



Richard L. Wagner, Jr. ESQ.

May 23, 1949 - May 15, 2025

Richard Lee Wagner, Jr. of Algonac passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family after a lengthy battle with his health on Thursday, May 15th, 2025, just 8 days before his 76th birthday. Born May 23rd, 1949, in Detroit to Darlene and Richard Lee Wagner, Sr.

Richard is survived by his spouse Patricia Smith, his beloved children Ross (Shelene) Aquilina, Dawn (John) Mayo, Jeffery (Sarah) Wagner, Richard Lee Wagner III, and his twins Justin (Cassidy) Wagner and Ryan Wagner. Richard had 12 grandkids with one on the way which he was tremendously proud of, numerous nieces and nephews and other friends and family he greatly adored.

Richard graduated L'Anse Creuse High School class of 1967 and moved on to MSU where he played hockey and started working as an educator for history, which if you knew Richard, you knew he was very passionate about. Later moving on to what he found to be his passion and career as an attorney practicing for over 49 years after graduating from Detroit School of Law. Richard was a member of dozens of associations but he was most proud to be apart of St. Clair Bar, Macomb County Bar, and The State of Michigan Bar.

Richard had a talent of being the BIGGEST personality in the room. He lived his life to the fullest, left no stone unturned, cared deeply for his family and

friends with no limits. Although Richard has left us, his spirit lives on in all the memories of those who spent time with him.

If desired, the family will receive friends and visitors from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21st, 2025 at the Wasik Funeral Home located at 35259 - 23 Mile Road in New Baltimore.

A service will be held there as well on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon following at Little Camille's located at 4575 County Line Road in Casco for food and drinks because those who knew Richard knew he would make sure you were fed if desired.

The family asks that donations be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation in honor of Richard.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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New Baltimore, MI 48047

Tribute Wall



“ *Wasik Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard L. Wagner, Jr. ESQ.*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - May 22, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ *I was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) four years ago. For over two years, I relied on prescription medications and therapies, but unfortunately, the symptoms continued to worsen. My breathing became more labored, and I experienced increasing fatigue and shortness of breath with even minimal activity. Last year, out of desperation and hope, I decided to try an herbal treatment program from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. Honestly, I was skeptical at first, but within a few months of starting the treatment, I began to notice real changes. My breathing became easier, the tightness in my chest eased, and I felt more energetic and capable in my daily life. Incredibly, I also regained much of my stamina and confidence. It's been a life-changing experience I feel more like myself again, better than I've felt in years. If you or a loved one is struggling with IPF, I truly recommend looking into their natural approach. You can visit their website at www.naturepathherbalclinic.com*

Greta - November 18, 2025 at 02:25 PM

PF

“ The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is truly sorry for your family's loss. Please contact Jake Meding if we can provide any information or support during this difficult time. He can be reached at jmeding@pulmonaryfibrosis.org or 312-854-2627. Thank you.

Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation - May 22, 2025 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Richard both professionally and personally as a fellow member of the St. Clair County Bar Association. I highly respected Richard's expertise in the law, especially as it related to condominium law, as if I ever had a question on that subject, he was the go-to guy. I enjoyed his company as he was always warm and engaging and full of humor. The downriver wing of the bar association has lost another irreplaceable member. He will be missed. John B. McNamee

John McNamee - May 21, 2025 at 01:06 PM

WL

“ With all our love, Davis Miller Law purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Richard L. Wagner, Jr. ESQ..



With all our love, Davis Miller Law - May 21, 2025 at 09:49 AM

KM

“ I have so many fond memories with my uncle Ricky and my Mom Patty Joyce (uncle Ricky's sister). I loved Christmas Eve as we all gathered around and enjoyed the warm fireplace and listened to my Uncle and Grandpa Wagner play their guitars and music. I lived with him for a few months and I will never forget the dinners he put on for the family. I felt like I was at a 5star restaurant each meal. He will be missed, I know his illness slowed him down. May my Uncle Ricky (my mom's brother) Rest in Peace. He is now painfree and comfortable.

Kimberly Meldrum - May 20, 2025 at 01:53 PM

AD

“ Growing up on Terra Mar, we spent a lot of time on the water, in boats and skating, fishing, etc. Walking to the school bus together. He was a sweet friend. May he rest in peace and his family take comfort in the beautiful life he lived.

Audrey Dekkers - May 20, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard L. Wagner, Jr. ESQ..



May 19, 2025 at 06:26 PM

CG

“ Richard... AKA Dad,

The amount of memories you gave me as a kid could never truly be summed up in words. You stepped up for me during some of my toughest teenage years and welcomed me into your home without hesitation. You always treated me like one of the twins, and that meant the world to me.

When I left for the military, you continued to be one of my biggest supporters and cheerleaders as I took on that new chapter. One of the greatest memories I hold is when I came back home to introduce my son to everyone—you went above and beyond to organize an unforgettable surprise. You got us on the field at a Tigers game and had me honored as a hometown hero. That moment will stay with me forever.

You had a major impact on shaping the person I am today, and I will carry your influence with me for the rest of my life.

Thank you for everything. You'll always be in my heart.



Chris Gillespie - May 18, 2025 at 11:00 PM