



## Richard Moraca

February 18, 1958 - March 14, 2017

Richard Moraca, age 59, died unexpectedly at home March 14, 2017.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Sonja (Mesaric); daughters, Julia Martin (Damon Moye) of Raleigh, NC and Kira Moraca of Destin, FL; mother, Celeste (Iacovelli) Moraca of Bellmawr, NJ; brothers Joseph (Rhonda) of White Springs, FL, Paul of Bellmawr, NJ; niece, Rachel (Jonathan) Moraca de Solorzano of Orlando, FL; granddaughters Imani, Laila Harris and grandson Kyrie Moye of Raleigh, NC.

Rich was born February 18, 1958 in Westchester County, NY, graduated from St. Joseph's High School, Camden, NJ and Santa Fe State College, Gainesville, FL. Further credentialing included RT(R)CV (Radiologic Technologist, Registered, Cardio-Vascular). His career in this cardiology field began at Alachua General Hospital in Gainesville, FL, and continued by working exclusively in Cardiac Catherization labs alongside his wife, Sonja, as traveling professionals from Boston, MA to Sacramento, CA. Rich provided quality care to patients, mentoring coworkers wherever they went. His meticulous attention to detail was immediately evident to those with whom he worked and he took great pride in his contribution to exceptional patient outcomes. It was not unusual for cardiologists to request Rich to work their cases due to both his knowledge, skill and sharp wit. Rich and Sonja became known as the "Dos Moracas" in the Cath Lab community, making lifelong

friends at every contract. They were instrumental in opening an Interventional Cardiology Program at Melrose - Wakefield Hospital, MA and started the Invasive Cardiac Program at Lakeway Regional Medical Center, Austin TX.

After eight years of settled life in Austin, TX, Rich and Sonja returned to their family and the mountains of North Carolina in 2016. This east coast transition allowed for a new quality of life. Rich settled into semi-retirement, enjoying hiking and his mountain home as well as the increased frequency of visits with family.

Rich would want you to visit a local brewery, drink a craft IPA and love your life and your wife. He would tell you to cheer for the Gators and Go Eagles! Despite his wishes for no service, the immediate family will celebrate his life together in one of his favorite wooded spots. Because of his life-long love of dogs, particularly his latest rescue "Buster Brown", please consider a Memorial gift in his name to Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation of Waynesville, NC ([sargeanimals.org](http://sargeanimals.org)).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Moraca*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I have written and rewritten my thoughts here and can't find the words to express what Rich and the Rich and Sonja team mean to us. We have been friends for many years and have so many happy memories of times spent together. Rich was a magnanimous host; it always felt like visiting family when we were there. They are like family of the very best kind, the kind that you choose. We love you both so much and will miss Rich deeply. God Bless you Sonja and your family.*

**Christine Cieri** - March 24, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ *Starbucks Coffee Condolences was purchased for the family of Richard Moraca.*



March 18, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ *I can remember when we were kids and visited our New Jersey cousins we would meet them in Wildwood on Boardwalk and get into all kinds of trouble( nothing serious). Richard you will be missed. Condolences to the whole family ! Carm Campagna Meiklejohn*

**Carmella Campagna Meiklejohn** - March 17, 2017 at 07:57 PM

BS

“ We miss him at the Heart Hospital in Austin and talked about him often. He was the consummate professional, talented in his field and just a kind soul. My deepest sympathy to his family and his wife.

*I will send a donation in his name to his favorite charity as listed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Barbara*

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**Barbara L. Solnek** - March 17, 2017 at 12:39 PM

JH

“ A card is on the way with a gift to celebrate the best way we Hanscom's know how best to comfort: Food. A special meal out. Sending a big hug. Enjoyed getting to meet Rich when you were building your Austin home. Much love from one of your mom's Ya Ya's. Joyce

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**Joyce Hanscom** - March 17, 2017 at 09:33 AM

RA

“ We are shocked and saddened to hear about Rich's passing. He was a consummate professional in the lab and well-respected. Our deepest sympathy to Sonja and the rest of his family. Y'all are in our prayers.

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**Robin Allen** - March 16, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Richard Moraca.



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March 16, 2017 at 05:01 PM

DH

“ *I am sorry for the loss of Rich. He was one of the most knowledgeable guys in the CV Cath Lab. He loved his wife and it was a joy to hang out with you both. Sending hugs from Texas.* ❤️

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**Deanna Herring** - March 16, 2017 at 03:53 PM