



Richard Leon "Dick" Perry

February 22, 2023

Richard "Dick" Perry, 84, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, passed away February 22, 2023, at home surrounded by his family. He was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, to Andrew and Florence Perry on October 6, 1938. He grew up in Derrick City, Pennsylvania graduating from Bradford High School in 1957.

Richard graduated from Penn State University with an associate's degree in Metallurgy. Dick started his 65-year career at Bethlehem Steel's Fabricated Steel Division, moving to Bethlehem's Homer Research Laboratories in 1982. He spent the last 17 years as a senior operations engineer at Cleveland-Cliffs Inc in Steelton Pennsylvania. He travelled extensively throughout the United States and Europe on various assignments.

Dick loved sports cars and racing Corvette's. He was regional executive for Philadelphia Region SCCA, Technical Coordinator for Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART), officiating 19 years for the Indy Car series and was a fan of Formula 1.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jaqueline "Jackie" Perry (nee Wehrhagen) of 61 years; his daughter Kimberly Ann Perry; as well as his grandchildren Brian Kemp and wife Emily of Macungie and Eric Kemp and wife Brittany Fear and great grandson Rowan Kemp of Hamilton, Ontario Canada. He is also survived by his twin brother Donald and younger brother Robert Perry, and his

three sisters Mary Negvesky, Bonnie Carll and Andrea Lerner. He was preceded in death by his oldest brother Jack Raver and sister Joanna Coxen.

Until the very end, Richard was a dedicated to his work as a brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, coworker, and neighbor.

No funeral or memorial service is immediately planned, the family will notify loved ones when the memorial service will be scheduled in spring.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that gifts in memory of Richard Perry be made to Lehigh Valley Hospice who supported us in his final days using the following link: <https://www.lvhn.org/give/gifts-honor-and-memorial>, please be sure to select the gift designation: The Lehigh Valley Hospice Fund, select the Tribute Gift: in memory of Richard Perry, Notification Recipient Name and address: The Perry Family, 1398 Brookside Road, Allentown Pa 18106.

Tribute Wall

KP

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Kim Perry - May 21, 2023 at 11:54 AM

BB

“ Condolences to the Perry family. I met Dick through my years working with him during the CART Indy Cars years. Dick later helped me and others research vintage Indy Cars through his meticulous notes documenting each racecars chassis number at each race during those wonderful times. Thanks for all.

Brian Brown - April 18, 2023 at 05:26 PM

JR

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Joe Roscino - March 17, 2023 at 09:59 AM

KM

“ Sorry to hear about Richards passing my husband and I worked with him at C hamp Car Kristine Martin

kristine Ann Martin - February 27, 2023 at 12:48 PM

BK

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with You and the Entire Perry Family!*

Billy Kamphausen - February 27, 2023 at 10:11 AM

JG

“ *I want to send my condolences and prayers for your family and loved ones in the passing of Dick. I enjoyed working with Dick on the CART circuit for many years as a member of the safety team. I always appreciated his dedication to the sport and his integrity as a CART official. He will be missed. I pray for blessings and comfort for those loved ones left behind. Jerry Guise*

Jerry Guise - February 26, 2023 at 11:07 PM

CC

“ *Deepest condolences to the Perry family, extended family and friends.
It was a pleasure for me getting to know Dick through the 1990's and early 2000's working with him at CART. You will truly be missed
RIP Friend 🇨🇦❤️🇺🇸*

Craig Cowan - February 26, 2023 at 09:26 PM