



## Mr. R. Richard Wieland II of South Barrington

December 25, 1944 - April 24, 2020

R. Richard Wieland II, 75, of South Barrington, Illinois.

After a long battle with cancer, Richard Wieland passed away at his home on April 24, 2020. He was surrounded by his two daughters, Lauren (Wieland) Jerome and Melissa Wieland, as well as his wife, Ann. He was survived by his son-in-law, Chris Jerome and two grandsons, Walker and Jackson Jerome, who truly adored him.

Richard will be forever remembered as the Gerber baby, and his face graced jars of baby food for decades. Richard was a graduate of Monmouth College and received his M.B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis. He spent much of his career as CFO of companies in the life sciences field, helping private companies go public.

Richard loved fishing with his friends and family and was a dedicated fan of the Chicago White Sox. He always had a twinkle in his eye, smile in his heart and an infectious chuckle in his laugh. He had a joy de vivre. He lit up the room and was always ready to have some fun. He gave 100% to everything that he did and worked hard to instill the same values in his family.

He lived as he died, with amazing grace. He will never be forgotten. His memories will live on forever. In lieu of gifts or flowers please consider making

a donation to the Prostate Cancer Foundation ([https://cure.pcf.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=2441&mfc\\_pref=T&2441.donation=form1&\\_ga=2.225711130.1035660071.1588191001-2067314488.1588191001](https://cure.pcf.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2441&mfc_pref=T&2441.donation=form1&_ga=2.225711130.1035660071.1588191001-2067314488.1588191001))

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wieland family will be mourning their loss privately. The Wieland family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the family, please click on the link below and you can leave the family a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Wieland Family. We will gladly forward it on.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169. The family also invites you to visit [www.morizzofuneralhome.com](http://www.morizzofuneralhome.com) to sign the guest book.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. R. Richard Wieland II of South Barrington*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM

JF

*Met R. Richard at Lyphomed Melrose Park. He assisted Dr. Kapoor in taking the company public on Nasdaq*

**John froelich** - September 25, 2025 at 09:08 AM

MF

“ *I worked for Rich many years ago at CTCl. He was one of the best bosses I ever had. Just a very nice, kind man. I was just looking him up to see how he was doing. My sincere condolences to his family.*

**Melanie Freeman** - May 07, 2021 at 11:34 AM

KK

“ *Ann: I am so sorry. My husband, Tom Kirkpatrick, also died of prostate cancer 4 years ago. Our twins are now almost 30 and missing him every day. You and your daughters are in my thoughts.*

**Kay Kirkpatrick** - July 08, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ *Ann, Lauren & Melissa, I was stunned to read this on the internet. My prayers are with you all and your families. If you need anything, please let me know.*

*Tim O'Connor*

**Tim O'Connor** - June 01, 2020 at 10:51 PM

BG

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Rich since the mid 1970”s. Throughout all these many years Rich was a consummate friend. Living out west, I have not seen Rich in many years but we communicated by email quite regularly. Whenever he came out west, he would always call me & we would enjoy lunch or dinner together.

When I hired him several of my staff came into my office and asked if I hired the “Gerber Baby”? I really wasn’t that familiar with the picture on the baby jars as I focused on his many talents and knowledge of finance & accounting. However I asked Rich in my office & told him about the question of several members of the staff. Rich laughed & said he was not upset at all as he said that was commonly asked of him. I knew I made a good choice in welcoming Rich to our staff.

It was always a pleasure to work with Rich as not only was he excellent in his position, but he was always a pleasure to work with. I thoroughly treasured being one of his many friends.

I will dearly miss him. My prayers are with him and his lovely family

Bill Guerra

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**Bill Guerra** - May 28, 2020 at 06:33 PM

MF

“ My sincere condolences to Ann, Lauren and Melissa. Rich was a wonderful man and a great friend and colleague. I learned so much from him. He was always supportive, cheerful and upbeat no matter what the circumstances. He was a tremendous traveling companion on road shows and investor conference trips, a great conversationalist and the consummate CFO. I feel very honored to have worked with him and thankful for all the good times we shared. His smile will live forever in our hearts and his grace and dignity will always inspire us. May he rest in peace and may his memory stay with us forever.

Mike Flavin

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Mike Flavin - May 11, 2020 at 11:03 PM

JL

I'm so sorry for loss Ann. I went thru the same kind of loss 6 tears ago!? Just keep those precious memories close to your heart aad your daughters and Grandsons. God Bless you Ann!!

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jim Lawrence - December 25, 2022 at 12:35 AM

JH

“ I'll always remember the time when I was a kid and visited my uncle Rich and he took me to a White Sox game at the new Comiskey Park. I was/am a huge baseball fan (Brewers though being from Milwaukee). He bought me a black White Sox hat and I thought it was so cool looking. Even cooler, Bo Jackson hit a game winning homerun which set off fireworks and sent the crowd home happy. Even though the White Sox weren't my team, I'll always remember that game as one of my favorites that I've attended and one of my favorite memories with my uncle Rich.

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Justin Halstead - May 06, 2020 at 08:56 PM

MS

“ I have known Richard Wieland for over four decades - as a friend, client and colleague.  
He was a good and kind man. I have never heard Rich utter an unkind word about anyone. Rich was a fine person who was caring, loving, thoughtful and professional. He will be missed by his adoring family and friends. Rest in peace, dear friend.  
Marv & Sara Siegel

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**Marvin Siegel** - May 06, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. R. Richard Wieland II of South Barrington.



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May 05, 2020 at 05:08 PM

CW

“ Rest in peace Rich! While only knowing you a short while through the Voxello BODs, your smile was contagious. I am sorry for your family's loss. RIP



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**Clareece West** - May 04, 2020 at 10:09 AM

FF

“ Dear Ann, Lauren, and Melissa,

*Please accept my condolences for your loss. Rich was a dear friend and a great fishing buddy of mine. I can still hear his hearty, infectious laugh, while sporting a grin from ear to ear, and flashing his pearly whites and glowing pink cheeks. He was a fun guy with whom to share time, a meal, or a drink. I'll miss him greatly.*

*Sincerely,*

*Fred Fitzsimmons*

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**Fred Fitzsimmons** - May 02, 2020 at 10:04 AM

AC

“ *Rich was a board member of a company I worked for: he had a vast wealth of knowledge and I was privileged to scratch the surface of what he knew. He was a mentor to me, willing to share anything I could think to ask of him. I'm sorry for your loss, and we are lesser for his absence.*

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**Amanda Chrystal** - May 01, 2020 at 11:22 PM

SH

“ *Ann, Lauren, and Melissa,*

*My sincerest condolences to you. Though you must mourn in private, know that there are many of us who are thinking of Richard and your entire family.*

*Wishing you the best,  
Shimon Kahan*

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**Shimon** - May 01, 2020 at 10:11 AM

AC

“ Dear Ann, Lauren, and Melissa.....It is with a heavy, heavy heart that I write upon learning of the passing of my friend Rich, whom I first met at a CFO group meeting in 1991. Over the years we've enjoyed many, many wonderful dinners and drinks with the Wielands, getting to know them and their lovely family and grandchildren in the process. Rich was a special person, full of laughter, kindness, intelligence, and spirit, a lover of fine food and beverage, a doting grandfather, and irrepressibly motivated by business and financial challenges. Rich lived a full life embracing many experiences, but his time with us was way too short. He dealt with his health challenges with great courage and dignity, and thankfully was able to be surrounded by his loving family at home upon his passing. You will be greatly missed my friend. May you rest In peace.

*Andy Campbell*

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**Andy Campbell** - April 30, 2020 at 06:16 PM

ED

“ Wonderful life, met him at Jeff Yordon's Sox game suite.

*Ed Donahoe*

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**Ed Donahoe** - April 30, 2020 at 01:46 PM

MN

“ I will truly miss my brother-in-law of so many years...the jokester, the cook, the sports fan, the lover of life and babies. He was a wonderful addition to our family and we are so saddened by his loss.

*Love to you from The Halstead Family*

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**Meredith Newton-Halstead** - April 30, 2020 at 08:39 AM

DL

“ We have the fondest memories of Rich from restaurant dining in FL and IL, our travel to Europe with he and Ann (a highlight of our life), deer hunting in NE, and visits to our home in FL. Our children have known each other from preschool to present. Good times by all. He always had a smile and upbeat personality. Rich was well liked and respected and will be sorely missed by all.  
Our thoughts, prayers, and love to Ann, Lauren and Melissa.

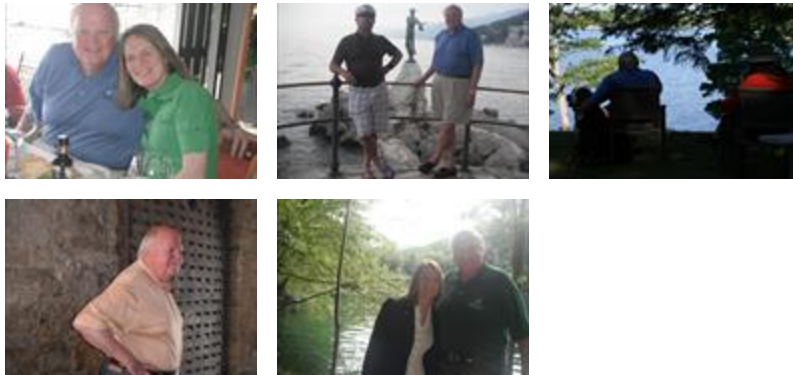
*Diane and Tom Loughery*

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**Diane and Tom Loughery** - April 30, 2020 at 08:31 AM

DR

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Dragan** - April 29, 2020 at 11:39 PM

AS

“ I am very sad at Rich passing, I have very fond memories of Rich, he always had a smile on his face and lit up any room he was in. We were work colleagues and friends during his time as CFO at Unilife Ltd. He could always be depended upon, he was a kind, caring and considerate man that wore his heart on his sleeve. He always laughed at my jokes even when he did not think they were funny! Please God, he is now being rewarded for a life well lived.

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**Alan Shortall** - April 29, 2020 at 10:37 PM

DR

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dragan** - April 29, 2020 at 10:17 PM

MW

“ *My dad was such a joy to be around. Always made everyone smile. There is a huge void in his absence but these memories will help carry his spirit on.*



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**Melissa Wieland** - April 29, 2020 at 09:48 PM

RG

“ With Rich gone, our group of friends will never be the same. We will miss his smile, his conversation and the thoughtful attention he gave to each one of us. When we gather, Rich will always be with us. My deepest sympathy and love to Ann, Lauren, Melissa, Walker and Jackson.  
Rose-Marie

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**Rose-Marie Gerdisch** - April 29, 2020 at 09:22 PM

AA

“ I have known richard since we were the best of friends growing up in Portsmouth, Ohio. i have literally thousands of memories of richard: laughing, twinkling eyes, smart, motivated to have excellence and success by his name, great contests on the basketball courts and golf courses, fun, fun, and more fun. i will cherish the memories forever.

Andrew Asch

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**Andrew Asch** - April 29, 2020 at 09:19 PM

CP

“ Rich was a most treasured colleague on the board of Voxello. He was always thinking joyfully about what our next best step should be. He is missed.

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**Chuck Peters** - April 29, 2020 at 08:04 PM

IN

“ I had the great pleasure of knowing Rich through his brother in law Thomas Newton that I was married to. I lived him from the moment I met him. He was full of life And should it . I had never seen him with anything but a smile and his great laugh. I know how much he loved and cherished his family. He always loved spending time with them. He was just a wonderful man. I know that he will be so missed by his family and friends. My condolences to his family, especially Ann, Lauren, Melissa, and his grandchildren. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Irene Newton

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**Irene Newton** - April 29, 2020 at 07:55 PM

JJ

“ Dear Ann, Lauren and Melissa, Our sincerest condolences on your loss. We were shocked when we read Melissa's post. Rich was the most enjoyable person to be with. We always looked forward to our dinners together. Sometimes with Lauren or Melissa, and a few times with both. We knew there would be lots of laughs, and we were never disappointed. He was quite a guy!

Loads of Love and a whole bunch of warm hugs. Joyce and Jerry



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**Joyce & Jerry** - April 29, 2020 at 07:50 PM

MG

“ Rich was among the dearest friends of my parents. I enjoyed seeing Rich with his beautiful, genuine smile and nimble mind. He was always both interested and interesting. His was a life so very well lived, but too short. Most sincere condolences, Marc, Lori Ann and Robert Gerdisch

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**Marc William Gerdisch** - April 29, 2020 at 07:14 PM

DG

“ *Dave and Bette Gillis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. R. Richard Wieland II of South Barrington.*



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**Dave and Bette Gillis** - April 26, 2020 at 11:32 AM