



# Richard A. Pender

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**R**ichard Anthony Pender passed away suddenly on July 18, 2023, from a pulmonary embolism while in the hospital for treatment of an unexpected heart condition. Rich Pender was born in Mineola, New York, to Michael and Francine Pender and was the next to the youngest in a family of five children. He grew up on Long Island and graduated from Garden City High School. Following graduation from high school, Rich attended Dartmouth College, where his father and grandfather also attended and graduated in the class of '79. His fraternity, The Harold Parmington Foundation, was an integral part of his time at Dartmouth, and he cherished and worked to maintain his relationships with his fraternity brothers.

Rich obtained his master's degree in business administration at Boston University in 1984. He then worked at the American Stock Exchange for a time before accepting a job in 1986 with National Life of Vermont/Sentinel Advisors Company in Montpelier, Vermont, where he worked for thirteen years, rising to the title of Senior Vice President for the Sentinel Advisors Company. Then in 1999, persuaded by a friend and mentor, he applied for a job at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, where he worked as a Managing Director for the last 24 years until his retirement on May 1, 2023

He was an active member in Scouts BSA as a boy and later with his son Ian Pender. He participated as an Assistant Den Leader and then Assistant Scoutmaster for Ian's Den and Troop and was immensely proud when Ian reached the rank of Eagle Scout. When Scouts BSA allowed girls to join, he became an Assistant Scout Master for his daughter Riley's Troop and championed her to the rank of Eagle as well. His most recent position for the organization was as the Chapter Advisor for the Goose Creek District, Order of the Arrow, the honor society for Scouts BSA. He led by example and lived his life by the Scout Oath and Law.

Rich was a dedicated husband and father and is survived by Denise Dauphin Pender, his wife of 20 years; by his children Riley Renee Pender, Ian Anthony Pender, and Alexis Ariel Keene and her



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husband Nickolas Keene and their three children Patton William, Temperance Maple, and Tulip Baker; and by his siblings Michael Pender and wife Marie, William Pender and wife Jo, Robin Pender, and John Pender as well as an extended group of friends, colleagues and fraternity brothers across the US and abroad. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Rich's memory to Loudoun Hunger Relief.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Belmont Country Club on October 8th from 1-4 pm. 19661 Belmont Manor Lane, Ashburn, VA 20147





# Events


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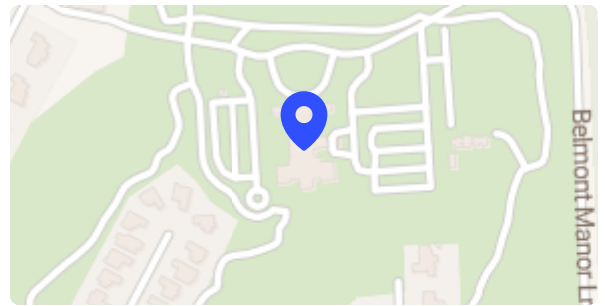
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## Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, October 8, 2023

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Belmont Country Club**  
19661 Belmont Manor Lane, Ashburn VA 20147





# Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pender family.

October 6 at 9:54 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

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**Don Koch (Hhmi)** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pender family.

October 5 at 6:28 AM



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**Michele Perrini Topolnicki** posted:

Richard and I worked at Bell's Variety Store, at the same time

September 27 at 1:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Pender family.

September 9 at 7:06 AM





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JM

**Joann M.** posted:

I am so sad to learn this. Rich...smart, funny, kind...One of the very nicest souls I ever had the pleasure of knowing for a bit at National Life. RIP Rich, You Did Good...JoAnn Morissette

September 8 at 3:39 AM

VO

**Virginia Blake West, Gchs C Lass Of '75** posted:

I'm so very sorry to hear as are all of Rich's GCHS Class of 1975 classmates. He was such a nice, kind and gentle person. Deepest sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

September 7 at 4:57 AM

SK

**Steve Kitsoulis** posted:

Total shock, disbelief and terrible sadness over the news of Rich's passing. I worked with Rich for almost 20 years until my retirement in 2018. We both were part of the management team of the Investment Department at HHMI for most of that time. Rich was a consummate team player who always shared his unique insight into all things brought before the team including investment proposals, investment managers and asset allocation issues. Though he was a private person it was readily apparent how important his family was to him. My deepest condolences and sympathy to his family, especially his wife and children. May our Lord Jesus Christ give him a place of rest in His eternal Kingdom. May his memory be eternal. Steve Kitsoulis

August 7 at 10:43 AM



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**Sandra Coleman** posted:

On behalf of HS Management Partners, I wanted to extend our deepest condolences on the passing of Rich. I knew Rich for nearly 40 years, and a relationship which began professionally became a personal friendship that I greatly cherished. My friend and partner David Altman knew Rich over many years as well. Rich was one of the kindest people I've ever known. His love of family, his intellect, curiosity, compassion, integrity, and honesty were apparent from the first time I met Rich. He smiled easily and had a wonderful sense of humor. As I shared with my colleagues, being a gentleman came naturally to Rich, as he was a gentle man. Rich's trust and confidence in HSMP was instrumental to our success, as HHMI was one of our earliest clients when we started our firm. Our ability to keep the lights on in those early days had much to do with Rich's willingness to give us a chance. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you, and know that Rich made the world a better place for all who had the pleasure and honor of knowing him. Warm regards, Greg Nejmeh

August 4 at 7:26 AM

MK

**Michael Komara** posted:

Rich was 2 years ahead of me at Dartmouth and was a beloved fraternity brother at HPF. His HPF nickname was "Fred" (Flintstone) and he was very active in the fraternity and was well regarded as a student manager in the Thayer Dining Hall. He had an excellent quick dry wit and was a wonderful caring person. I'm an Eagle Scout and can appreciate the hard work that he did in Scouting... encouraging both his son and daughter to become Eagle Scouts. I pray for his family and his many friends. He made our planet a better place and is surely in Heaven.

July 31 at 12:02 PM

JW

**John Witek** posted:

I knew Rich while serving in Goose Creek District Boy Scouts, He was a friendly person and went out of his way to help you. I used to see him at the OA events at Camp Snyder and at Roundtable. Scouting lost a great mentor and supporter. May he walk with Jesus and discuss Scouting with Him.

July 25 at 3:35 PM

DS

**Dan Sheedy** posted:

I was a few years older than Rich at Dartmouth. As a freshman, Rich had that sincere, quiet goodness of striving to be a good person. He was a good example.

July 25 at 12:42 PM



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**Kun Deng** posted:

Disbelief, shocking, heartbreaking ...There is no word capable of describing our sadness and sense of loss. For the two decades I had known Rich as a client, he was not just the demanding and tough client, but always the most supportive, most understanding, and most encouraging. He was the wise man. Rich loved his work, sharing proudly press releases of Nobel Laureates HHMI supported, year after year, and inspired us to the higher meaning of work. For the 20-20 Investment Association trips we made together, he was among the most caring and helpful. He was a family man, always talking about Denise, his children and their many Disney adventures with incredible pride. Rich was a most wonderful friend and one of the most wonderful human beings one could ever meet. Rich, you will be dearly missed. Rest in peace! You made the world better, and would make Heaven better. Deepest condolences to Denise and family!-- Kun Deng and Team, Lazard

July 25 at 10:52 AM



**Kelani Chan** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Pender Family. Wishing you comfort and peace. Words can't describe how sorry I am for your loss. I was very lucky to work with him for so many years at HHMI. He was one of the kindest, nicest people. His legacy lives on in his family that he was so very proud of.

July 25 at 5:54 AM



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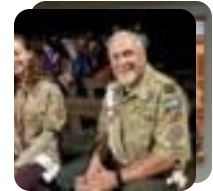
**Joon Choi** posted:

I worked with Rich at HHMI for several years. While we worked on different parts of the Investment portfolio, Rich was always the epitome of kindness, helpfulness, and collegiality. My deepest condolences to his family, to whom he was devoted.

July 25 at 3:34 AM



**Mike Sierra** shared 2 photos to the **Scouter Pix** album.



July 24 at 12:09 PM



**Mike Sierra** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Rich was one of the best of us. He was generous with his time and unstinting in his efforts. He was a mentor to youth and peer alike set a high standard in all things. He will be sorely missed.

July 24 at 10:38 AM



**Anne W. Doremus** posted:

My condolences to Rich's family. We worked together for a few years at National Life and I will remember Rich for his quiet intelligence, kindness and dry sense of humor. The world was a better place thanks to his place in it....

July 24 at 8:16 AM

**B3** **Bill Shouldice 3** September 6 at 1:31 PM

Rich was a family friend while in Montpelier. When the floods hit MONTPELIER soon after his arrival he was helping where ever he could. But spent many hours helping my wife and family clean The Country Store, he became part of our family. rest in piece Rich you will be missed by us your family and the organization you help. Prayer and thought to wife and children !!

**BM** **Bill Mitchell** July 24 at 11:10 AM

Rich Pender was a fabulous member of Dartmouth's Partycipatory™ Class of 1979. We were all lucky to call him a classmate. Generous, outgoing with a fun sense of humor he will be sadly missed.



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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