



Glenn Alan Richter

November 8, 1948 - August 20, 2021

Glenn Alan Richter, 72, of Kensington, passed away Friday (August 20, 2021) at Mid State Medical Center in Meriden. A New Britain native, son of the late George and Angeline (DiPietro) Richter, he was a graduate of Berlin High School, class of 1966, and attended college at the Cooper Union and CCSU. Glenn was a newspaper copy editor and columnist at the Record-Journal in Meriden for 35 years.

Surviving is a sister, Kathleen Misterka and her husband Fred of Kensington; a brother, William J. Richter of Berkeley, CA; a niece, Kristina Carlson and her husband Jason of Middletown; and a nephew, Michael Misterka, his wife Ying, and their son Matthew of Kensington.

Private graveside funeral services will be held at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting Glenn's family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Glenn was a great journalist, a loyal son of Connecticut, and a good person. I always enjoyed his columns and will miss them. My condolences to his family.

-- Chris Powell, Manchester, CT

Chris Powell - August 27, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KT

“ Glenn was a good friend and an important person in my life. I never had the opportunity to meet him, but we had a long period of e-mail contacts. I would read his column, or read that he had received an award, and send him "A Note from Yoda Brook" to compliment the column or reward. He always said "Thank you.". I shared many of his interests, so often sent comments or questions about items discussed. Glenn always took the time to respond. We had discussed Latin, and he recognized my Finnish ancestry. He sent me detailed information about a Finnish station that once broadcast the news in Latin! We were close enough in age to have common ground in childhood. This brought up so many happy memories [such as the early days of TV]—great therapy for a world of stress. I looked to his column each week for his clear thought in a sea of fog. Reading them helped me recenter my thoughts on things that were happy, interesting, or peaceful. The lacuna will not be filled.

I have made a donation to our paper in honor of Glenn's excellent work.

Should any of Glenn's family wish to contact me that would be fine.

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Karl Eric Tolonen - August 24, 2021 at 05:16 PM

RS

“ I was very sorry to hear of Glenn's passing. I remember growing up with him on Hartland Terrace in Kensington many decades ago. I am deeply saddened and wish to express my sympathy to Billy and Kathy and their families. The world has lost a great writer and a brilliant human being.

Rest in peace, Glenn.

Richard Smilnak

Richard Smilnak - August 23, 2021 at 06:42 PM

PK

“ Condolences to Glenn's family and friends. I had the pleasure of meeting Glenn only once, but exchanged emails with him several times due to his role in the Record-Journal editorial department. Glenn had quite a way with words, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading his columns. I admired his strength, fortitude, and humor as he battled his illness, some of which he shared with the readers of his column. May he rest in peace. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. My deepest sympathy to you all.

P. Kohl - August 23, 2021 at 03:04 PM

RK

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Glenn Richter in person, but I looked forward each week to reading his always acute observations in our Sunday paper. He will be sincerely missed!



R. Kennedy - August 23, 2021 at 02:41 PM

KH

“ I am saddened by this news. I looked forward to reading his quirky observations of the world, amazed at the connections he would draw with his wry humor. He will be missed... not only by his readership, but by his friends. My heart is full this day.
-Kerry Hatch

Kerry Hatch - August 23, 2021 at 02:00 PM

EP

“ Until I read of Glenn's passing today, I never thought of how much time had passed since we talked. For a friend like Glenn was, it always seemed easy to just pick up where we left off and it couldn't have ever been such a long time ago, right?

Glenn and I worked together a lifetime ago at Table Talk Pies in East Windsor. It wasn't as though we were very tight; it was more like, though I was his boss, he was just a friend who happened to work there with me. I remember Glenn as very articulate; so much so that it was embarrassing sometimes, since I was an ex-HS English teacher and thought I had a masterful handle on the English language! The joke was on me!!

I remember he had a sort of weird sense of humor and cracked some jokes that I still wouldn't get today. But I would be hard pressed to find a smarter, sharper, more practical and more kind individual on this Earth!

I'll miss him dearly!

*Ernie Pitti
Bristol*

Ernie Pitti - August 23, 2021 at 01:24 PM

SH

“ I was so sad to see Glenn Richter's obituary in the Record-Journal this morning. I have always looked forward to reading his views and have enjoyed his sense of humor. He was one of the few, and perhaps one of the last, journalists who knew the language. He seemed to be the only one who knew the difference between to lie and to lay. He also demonstrated the difference between to bring and to take, and between comprised and composed. I always hoped that the Record-Journal would make a period of remedial English with Glenn a requirement for their writers, but it was apparent that it didn't happen!

Our mornings will have a hole in them now, but it was our blessing that we were able to enjoy Glenn's work for so many years.

I offer my deepest sympathy.

Sue Hanson

Sue Hanson - August 23, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ I join in offering condolences to all who knew and loved Glenn. I knew him for more than 30 years, was on the copy desk when Glenn came to the R-J and immediately realized that we had been joined by a brilliant editor and journalist and a unique personality. We talked about all sorts of things daily on the desk and after he moved to the editorial page until my R-J days ended in 2013, and frequently online afterward. His frank takes on matters large and small, delivered with trenchant wit and sly humor, will linger long in my memory.

Howard Glazer - August 23, 2021 at 12:10 PM

BC

“ Glenn was hip, smart and original. I admired him greatly. Condolences to his family and friends and all his readers. Catch ya, Glenny.
Bryant Carpenter

Bryant Carpenter - August 23, 2021 at 12:07 PM

RL

“ Sincere condolences to Glenn's family. I was a classmate of his in 1966. He is missed. He stood out in school as one of the smart kids. His life, accomplishments and joys speak for themselves. RIP Glenn.

Ruth L Lewis - August 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM

KS

“ My thoughts and condolences to Glenn's family. I worked with Glenn for six years, sharing an office with him at one point, and learned so much from this amazing writer and editor. For a large portion of our time together I edited Glenn's weekly column, and can count on one hand the number of spelling and grammatical errors I caught. Glenn was a journalistic machine, a perfectionist who took his craft as seriously as anyone. His love for the written word was inspirational. I still think about his teachings every day in my own career. He had a great love of laughter, and of political and philosophical debate. He brought a lot of joy to a lot of people and will be dearly missed.

kyle swartz - August 23, 2021 at 11:49 AM