



James C. Richards

May 4, 1953 - April 27, 2021

James Craig (“J.C.”) Richards died April 27, 2021, at his home in McLean, Virginia of pancreatic cancer. He was 67. J.C. was born May 4, 1953, in Bethesda, Maryland. He is survived by his wife, Monica, and their four children, David Richards (Courtney), Jessica Bennett (William), Katherine Revollo (Neil), and Stephen Richards (Andrea), as well as his three grandsons, Tanner, Matthew, and Theodore.

J.C. was raised in McLean and attended Langley High School. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. J.C. married the love of his life Monica Black in 1983. While raising their four children he worked as a real estate developer. He developed projects throughout Northern Virginia and Washington, DC, including acting as the owner’s representative for two award-winning projects, the Center for Strategic and International Studies Headquarters building and the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates Chancery Annex, both in Washington, DC. J.C. loved teaching and mentoring, including working as an adjunct professor and mentor to graduate students in the Georgetown University Master of Real Estate Program.

For decades—and long past his children’s involvement in the sport—J.C. spent many weekends every year on deck as a starter and referee for the Northern Virginia Swim League and USA Swimming. A member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he was deeply involved in his faith community. He was a missionary in Puerto Rico, and served many years as an ecclesiastical leader in English- and Spanish-speaking congregations and a teacher and mentor to young people. He will be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, and a generous teacher.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 11:00 AM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1325 Scotts Run Road in McLean, Virginia and broadcast online (<https://zoom.us/j/92584449080>). The family will receive visitors beginning at 10:00 AM. COVID precautions will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to the George Washington University Katzen Cancer Research Center. Information can be found on Katzen Center website.

Because of Covid restrictions services can be watched on zoom at

<https://zoom.us/j/9258449080>

Cemetery

Fairfax Memorial Park

9900 Braddock Road

Fairfax, VA, 22032

Events

MAY **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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MAY **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ It was a blessing to have been in the same Ward with JC for the last 8 years and to call him a friend. He was definitely someone who put others needs before his own and took life as it came, with a positive attitude. I greatly appreciate the support he showed while Monica helped me with a difficult challenge a few years back. My prayers go out to Monica, David(Courtney), Stephen(Andrea), Jessica(William), Katherine(Neil) and their three grandchildren.

Robyn Reynolds - May 05 at 01:52 PM



“ Donna & Brian Doll & family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James C. Richards.



Donna & Brian Doll & family - May 04 at 02:14 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of James C. Richards.



May 04 at 12:35 PM



“ JC: So long good friend. Many thanks to you and your family for integrating ours into McLean organized swimming 20 years ago. It was a blast. Thanks for the years at JER and the last four working side by side. You are the definition of true grit; head down and let's get it done somehow. Fairness in dealing, treating partners and vendors with respect were a few of your hallmarks. I've talked to dozens this past week and they grieve as well. You were a man that people genuinely liked being around. I'm confident that your great legacy is eternally secure. I hope to see you again my friend.

Wes Gray - May 04 at 11:23 AM



“ Yahne Miorini and Miorini Law Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James C. Richards.



Yahne Miorini and Miorini Law Team - May 04 at 10:27 AM



“ My brother would often return from college to watch one of my sports games. He was like a father to me; how I admired him.

JC excelled in track and field. And from his approach to it I observed two quite important qualities to carry into so many other aspects of life: practice and persistence. Determination could have been his middle name.

JC organized my post-wedding luncheon. I think he did it in a day. He was a gifted, talented man, generous to a fault.

I am still quite saddened by the news of my brother's passing. My heart goes out to Monica, my nieces and my nephews.

I keep reminding myself that this is a time not only to grieve, but to be of good cheer. There is something powerful and comforting in remembering a life very well lived. As I write this I take comfort that the exaltations of eternities await his coming, and that I was his brother.

Mark Richards - May 03 at 04:36 PM



“ JC leaves such a rich legacy - his beautiful family chief among them. Broc, Quinn, Griffin and I send you love during this profound loss and hold you all in our hearts as you grieve.

Dee Romanek - May 01 at 07:47 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James C. Richards.



April 30 at 08:08 PM