



Richard James Malay

February 8, 2026

Richard James Malay, 80, of Monroeville, passed away on Sunday, February 8th.

Rich was born on December 12, 1945, to George and Mae Belle Malay in Pittsburgh. Raised in Verona, Rich went on to study Mathematics at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he also excelled as a collegiate golfer. He then obtained a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Rich taught mathematics within the McKeesport School District for over 30 years. He also worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh where he taught algebra. In his retirement, Rich could be found at the Willowbrook Golf Club. Along with golfing, he enjoyed travelling with his wife and spending time with family.

Rich and Cheryl (Ellsworth) married in 1972. Together they raised their two sons, Daniel and Mark Malay; Daniel and his wife Jill reside in Burlington, Kentucky. Mark and his wife Patti reside in Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania. Rich is also survived by his sister, Elizabeth Malay of Verona and his four grandchildren, Olivia Malay (Fiancé of Anthony Buzzelli) of Pittsburgh, PA, Jacob Malay of Cincinnati, Ohio, Samuel Malay of Pittsburgh, PA, and Matthew Malay of Burlington, Kentucky. In addition to his parents, Rich was predeceased by Janice Malay.

Family and friends will be received on Thursday, 3 to 8 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Service and Interment will be private for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ I’m a former student in the late 1980’s who had him for Algebra 2 and College Algebra/ Trig . His humor was great. He wanted to help us succeed. He was the best of teachers who left a lasting legacy with his students.

Renèe Donnelly - February 12 at 05:07 PM

NM

“ As far back as I can remember, Uncle Rich, always had a smile, a corny “dad joke” and a big hug.

My favorite memory of U. Rich is when I was a child. On a rainy day, my sister, Janice, and I were standing on the front porch of the Malay family home when U. Rich’s car pulled up and parked in front of the house (behind Myrtle’s chair reserving “her parking spot”). As he exited his car and quickly walked to greet us, we sang “Raindrops keep falling on my Uncle Richie’s head”, our version of Burt Bacharach’s famous song.

Thank you U. Rich for all the jokes, smiles, golf tips and being a very positive influence in my life.

Tell Pap I said “Hi!”

GOD BLESS, your “eldest niece “ Natalie

Natalie Malay - February 12 at 07:06 AM

TB

“ Dear Cheryl and family,

We are all very sorry for your loss. Rich was always positive, engaging, and relatable whenever we got to chat at family events, especially our last Thanksgiving together in Mt. Gretna. He loved his sons and grandkids and it always showed. He made a positive impact on our family over the 30 years we knew him.

May he meet God at the 19th hole.

*Sincerely,
T.K., Jes, and the Broderics*

T.K. Broderic - February 11 at 06:25 PM

DK

“ *Mr. Malay was one of the great ones! Can't tell you the impact that he had on me. I am about to finish a 35 year career teaching high school math. Never would have happened without his influence. He was also my middle school basketball coach. In his remembrance, I performed one of his tricks in my classes today. Love that man!*

David Kuremsky - February 11 at 01:27 PM



“ *He was such a patient teacher and a good man. He is one of those teachers who made a difference in the lives of his students. I am smarter because of him! May he rest with God. Peace to your families.*

LeeAnn Beitko - February 10 at 02:28 PM

FO

“ *To the Malay Family*

So sorry to hear and deepest sympathies for your loss. I played a lot of golf with Rich at Willowbrook and always remember what a really smooth swing he had. He always was easy going. Thought of him many times.

Fred Orendi

fred orendi - February 10 at 09:40 AM

FD

“ *Dear Cheryl and Family, Rich was my best friend at Willowbrook CC, having played together as partners nearly 25 years in the Calcutta. We almost always played in the championship flight and won many of them. Somehow during that event, we could put things together and we just blended. We never got down and supported each other always. Bill Krutz, who would always buy our team would say, "There are two things you can bet on in life...Death & Rich and Frank". We often would giggle and say that we would not only have the lowest score among the other teams, but also the combined lowest body weight. Then the rest of the year, we would be happy and peaceful just being together whenever. In our last few times playing golf, it was sad to hear him talk about giving up the game. Please accept my sincere condolences, I am so sorry for you and your family's loss. Rich's memory will always be in my heart.*

Sincerely,

Frank D'Amico

Frank Damico - February 09 at 05:16 PM