

Dick R. Roche

September 28, 1943 - December 7, 2016

Roche

Donald Richard "Dick" 73, passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. He was born September 28, 1943 in Washington, PA, then settled in Cincinnati in 1971. Dick was a beloved teacher for 36 years at Oak Hills High School where he also coached wrestling for 26 years. Coach Roche earned many accolades during his tenure at Oak Hills. Since retiring from coaching, he officiated for the last 16 years. Dick was extremely loving and proud of his three children, Matthew, Amanda and her husband Danny Biser, and Cara; his three grandchildren, Ryan, Madison Biser, and Quentin. He is also survived by his wife, Theresa Padur and brothers, Barry and his wife Diana of Columbus and John Roche of Yuma, Arizona; as well as his many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother, Bob and former wife, Pat, who passed away of cancer in 1997. Dick will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a loving father, adoring grandfather, accomplished teacher, distinguished coach, and proud Army veteran. The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 11 from 3:00 until 7:30 PM at Shiloh United Methodist Church, 5261 Foley Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. Funeral service will be Monday 10:30 AM at the church. Memorial donations may be made in Dick Roche's name to Oak Hills High School District Attn. Katie Hunter/Dick Roche Memorial Scholarship. Mail to 3200 Ebenezer Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45248 or Online [www.spsezpay.com/Oak Hills](http://www.spsezpay.com/OakHills)

Cemetery Details

Spring Grove Cemetery

4521 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45232

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Shiloh United Methodist Church
Anderson Ferry @ Foley Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45238

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vitt, Stermer & Anderson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dick R. Roche*



Vitt, Stermer & Anderson Funeral Home - December 09, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dick R. Roche.*



December 11, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ *Amanda, Danny and Family,
So sorry to hear of your father's passing.
Our thought's and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Roger & Stephany Deeter*

Roger - December 10, 2016 at 05:09 PM



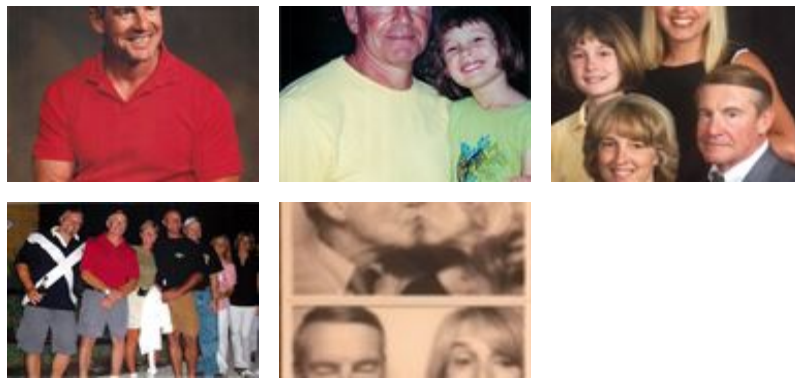
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dick R. Roche.*



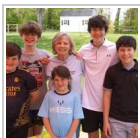
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Vitt, Stermer & Anderson Funeral Home - December 09, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *Mr. Roche's passing is a huge loss to the entire Oak Hills community. It saddens my heart and it is with deep sympathy that I offer thoughts and prayers to all whom suffer this loss of a man that guided many throughout his life and career. Bless you All. RIP Coach Roche.*

Kim Kinzer-Jones - December 09, 2016 at 06:21 AM

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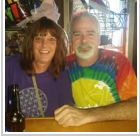
“ I not only had the honor of being in Mr. Roches class in high school. I also babysat for Mathew and Amanda when they were little and he made me a wood plaque with my name on it. Like the ones that hung on his kids bedroom doors. I still have it and will cherish it even more now. I recently saw him at kroger, it is so hard to grasp that he is gone. Heaven gained another Angel.

Amy Schutte - December 08, 2016 at 08:36 PM

LS

“ What can I say about Dick. There are so many wonderful memories that were shared between Dick's family and ours. He was always a gracious host and a wonderful family man. He loved his family and would do anything for them. I remember the early days when he came to Oak Hills and coached a quality team that always had someone going to state. I know that Dick was a man of faith and loved his church. His children and wife will miss him but will have wonderful memories just as his many friends will have.

Linda Schulte - December 08, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ *Mr. Roche,*

You were my favorite teacher, hands down. You made an unforgettable impression on me. You shared the story with me, of you and your wife getting married. It was such a coincidence. From that moment on, we had a special bond. I have thought of you often in my adult years. What an amazing person and what a remarkable life. I feel so lucky that I got to know you. Rest in Paradise Mr. Roche. You of all people have earned your spot.

Sincerely,

DeVonna (Combs) Wiesner

DeVonna Combs Wiesner - December 08, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dick R. Roche.*



December 08, 2016 at 01:59 PM

RH

“ Having 3 boys who grew up in the Oak Hills wrestling family- I will miss seeing Coach Roche at wrestling matches - both as a referee and as a spectator. I enjoyed my first season ticket seats at Oak Hills home games this year because my seat was directly behind Coach Roche. Loved hearing his perspective and how football players should wrestle. Coach is one of those people who I just figured would live forever. Now he will be with us in our hearts and minds for eternity. Coach- I know Adam found you and is showing you around the palace- maybe you two can start heaven's first wrestling team? I will miss you!! -sending hugs to you family.
Becky Haehnle

rebecca haehnle - December 08, 2016 at 01:18 PM

AD

“ Thoughts and prayers goes out to the Roche family. Dick will be sorely missed. I see that he was loved by many. May he rest in peace, and may you lean on God for comfort and strength.

Angie Dodge - December 08, 2016 at 12:50 PM