



# Richard Thomas Haines

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**R**ichard Thomas Haines Jr. (56) passed away at Avenue at Strongsville on May 17, 2024 after a courageous fight with brain cancer.

He was born October 9, 1967, in Dayton, Ohio, the son of Richard Haines and Dixie Singer (Curtis). Rich graduated from Strongsville High School, Class of 1987.

Rich's most recent employers were Sal's Heating & Cooling and Safeguard Properties. He was responsible for customer service and resolving technical issues. Rich cared about each person that came through the company door and providing excellent service.

Rich was always ready to ride! He loved riding his motorcycle, enjoying what he liked to call wind therapy and posting scenic moments. He had a deep love for family and his laugh was truly one of a kind. He showed kindness and appreciation to anyone who was blessed to be in his life.

He was a devoted and caring son, protector of his mother, and they shared a very special "mother-son" bond.

Rich is survived by his mother Dixie Singer and father Richard Haines, his brother Jim Madison (Deena), sisters Cindy Delperuto (Michael), and Rachel Haines, as well as many aunts & uncles, nieces & nephews, cousins, and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Sunset Chapel in Sunset Memorial Park, 6245 Columbia Rd., North Olmsted. A reception to follow after the service.




# Events


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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, June 1, 2024

 2:00 PM ET

 **Sunset Funeral & Cremation Services**  
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070





# Tribute Wall

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**Sal & Marilyn Sidoti Also Sammi & Jojo** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

May 30 at 11:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Haines family.

May 30 at 11:34 AM



**Jason Reinmann** posted:

Rich's absence leaves a void that cannot be filled. We will miss his laughter, wisdom, and unwavering support. As we mourn, let us also celebrate the beautiful legacy he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rich's family during this difficult time. May he rest in eternal peace.

May 29 at 8:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Haines family.

May 29 at 6:51 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Haines family.

May 28 at 5:58 PM





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**Angel Noel** posted:

I know we didn't get to see each other often but you & your family have always been in my thoughts & prayers over the years. I remember when I was little & we came up north to visit & you always made me laugh with a huge smile. You always kept me laughing. I would love to hear you talk with that accent. It always sounded fabulous! Then time & the years went by & we lost Grandma Vera & I remember us having dinner off of her exit & I enjoyed our conversation at the table. Not knowing that would be the last time I would see you. One thing that growing older & losing loved ones - is I know I want to do better at living life to it's fullest & being a part of those lives I don't get to see often because of location. I know you're pain & suffering has passed & those of us who are left behind can cherish the memories we've had - whether it's been few or many - but now we must do what we know to do so that we can all be together again. And when that day comes location will no longer be an obstacle. I pray we can make up for lost time when we all meet up in Heaven someday. Just know you've always been in my thoughts & prayers. Love you - your cousin Angel

May 25 at 12:11 PM



**Elizabeth Wickham (Aunt Betty)** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Richie will forever be right with everyone; the memories, our hearts & truly those we love never leave. Our hope is in that we will see you again Richie - Jesus & all those with you in heaven - we will see you again my nephew! My love & prayers are with all of the family & friends!



May 23 at 7:11 PM



**Vicki Maurer Gannon** posted:

So sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

May 23 at 8:33 AM



**Clara Edna Taliaferro** May 25 at 12:26 PM

Thank you for blessing us with your thoughts and prayers. Cousins are always there when you need them. Grandma and Grandpa Maurer would be proud.



**Rhonda Varney** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Rich will forever live on in the memories of the Sal's employees who had the opportunity to work with him! My condolences to the family! Rich, now you can rest!



May 22 at 5:27 PM



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**David** posted:

We will miss uncle Rich and all the memories we had while visiting. We love you Grandma.

May 22 at 4:15 PM



**Clara Taliaferro** lit a candle in honor of Richard.



I will always remember my last visit with Rich. I almost ran smack dab into this wall of a man as I was chasing my 3 yr old grandson through the funeral parlor at my Momma's viewing. When I looked up into that man's face, as his smiling eyes caught mine and that giant grin came across; I couldn't believe how handsome! And, when he said my name, it melted me. Then, he put those strong arms around me and my tears just began to fall, and I literally began to shake; I felt so comforted by his assurance that "Grandma loves you and so do I"! I knew God had sent him to help me through that most difficult moment. I needed those tears and someone strong enough to hang onto me until I was able to stand on my own again. I wish that I could have spent more time with him that day. I so wish I could have had other visits since that day. And, last week, when I was just a hour or so away (and I knew he was in hospice), and had no options to go that way in my medical transport. That kind of broke my heart... until this morning. When I realized my final visit with him is the memory I love most and will use to envision him for all my days. Because, that is what you would see if you could see him now. Handsome, strong and totally whole. No more suffering and no more tears, fears or pain. I feel honored to have had him for a nephew. So, I want to say how much I love our family, each one. And, yes, this is difficult and heartbreaking and there is no reasonable explanation for "why"? This is when the rubber meets the road. You have all you need inside you, if you have Jesus, to keep moving forward with hope and that abundant life He Promises. God is Always near us, but, we must draw closer to Him, climb into His Lap and let Him comfort and strengthen us sometimes. This is one of those times. It's OK to cry, to be angry, to be sad. God understands emotions and tears. It's also OK to smile, to laugh and to go on living. Rich would want that. He would want to hear laughter and know you were OK. So, mix it up. Let tears roll as you feel sorrow and a laugh roll as you remember him as he was and is now. And, don't forget the most important part of life... Isn't living it, but, being prepared for death and eternity. We aren't promised another moment. But, I know Rich is waiting with those strong arms to welcome us home. And, what a disappointment it would be if my prayers for all of us to be together again one day weren't answered. I know Rich would agree that all he wants is everyone to be there. My love, prayers, hugs and heart go out to you all. If I don't see you here on this earth just know I'm waiting for you with Jesus, Rich, Grandma, and all the rest of those who loved Jesus and chose him as Lord and served, and lived for Him. I hope you feel me wrapping you with those prayerful hugs and loving on you every day. Because you are all on my list and in my heart for eternity. Aunt Clara 💧❤️🕊️❤️

May 21 at 1:40 PM



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JP

**Joiseph Perrotti** posted:

My condolences for the loss of your family member. We at Sal's also are at a loss as Rich was a part of our work family. I won't forget the day he left work with a headache to go to the emergency room. Rich was a great guy and he loved his motorcycle. Now ride high in heaven until we ride again Rich.  
Joe P

May 22 at 7:21 AM

CM

**Carmen Morales** posted:

RICH!!!!!! THERE IS SO MUCH I WANT TO SAY, BUT I WILL KEEP IT SHORT. YOU ARE MISSED, GREATLY. I MISS OUR CONVERSATIONS.AS YOU WOULD TELL THE NEWBIES, WE WERE LIKE BROTHER & SISTER WHO DIDN'T SEE EYE TO EYE AT TIMES, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, ALWAYS MADE IT WORK (THANKS SAL) & ALWAYS HAD MY BACK.STILL IN DISBELIEF. I WILL NEVER QUESTION GOD (AS YOU KNOW), AT THE SAME TIME, LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE. REST IN PEACE, RICHARD 🙏.DIXIE, I AM WHOLEHEARTEDLY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, RICH LOVED YOU SO SO SO SO MUCH! PRAYING FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY. GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!XOXOX CARMEN

May 22 at 6:30 AM

NJ

**Nicole Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Your loss is felt by all of us. As your work family we are going to miss you! I personally wouldn't have taken the position I'm in today without the extra push and guidance from you. I'm forever grateful for the role you played in that. I find comfort knowing your pain is gone. I'm thinking of your family during this difficult time and sending my deepest condolences.



May 22 at 6:27 AM

RH

**Rachel Haines** posted:

My big brother. My protector. So glad your pain is gone. I love you beyond measure

May 21 at 1:40 PM



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

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



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