



## Richard J. Eustice

February 20, 1956 - January 16, 2026

Richard James Eustice, age 69, of Clarion, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Friday, January 16, 2026, at his home. Born on February 20, 1956, in Brookville, Richard lived a life defined by loyalty, love, and showing up fully for the things that mattered. He worked for Owens-Illinois Glass Plant 17 in Clarion as their storing and shipping supervisor until its closure, remaining until the very end as the last man to leave the building. A quiet but powerful reflection of his integrity, work ethic, and character. At the heart of Richard's life was his love for his wife, Dawn Cumberland Eustice. Together for thirty-eight years, their relationship was built on deep friendship, laughter, shared adventure, and unwavering devotion. They loved fiercely and lived fully, creating a life rich with memories side by side. Richard and Dawn shared a deep love of travel and exploration, embracing the world together with curiosity and joy. Their journeys took them to the Bahamas, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Ireland, England, Scotland, Australia, the Netherlands, Poland, and Brazil, each destination another chapter in a life well lived and deeply shared. No matter where they went, home was always wherever the two of them were together. Music was not just something Richard did; it was a large part of who he was. He sang and played guitar in bands his entire life, sharing songs, stories, and stages with friends who became family. Most recently, he found profound joy performing alongside his daughter, surrounded by some of his finest friends. He deeply loved his fans and cherished every person who came to listen, never taking a

single moment or audience for granted. Above all else, Richard loved his family. He was the proud father of Joel Matthew Eustice (or as they liked to call each other, Herman & Chuck) and Jessie Rebecca Eustice, who were born to Cynthia (Leighton/Eustice) Yoder. Richard welcomed Jessie's partner, Rich Conner, as family. He was a devoted papa to Emerson Elizabeth Eustice (his GRANDdaughter, which is better than a normal daughter because she is GRAND), and a cherished step-grandfather to Ava and Matthew Raymond. Richard is also survived by his three sisters, Jennie Lou, Marcia, and Beverly; a half-brother, Jason; a step-sister, Debbie Mullins; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins whom he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents, the former Doris Ellen Reynolds and Stewart James "Jimmy" Eustice. Richard's voice will never fade. It lives on in the songs he sang, the music he shared, the love he gave, and the life he built, especially the extraordinary life he shared with his family. It was a song well sung, a love well lived, and a legacy that will carry on in harmony. In fact, he often said that if there were ever words etched in stone to mark his life, though being buried was never what he wanted, these would be the ones: "He could sing". And anyone who ever heard him knew it was true. When all is said and done, he will always be remembered exactly the way he wanted. The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion has the distinct honor of serving the family, and cremation care has been entrusted to the RV Burns Crematorium, Inc. Per Richard's lifelong wishes, there will be no public viewing or services. What there will be is one hell of a party in the warmer months, just how he would like it. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his honor to a youth music organization of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall

TT

“ I was a classmate of Richard. The fun we all had at Disney World for our class trip. It's hard to believe that was 52 years ago this May. The musical talents he had will never be matched. I am sorry for his loss, but I am sure he is in a band already in heaven. I hope you can cherish all the good times throughout his nearly 70 years. Rest in peace Richard.

*Terry Troup*

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**Terry Troup** - January 20 at 09:34 AM

TS

“ Richard entertained we locals for years, I always enjoyed listening to Richard and his daughters rendition of songs we all knew!!  
RIP Richard... Tim & Bobbi Smith



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**Timothy Smith** - January 19 at 09:17 PM

TS

“ So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed his stories and his music. He had a God given voice and his choice of songs were amazing. I will miss going to chill and listen and the good times. You lost a good one. Love and prayers. Tonya schreckengost

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**tonya schreckengost** - January 19 at 12:48 PM

LA

“ Dick lived with a full heart and a sense of wonder. His voice invaded your soul and filled your heart with joy. With his beautiful daughter Jesse by his side the sun never seemed to dim in his eyes. You will be missed but the epic stories we have will carry on your memory. With Our Deepest Sympathy- Brandon and Lindsay Allen



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**Lindsay Allen** - January 17 at 06:39 PM

MZ

“ So many memories and so many summer afternoons shared. I will never forget you or the joy and comfort your voice brought. Thank you so very much

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**Michelle Zug** - January 17 at 05:54 PM

LV

“ So many memories of this amazing man race through my mind... from the look on his face after we stole Joel's car, to tap tap on his office window every time I stopped by O-I to see my Dad at work, running into him at a Goo Goo Dolls concert, and my absolute favorite memory is hearing Dicky and Jess sing Angels from Montgomery because of the story behind the song and what it meant to the two of them!

*He always had so much love to share and so many of us experience this through his love of music which lives on in our hearts forever!*

*Sending all of my love to all my people I cannot be with at this difficult time.*

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**Linda Voytko** - January 17 at 05:22 PM



“ *great man gonna be missed so sorry to whole family jeff atkinson* ”

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**Jeff Atkinson** - January 17 at 03:12 PM