer** - July 11, 2017 at 03:29 PM

RB

“ Dear Marilyn, rich, Mary, Keri and David, it's been a long time since I've seen you but I think of you frequently. Sean McGovern was kind enough to share you are sad news with me. I still think about Richie coming in through my garage asking for Donald Duck. He loved coloring that Donald Duck book. I can still see him walking down the Isle at graduation. Mostly, I think about what loving parents Richie, Mary, and Keri had. I think about all the time that you spent searching for what was best for your children and making sure that they got the best there was. I've always admired the two of you, as I'm sure you must know. Although there's nothing I can do to help you feel better at a time like this, I want you to know I'm thinking of you. Much love, Becky Betts. XOXO

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Rebecca Betts - July 11, 2017 at 03:26 PM

SW

“ Marilyn and Rich,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you two and your family at this sad time. We know what it is like to lose a child, nothing compares to the pain and emptiness you feel. May God extend His arms to surround you with His love and peace through the coming days and months ahead. Try to take comfort in knowing Richie is at peace in heaven with all the saints and angels.*

*Our love to you and Carrie.*

*Sharon and Bill Wien*

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Sharon & Bill Wien - July 11, 2017 at 09:53 AM

JC

“ Marilyn and Rich and Kerri,

*I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is with all of you.*

*Joyce, Anthony, Liza and Justin Ciaburri*

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**Joyce Ciaburri** - July 11, 2017 at 07:43 AM

RL

“ *I have a thousand wonderful memories of Richie of his journey at SCARC through many years of his involvement in several programs, homes, and services. He has blessed us with his life with us, and he will be missed. The Olsen family has become a pillar of the SCARC organization, and we are so encouraged to have been a vital part of their lives. Blessings to you all, Richard and Susan Lecher*

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**Richard Lecher** - July 11, 2017 at 07:42 AM

KN

“ *I'm am so very sorry to hear about Richie. The memories I have of him I will treasure forever. Much love to your family*

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**Kate Nimmo** - July 11, 2017 at 06:20 AM

KH

“ *Rich, Marilyn, Mary, and Keri: I am so sorry to hear of Richie's passing. He was a pleasure to be around and certainly provided for quite a few joyful and funny moments. I hope he's getting as many Hawaiian Punches as he could possibly have. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. With my deepest sympathy, Karen Horuzy*

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**Karen Horuzy** - July 10, 2017 at 09:18 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss Rich and Marilyn. I have so many great memories of Richie. The times that our kids had together at your house and mine and at all the cub scout events. Sending condolences from Denise Jason Chad and Crystal.

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**Denise Stickle** - July 10, 2017 at 08:08 PM

JL

“ Jim & Kelly Lockwood purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Richard Irvin Olsen.



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**Jim & Kelly Lockwood** - July 10, 2017 at 07:44 PM