



Mr. Richard J. "Ric" Connell

June 20, 1922 - February 22, 2014

Richard J. "Ric" Connell

age 91 of Edina, MN. Born 6/20/1922 - Died 2/22/2014.

Preceded in death by infant son, Joseph; grandsons, TJ Madden and Spencer Connell; and brother, Bruce. Survived by Helen, wife of 68 years; children, Terri (Dick) Bowman, Tom (Peggy), Kate (Jim) Kurimay, Anita (Mark) Whims, Jennifer (Leon) Houle, Lisa (Mike) Flood, and Tim; as well as 32 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Ric served his country proudly as a member of Darby's 3rd Battalion Army Rogers. His long recovery from war wounds, spend in Sicily, led to his conversion to Catholicism. He always claimed "the war did more for me than I did for the war." Ric was a long time professor of philosophy and logic at the University of St. Thomas.

Mass of Christian Burial, Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 5900 West Lake Street, St. Louis Park, on Thursday, February 27th at 11:00 AM.

Visitation one hour prior to Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations preferred to St. Clare's Monastery, 421 South 4th Street, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379.

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“ Dear Helen and family,

Ric's departure has brought back many sweet memories, many mental pictures of the warm welcome we received in your home and at school when we first arrived so long ago back in 1966. For years we went back and forth between homes, sharing joys and sorrows. These are precious remembrances to us, always to be treasured.

From Ric I learned not only an enormous amount about teaching and philosophy, but also about life. His clarity of mind and great courage impressed everyone who ever met him. He certainly was by far, and deservedly, the main influence in the department for decades.

Sadly, a unexpected hard turn tossed us for some time in different directions. But a few years ago we happily reconnected for a wonderful night. Neither of us spoke about bruises. Instead we began to travel again in the same direction, carrying on in the light-hearted ways of our best days together.

Helen, Ginny and I hope you and all your family find great consolation in the faith Ric always so cherished .

Tom and Ginny Sullivan

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