



# Richard J. Locke

OCT 10, 2023



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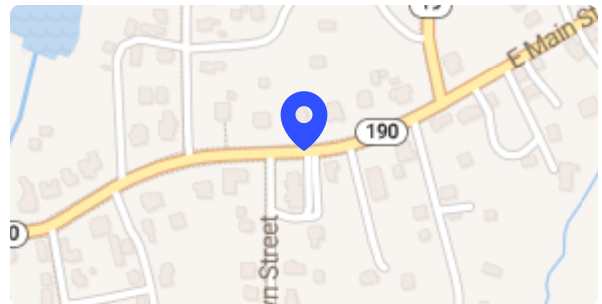
OCT 10, 2023

**R**ichard J. Locke, 84, of Stafford Springs, CT, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at Evergreen Health Center after battling for months with multiple health issues. He was born in Stafford Springs, CT, son of the late Joseph and Louise (Ramponi) Locke. Rich served our country in the United States Army Reserves for eight years. He worked as a carpenter, builder and master craftsman for 30 years at Matteson Lumber Company in Stafford Springs and later moved on to other woodworking specialty companies in the Rocky Hill area. Rich continued to practice his craft long after his “official” retirement – his list of projects was ongoing and ambitious. His favorite hobbies – telling stories, and “anything to do with trains” are widely known to his family and friends. Rich is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Ruth (Kaleta) Locke; three children, daughter Susan Locke and Brian Prucker, daughter Sally Woods and her husband Jeffrey, and son Christopher Locke and his wife Lisa; son-in-law Michael Hebert; six grandchildren, Devon and Kianna Woods, Michael and Mathieu Hebert, and Benjamin and Cameron Locke; four siblings, Kenneth Locke and his wife Doris, Jane Kennedy, Janet Bellante and her husband John, and Linda Hoyt. He was predeceased by his daughter, Ann Marie Hebert; and his brother, Ronald Locke. Calling hours will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 9:30-11:00 AM, with a memorial service to take place at 11:00 AM, at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Safe Net Ministries, P.O. Box 93, Stafford Springs, CT 06076, or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: [www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)






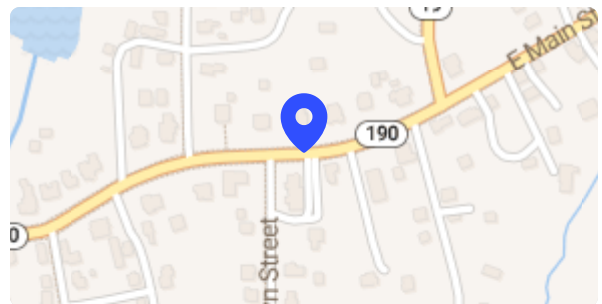
**Visitation**

-  **Friday**, October 27, 2023
-  9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**  
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076



**Service**

-  **Friday**, October 27, 2023
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**  
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076





# Tribute Wall

**Richard J. Locke**



**Gordon John Frassinelli** posted:

Sincerest condolences to the Locke and Hebert families on the passing of your husband father and grandfather Rich. Your family certainly has had more than its share of tragedy lately, so I pray that the memories and sincere wishes of your friends and neighbors be of some comfort to all of you during this difficult time. Gordie Frassinelli

November 2 at 10:05 AM



**Sue Oehler** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Ruth & Family - my sincere condolences; I will always remember Rich's sense of humor, he always made me laugh during phone conversations, such a thoughtful man, he'll be remembered.

October 25 at 4:21 AM



**Susan A.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

October 25 at 4:06 AM



**Tony And Barbara Vittoria** posted:

Ruth and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God comfort you during the days ahead. God has promised us that we will see our loved ones again.

October 24 at 12:30 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Locke family.

October 23 at 1:01 PM



**Todd And Laurie** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 23 at 12:38 AM





# Tribute Wall

**Richard J. Locke**

RA

**Rachel** posted:

Ruth and Family ,I am so sorry for your loss. Rich was a wonderful man. Those of us who assisted him at Evergreen Healthcare Center will always remember his stories and the time years ago that he handcrafted some wooden platform steps for our physical therapy department. We still use them! Thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers! Rachel Brink

October 22 at 3:59 PM

RA

**Rachel** lit a candle in honor of Richard.



October 22 at 3:39 PM

RB

**Rachel B.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



October 22 at 3:34 PM



**Linda Dalpian** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Susan I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad! My condolences to you and your family!!❤️🙏❤️



October 21 at 11:25 PM

MH

**Mike Hebert** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Mom, Sue, Sally and Chris. On behalf of Ann, Michael, Mathieu and I our prayers are with you all. Dad will no longer suffer and be with Ann on a long train ride in heaven. I know how much we all loved grandpa and the wisdom and knowledge he imparted to all of us. I am proud to see our boys follow in his footsteps helping people to renovate their homes and provide services with honesty and integrity. We will always miss you Choo Choo grandpa.



October 21 at 2:19 PM



## Tribute Wall

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CM

**Carol Mancini** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 21 at 7:03 AM



MS

**Mike Slattery** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 18 at 1:02 PM



NR

**Nancy Richens** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 18 at 10:23 AM



TA

**Tony & Kimberly Allevo** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 17 at 1:17 PM



LG

**Lynn Godin** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 17 at 6:40 AM



JB

**Joyce Murray (Berriault)** posted:

Ruth and the entire Locke family. We had such great times when we were kids and neighbors. Richie was such a great guy.

October 17 at 4:58 AM



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HO

**Harold Oehler** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Our deepest condolences go to Ruth, Sue, Sally and Chris and family. We've known the Locke family since we moved from Massachusetts to Stafford in 1963, and along with it many memories, some of them we will never forget, we are all very sorry to hear the news of his passing. Michael Oehler, Stef Summers, Nate Oehler

October 16 at 4:14 PM



SL

**Sherry Lemire** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Ruth, Sally, Chris, and Sue...what you have all been through in this past year, with Ann and your father - I am so very sorry. I am glad that your Dad doesn't have to battle anymore all the things he had going on in his body. I keep getting an image of him, laughing and talking with that big voice...I can see his smile and hear his voice, telling one of his stories. I can picture him at Matteson Lumber, or out in the yard on Monson Road, running the mini railroad. He was one of the few people I knew that could talk and tell me about my mom, remembering when they were in high school together. I treasure that. Sal, I think this means that we go wayyyyyy back. :) Rich and Ruth Locke helped through some very tough times without even knowing they were doing it. Hugs to all.

October 16 at 12:51 PM



PK

**Patricia J Kovaciny** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Lit a candle in memory of Richard Locke

October 16 at 12:31 PM



MS

**Mary & Walter Smith** posted:

Susan, Sally, and Chris I know you are fully aware but it is important for you to hear from a friend. Your Mom & Dad are so special. They are such good friends and for some of us family. Your Dad was so helpful to my Mom & Dad and did a lot of work through the years to their Chestnut Hill home. Your Mom, so dedicated to the Athletic Boosters, a group I'm so proud to say I too was a member for 10 yrs. You all like me have been so lucky to have such beautiful people to turn to for help, guidance, support and love. Dad never leaves, he's there, talk to him. You will know in your heart what he is telling you. May God Bless all of you and the entire Locke family. Much Love Walter & Mary Smith

October 16 at 10:40 AM



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GS

**Gordon Smith** posted:

Richie was such a great friend in my younger days, I rode so many excursions with him on the Central Vermont. I loved his "garden" railroad that he built around his property. At Christmas parties at Aunt Ethel's and Uncle Buster, I looked forward to talking trains with Richie! My sincere condolences to Ruth and his entire family! RIP my friend.

October 16 at 9:44 AM

PT

**Philip Tripoli** posted:

Ruthie and family so sorry for your loss I have many past memories of Richie and you with love Phil and Ruth Tripoli

October 16 at 8:44 AM

DW

**Dick & Joann West** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Ruth and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Richie was a great guy 🙏😞

October 16 at 7:05 AM



CF

**Carole Frassinelli** posted:

To the Locke Family -- Thinking of all of you and am sorry for your loss. There are so many memories of our time as neighbors growing up on Tolland Avenue. With deepest sympathy, Carole

October 16 at 6:16 AM

BH

**Bethany Woods Hill** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

To the Locke and Woods Family, we are so very sorry for your loss. He was a larger than life character who always had a good story to tell. He will be missed. Stephen and Bethany Hill

October 15 at 5:47 PM





## Tribute Wall

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LO

**Lori** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

To the family of Richard Locke our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies. Lori & Steve Gianantoni

October 15 at 7:43 AM



LE

**Lisa Greene Everett** sent a virtual gift in honor of Richard.

October 14 at 12:23 PM



LE

**Lisa Greene Everett** posted:

To the Locke and Woods family, I am so very sorry for your loss. May your memories comfort you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May he rest in peace. God bless.

October 14 at 12:23 PM

CH

**Colleen Heitson** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 14 at 11:01 AM



LF

**Liz Francini** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

My sincere condolences to the Locke family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

October 14 at 9:31 AM



JR

**John And Sally Rowell** sent a virtual gift in honor of Richard.

I am going to miss bringing your st.patricks day dinner to you and peaches from johnny appleseeds.

October 14 at 8:48 AM





# Tribute Wall

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**John And Sally Rowell** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 14 at 8:46 AM



**John And Sally Rowell** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 14 at 8:44 AM



**Fern Negro Greene** sent a virtual gift in honor of Richard.  
Ruth and family so sorry with the loss of Richie.

October 14 at 6:31 AM



**Michele Herring** posted:

Ruth....I was so sorry to hear of Rich's passing. What a great guy. He will be missed by many. God bless...

October 14 at 6:23 AM



**Judy Geary** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 14 at 6:22 AM



**Judy Geary** October 14 at 6:24 AM

Ruthie, Please except my sincere condolences on the loss of your husband.



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CS

**Cheryl Santopietro** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Ruth, and family, I am sorry to hear about Richards passing. I will always remember his stories of his trains , and many more when he came in for his haircuts. He will be missed by everyone. Sending hugs and prayers to the family .

October 14 at 5:06 AM



LF

**Lisa Finch** posted:

Sue and Sally, I'm sorry to hear about your dad. I remember him when he worked at Madison's and we lived across the street. He was always such a great guy. Keep the good memories going.

October 14 at 4:46 AM

TO

**Tony Ostrowski** posted:

To the family of Richard I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Richie was a great guy and had a great smile to top it off with a great personality! It was always a pleasure to run into him he made your day. May he rest in peace. 🙏

October 14 at 4:44 AM

RT

**Ron And Linda Tremblay** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 14 at 2:38 AM



ML

**Michele Collette Lerch** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Mrs. Locke, Sally and family, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Locke. Sending you our thoughts, prayers and condolences.

October 13 at 6:29 PM



PD

**Paul & Claudia Davis** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Paul & I send our deepest sympathies to Ritchie's family on the loss of Rich.

October 13 at 5:56 PM





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**Roger And Beverly Dalpian** lit a candle in honor of Richard.  
Our Condolence to you Ruth and family on your loss.Roger & Beverly DalPian

October 13 at 5:04 PM



**John And Sandy Emhoff** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 13 at 3:01 PM



**JE** **John And Sandy Emhoff** October 13 at 3:05 PM  
Ruth and family, we are so sad to hear about Ritchie. When I saw you today I had no knowledge of his passing until this evening. He was such a great guy, making you laugh and just being a sincere, happy man. You have so many memories that you will treasure forever. God bless all of you and give you some comfort that Ritchie is with you always.



**Donald Bradway** posted:

Ruth , Sue, Sally and Chris. Sorry to hear of the passing of Rich. I first met Rich many years ago at Matteson Lumber when I was in High School . I got to know him better as I became friends with his Sue and Sally. I always enjoyed talking with him and we became good friends. He will be missed , RIPDon Bradway

October 13 at 2:39 PM



**Rose** lit a candle in honor of Richard.  
Our hearts go out to Richie's family.Rose DeFrancesco and Alan Panciera

October 13 at 1:27 PM



**Cynthia Wallach Janiak** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 13 at 12:48 PM





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**Peter Ference** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

October 13 at 11:02 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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