



Wayne G. Rydecki

February 15, 1953 - July 16, 2005

Wayne G. Rydecki, 52, of Farmington, beloved husband of Silvia Reale Rydecki, died Saturday July 16, 2005 at John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. Born in New Britain, son of the late Theodore "Todge" Rydecki and Frances Wollman Rydecki. Wayne was a star baseball pitcher at Pulaski High School, graduating in 1971, he received his Bachelors Degree from Central Connecticut State University. Wayne was employed at Virginia Industries in Rocky Hill for 21 years, then served as Company Vice President and General Manager of their Opelika, Alabama Foundry for three years. He later worked as a senior Consultant for American Management Services for three years, retiring in 2004. Wayne was a member of the New Britain Elks Club #957; and was a charter member of the Auburn University Golf Club in Auburn, Alabama. Because of his love of sports, Wayne coached many area youth teams including, soccer, softball, A.W. Stanley/Walicki minor and major league baseball and American Legion Post 6 baseball. He played for St. Ann's fast pitch softball for many years and was an avid golfer. There was no one happier than Wayne to see the Red Sox win the World Series and UCONN win both men and women's basketball titles. Wayne enjoyed watching NY Giant football games with his friends and son. Wayne will be missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Besides his wife Silvia, he leaves the light of his life, two sons, Todd Rydecki of New Britain and Scott Rydecki of Tucson, AZ; a daughter, Ashlee Rydecki

of Farmington; a brother, Craig Rydecki and his wife Lisa of New Britain; a sister, Lynn Allen and her husband Larry of Southington; three nieces; two aunts Marlyn Tanzi of New Britain and Jean May of Las Vegas; an uncle Gerry Wollman of New Britain and many cousins.

Funeral services are Wednesday 9:15 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, and 10 AM at St. Maurice Church, Wightman Rd, New Britain. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours will be held Tuesday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to A.W. Stanley/Walicki Little League Baseball P.O. Box 755, New Britain, CT 06050-0755, . Please share a memory of Wayne with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Todd,
I am so sorry to hear about the recent loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*With Love,
Trish*

Trisha Farrell Badolato - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dr Mrs Rydecki,
I am so sorry for your loss. in the short time that I Knew coach, I grew to like and respect him. We could talk about sports for hours. He is the type of man that I would have loved to have as a couch myself or my children. But more than that I am glad that I got to know the man behind all of his accomplishments. My only regret is that I didn't get to know him better.

If you need anything feel free to call me at 860-690-7136.

God bless you and may he always be a comfort to you and your loved ones.

*Senserily,
Rod Desrosiers*

Rod Desrosiers - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I went to Pulaski High School with Wayne and graduated with him in 1971. I am originally from New Britain and lived on Slater Road until 1979 when I moved to California. My Mom told me of Wayne's passing and I wanted to express my heartfelt sympathy to Wayne's family. He was a great guy, always smiling and ready to laugh. He left us too soon. My thoughts are with you at this very sad time.

Janet Bindas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ The Rydecki's of Niantic send our sympathy and condolences for your loss. Our thoughts and love are with you. We recieved the news on Wednesday.

It's unfortunate that we haven't seen each other for some time, but we all have very fond memories of the fun family times we spent together with Wayne, either down in Niantic or in New Britain. Wayne was such a great guy. He was always smiling and had a good joke to tell. We will miss our cousin. God Bless.

Joyce Rydecki Grabigel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To the Rydecki Family, Sylvia Mom, Todd, Scott & Ashley. We are truly sorry for your loss. Our hearts are with you. Stay strong, remember the good times and most importantly, be there for each other.

To Wayne, the greatest Little League Coach ever! I want to say Thank You! Thank You for drafting me and making me a part of the '84' Mets. Being part of that team made me want to continue playing baseball. Then again it also made me a NEW YORK METS fan. I became good friends with the family and at times it felt like I spent more time over their house than my own, I became the Puerto Rican son of the family. I'll never forget the huge M.V.P. trophy that Wayne got me when we won the Championship that year. I believe it was taller than I was and to this day it remains the biggest and considering the source it came from, the most special! Thank You for being such a special part of my childhood. You'll be greatly missed. Please tell my Mom I said Hi!

David Rodriguez & Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ *Silvia, Todd, Scott and Ashlee*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

Our fondest recollections of Wayne are of his enthusiasm for everything and everyone he was involved with and his gifted ability to always make others enjoy and feel good about themselves.

My recollections of Wayne are of his competitiveness

Over 20 years ago at Stanley Golf Course I plyed in a foursome against Wayne and his partner. I had been given a realistic looking "mexican jumping bean" golf ball and had kept it in my pocket until I was on the 5th green about 30 feet from the hole.

I made sure Wayne was watching, told him the putt was going in, and slammed the putter into the back of the ball. The ball skipped crazily in every direction then somehow jumped into the hole.

Unfortunately to this date it was probably my best golf shot. Wayne laughed for 5 minutes but then didnt want to count the putt. What he wanted was a two shot penalty for my playing the wrong ball. His partner and mine finally convinced him to let me have my BOGEY.

Second example, 5 years later, was Commissioner Wayne's convincing me to join a rotisserie baseball league for the first time. A six hour draft was held to select players and start the season. I selected Kirby Puckett, former MVP, with my first pick and all the league members looked to Wayne. He smiled but didnt say anything and the draft was completed. I find out later that Kirby Puckett had eye surgery and would never play baseball again. A month into the season, Wayne finally lets me put Kirby on "injured reserve" and select another player.

Wayne efforts to succeed in whatever he was involved in has been an inspiration to all who have known him. He was a Winner at Life and one of the greatest guys we have ever known

Wayne & Anna Richardson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I just got home from my vacation at the Cape and was looking through the past newspapers, when I saw the article about Wayne's untimely death. Wayne and I grew up together. We lived on Kenyon Circle, 1 house away from each other and we had so many memorable times together. We attended the same schools and were the best of friends from grammar school right through high school. He was like a brother to me when I was younger. We went swimming in his pool, played baseball in the street, rode our bikes around the Circle together and had our TOP spinning contests. To this day, I know that he sawed the top off of my TOP so he could win. He told me if mine had no top it would go faster but guess what? He won and mine didn't even spin! He just laughed and we became so silly and walked to the nearby store to get me a new one. I watched the addition being built on his house and we used to walk through the upstairs on the narrow boards to inspect the new rooms. I will always remember these memories and many, many more. Thank you Wayne for being my friend. I will miss you and I will be praying for Sylvia and your beautiful family.

Dawn Rollins Dorsey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Silvia & Family,*
Our thoughts & prayers are with you. We will miss our great friend. Fortunately, we have some great memories that we treasure. May god bless.
Love,
Tom & Carol Skowronski

Tom & Carol Skowronski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ *Silvia, Todd, Scott and Ashlee,*

My heart goes out to you and your family. Wayne was such a great role model for the bannon kids growing up. We will always have a close place in our hearts for him and your family.

Holly Perkins - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Todd,

Joanna and I send our sincere condolences to you, Silvia, Scott, Ashlee, and your extended family.

It is hard to imagine that so many years have passed and I can still reflect on the times spent with you and your Dad. I still remember how great I felt when Coach Rydecki would hand out those special “Stars” to put on our mustard colored hats and dirt brown Mets uniforms. I especially remember how upset I was when the certificate that your Dad gave me after we won the Championship got wet from the pool party he had at Lewis Road. I thought it was ruined, but I still managed to save it. And, for some reason, I always remember the time I played golf with you, Ken, and Wayne, a couple of years ago, at Blue Fox Run. You would think I birdied every hole, but in fact I was just so grateful to spend time with someone that had such an influence in my childhood and the time spent with your Dad always reminded me of those years.

These are just a few of many experiences I have shared with you and your Dad that I will always remember as though it happened yesterday. From my childhood, Wayne has made every occasion spent with him memorable. I will always admire your Dad and will never forget someone who meant so much to me as a child.

We are truly sorry for your loss.

Jorge and Joanna Ortiz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ It's the sixth inning with two out and at 14 to 0, this Championship game is already over. Todd has already pitched the first three innings and is now catching behind the plate. Rodrigues can't be touched and between the two of them, nobody has reached first base. Bannon and Ortiz are shuffling piles of dirt back and forth at short and second. They haven't seen a ball in three innings and in the words of their generation "BORING". The count goes to three and two. I don't think anyone realizes it yet. Wayne whispers to me "If he gets this guy, they've pitched a perfect game". I check the score book and Jesus I didn't even know.

"BALL FOUR"

Wayne's eye's bug out and his lips constrict in that special way they did when he got frustratingly mad. "You got to be kidding me. Two outs in a perfect game and you gotta call ball four?" At that point everyone knew what we had missed. Rodriguez struck out the next batter for the no hitter but the damage had been done. Wayne would never be the same. We would joke and laugh about it for years. Nine years later, four of the kids on that team would start for New Britain High baseball and Wayne, through all of his efforts through the years was greatly responsible.

Sylvia, Todd, Scott and Ashlee, It was a pleasure and an honor to coach with Wayne all those years in the minors of AW Stanley. He will be sorely missed by all, but most of all by those young lives he helped shape into adults by his example of giving so much of himself for that which he loved.

God bless you all - Jackie and Tom

Jackie & Tom Crim - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Silvia, Todd, Scott & Ashlee*

Words can't express how sorry we are about Wayne's passing. He was such a great person. Whenever we saw him, he always made us feel special with that great smile, a big hug and always saying something that would make us laugh. We have alot of wonderful memories of your family and in all of them we could see that Wayne loved all of you very much. He touched alot of people and you can be proud of the person he was. We will always remember Wayne and all of you in our prayers.

Karen & Bill Clark - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *My sympathy to your family.*

Robert Niemiec - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Silvia & family,*
I'll never forget the fun times growing up and knowing Wayne. Whenever there was a company picnic or a party, it felt as though I was going to see a favorite uncle who lived halfway across the world. I couldn't wait for those occasions to happen. Seeing Wayne and the guys playing basketball like they were in their twenties was so much fun.
It was so nice having Wayne see me grow up, come to my wedding, and have him as one of our most favorite wedding stories to remember always. He had arrived at the reception and put the card in the wedding box, a little later he saw my dad across the room and found out that he had been at the wrong reception. It was fun seeing them trying to tell the owner there was a mix up, and that he needed the card back from out of the locked box. I'll always in my heart remember Wayne. God Bless.
Jennifer DellaDonna
Wayne Richardson's oldest daughter

Jennifer DellaDonna - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ *Todd, Scott and family*

Words cannot express the pain you all are going through, but know you're in our thoughts.

I'll never forget the Sunday golf adventures at Blue Fox Run when Todd and I would show up late just about every week...Wayne and Kenny G would be on the tee box yelling at us to hurry up. The discussions about how 'bad' the Red Sox were, and why they did this or that; how the Giants would do the following season with Shockey added to the team.

The Sunday's watching Football, eating great Todd, didn't he laugh at us when we told him about the F'N G's, and then he loved them?, playing pool - I left Wayne puzzled...how can a guy have is own cue and be this bad - the next week he showed up with his own!

Wayne, you'll be missed...

Dan Smith & Julie Zamojski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Silvia,*
Wayne was a very dear friend of mine
and I will never forget him.My prayers
are with you and your family
Paul Phelps

Paul H, Phelps - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Silvia, Todd, Scott, Ashlee,
Wayne was a great role model and friend to all of the Bannons over
the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult
time.*

Michael and Lilly Bannon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Todd,*

*We are so very sorry for the loss of your father. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you and your family.*

Abel and Kelli Placeres - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *It's been awhile, but I can still remember all the laughs and times
spent together.. My thoughts and prayers are with you all...*

Christina Kargul - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Todd and Family:*

*I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I remember how
much fun we all had at the St. Ann's basketball games, going out for
pizza at Paradise, and our science fairs. My thoughts and prayers
are with you all during this difficult time.*

Miriam Geraci - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *TODD, THINKING OF YOU IN YOUR TIME OF LOSS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.*

CHRIS & LORI ORZEL - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM