



## Richard J. Martin

December 21, 1965 - July 21, 2025

RICHARD WAS BORN ON 21/21/1965 WITH PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. HE HAD HIS FIRST HEART SURGERY WHEN HE WAS AN INFANT. HE RECEIVED HIS LIMITED EDUCATION IN PITTSBURGH PA.

HIS EARLY LIFE IS UNKNOWN AS THOSE WHO KNEW IT ARE EITHER DECEASED OR ESTRANGED, BUT FOR THE PAST 24 YEARS HE HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO EVERYONE THAT ENCOUNTERED HIM. HE WAS NOT ABLE TO HOLD A TRADITIONAL JOB, BUT HE WORKED EVERYDAY TO MAKE OTHERS HAPPY. HE HELPED AROUND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON ROBINSON STREET IN OAKLAND WHERE HE GREW UP AND AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON NORTH VERSAILLES STREET IN MCKEESPORT.

FOR 5 OR MORE YEARS HE VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE AT THE SALVATION ARMY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOR THE HOMELESS DINNER AT THE SHERADEN STATION SQUARE, AND THE CONVENTION CENTER. AT ONE DINNER HE WAS EXCITED BECAUSE HE GOT TO MEET THE HARLEM GLOBE TROTTERS. HE HELPED SHOPPERS LOAD THEIR GROCERIES INTO THEIR CARS AT THE SOUTHSIDE GIANT EAGLE. EACH DAY OF HIS LIFE WAS CENTERED AROUND "IF I CAN HELP SOMEBODY, MY LIVING IS NOT IN VAIN.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS MOTHER. FATHER.  
GRANDMOTHER AND A SISTER. HE IS GREATLY MISSED BY REV. DR.  
ALFRED AND AUDREY BROWN. THE OLD RESIDENTS OF ROBINSON  
STREET AND THIS LIFE, TN GENERAL.

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Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
at the D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 4522 Butler Street  
Pittsburgh, PA, 15201. Funeral service will be on Saturday, July 26, 2025 at  
11:00 am, at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.  
4522 Butler St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

## Funeral Ceremony

JUL 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.  
4522 Butler St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

## Burial

JUL 26. 12:30 PM (ET)

Homewood Cemetery  
Dallas & Aylesboro Avenues  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

# Tribute Wall

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“ *When Richard walked into Friendship Church, or if you ran into him in Oakland, he always had a smile on his face and warm words of greeting. He was one of God's unexpected blessings.*

*I was sorry not to be able to come pay my respects because I was at another funeral at the same time. May Richard be rejoicing in heaven as Jesus tells him, "Well done, good and faithful servant."*

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**Marsha Dugan Kolbe** - July 27, 2025 at 01:07 PM