



Dr Richard J Wisch

November 11, 2024

The family of Richard Wisch, 81 years old, of Fort Lee, N.J. wishes to announce his passing as of November 11, 2024. Dr. Wisch was a dialysis patient for over 10 years. Recently, he developed complications leading to heart failure and decided to cease dialysis. Dr. Wisch used his remaining time to celebrate his life with his family and friends. He was so appreciative of the life he was able to live and the experiences that he had. Dr. Wisch grew up in the NJ towns of Bergenfield and Tenafly. From childhood, he worked in a family-owned catering business in Cliffside Park, N.J with his beloved parents Peggy and Bill Wisch. This subsequently led to his interest and work in the food and beverage and tourism industry. Dr. Wisch completed his bachelor's degree at St. John's University, his master's degree at New York University and his doctoral degree from Columbia University. Among his many jobs, Dr. Wisch taught in the NYC public school system and ran a commercial real estate venture too. The culmination of many of his passions, interests, and experience also landed him in the role of teacher and eventually Dean of the International School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, as well as the Dean of Global Studies, at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Dr. Wisch loved mentoring and readily provided support and guidance to whomever sought it out. He was deeply generous and gave unconditional love to his family and extensive network of friends. He is survived by his loving family and friends, including Mary McNeish Stengel, Elizabeth West Brown, Marsha Diamond, K.C. Kerrington and countless more loved ones from around the globe. Dr. Richard Wisch will be deeply missed!

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel RC Church
10 County Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Interment

NOV **15** (ET)

Mt Carmel Cemetery
10 Serpentine Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670-2822
(201) 569-8727

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Richard valued prestige over people. He cared more about being “Doctor Wisch” than about being a brother or an uncle. When our family tried to reconnect, he shut the door. He didn’t even tell my father when their mother died. We found out two years later from an online obituary. If others want to pretend he was kind and generous, that’s their story. This is mine. Richard died having no relationship with his actual family. And he wanted it that way. -KJW

KJW - January 14 at 04:35 AM

DF

“ It is with sorrow that I have learned of the passing of Dr. Wisch. He brought me into teaching at FDU and he taught me so much - but especially to love and respect our students and alumni. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him and continuing our friendship after his retirement.

David Froelke - November 26, 2024 at 07:39 PM

KC

“ Kerrington Cherry lit a candle in memory of Dr Richard J Wisch



Kerrington cherry - November 14, 2024 at 09:17 PM

JH

“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of Richard. He made a big impact as an educator. My condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

John Hughes - November 14, 2024 at 02:16 PM

RH

“ Family was everything to him. When my mom was dying I called him to say I wasn’t sure I could keep up with my workload and care for her. He said” Ruth, you only have one mother and she will only die once. You need to be there for her and if you need help at work I will take care of it.”
I’ve NEVER had a boss like him before or since he retired.
I’m sure my mom has now thanked him herself!

Ruth Hladyk - November 13, 2024 at 10:06 AM

RH

“ *Ruth Hladyk lit a candle in memory of Dr Richard J Wisch*



Ruth Hladyk - November 13, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SS

“ *Thank you Dr. Wisch for helping me start my career when I wanted to end it before it begin. Rest in Hospitality Paradise #fdu94*

Sandra Spratley - November 13, 2024 at 05:29 AM