



Richard N. Thompson

March 2, 1954 - November 15, 2024

Richard N. Thompson, 70, of Harrisburg, transitioned on November 15, 2024, joining in eternal life his parents, Philip J. Thompson and Emily (Street) Thompson, as well as his spouse of 43 years, Ralph T. Everline.

A proud graduate of Mainland Regional High School (Class of 1972) and St. Joseph's University (Class of 1977), where he earned a degree in Food Marketing, Richard began his professional journey with Pathmark, dedicating 16 years to management and market research with a focus on new store development. Later, he embarked on a fulfilling career as a truck driver with E.C.D. Services of Camp Hill, PA, retiring in 2015. Even after retirement, Richard remained active as a casual driver.

Faith was the cornerstone of Richard's life, and it guided his unwavering commitment to social justice. A member of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit his entire adult life, Richard not only sang in the choir but also served on the Board of Directors, lending his voice to the church's mission in both Philadelphia and Harrisburg. His faith was lived out through action, as he tirelessly championed LGBTQ+ rights and advocated for marginalized communities.

Richard's work extended well beyond his church involvement. He was instrumental in challenging the PA Department of Revenue and the Social

Security Administration over same-sex marriage rights, and his tireless advocacy for marginalized communities continued throughout his life.

He attended Pride Festivals, marched across Northern Florida to support an MCC congregation, and trekked from the Liberty Bell to the Lincoln Memorial during the National March on Washington. He also sponsored and housed Cuban refugees during the Mariel Boatlift, supported gay refugees from Uganda, corresponded with incarcerated individuals, and challenged discriminatory practices against same-sex couples. Richard's efforts left an indelible mark on those he touched, as he consistently stood for equality, compassion, and justice.

Richard was also a lover of life's simple pleasures. He traveled extensively, exploring Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean, Central America, and the American West. Whether hiking, camping, bowling, or playing Pinochle, Richard's joy came from sharing these experiences with friends and family.

Richard is survived by his siblings: Doris Gager (Paul) of Mt. Laurel, NJ; Jim Thompson (Georgia) of Jacksonville, FL; Bill Thompson (Donna) of Little Torch Key, FL; and Doug Thompson (Monica) of Marietta, GA; other family members and friends.

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A Memorial Service for Richard N. Thompson will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, January 17, 2025, at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. The service will be officiated by

Reverend Lori Hatch-Rivera. Memorial gifts may be made to the Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit.