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Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Richard Charles Lucian was born to Galileo and Catherine Lucian, who were hardworking small business owners, running a laundry service in New York City.

He is survived by his son Richard James Lucian, daughter-in-law Lauren Lucian, his grandson Clayton Richard Lucian, and his sister-in-law Patricia Hasbrouck. He is predeceased by his parents Galileo and Catherine, his wife of 47 years Joan, and his daughter Holly. His extended family through his son's marriage include James and Bonnie Gallo, Andrew and Ashleigh Gallo, and their four children, Lillian, Aubrey, James, and Henry.

Richard attended Polytechnic University for his undergraduate studies before earning his doctorate in Physics from Adelphi University. Dr. Lucian later became a beloved physics professor at Nassau Community College in Garden City, NY for 40 years. He loved physics and science and would often answer simple questions with hour long answers detailing the physics of what made it happen.

He loved animals, caring for them with such devotion. This devotion was shared with Joan, his wife of 47 years. Early in their marriage they lived in an apartment over an animal hospital where they volunteered, caring for the animals there. They later fostered animals, and of course - they adopted many of them into their home.

Richard was very committed to long-distance running. He enjoyed a successful career competing at Polytechnic University which culminated in him being inducted into the Polytechnic University Athletic Hall Of Fame. He then moved up in distance, competing in many marathons throughout the East Coast, as well as 50K races, and even a 50 mile race. He left this world on October 18 (his wife's birthday) doing just this - what he loved, jogging and adding miles to his lifelong mileage total.

He loved sports and especially loved the Dodgers, bleeding Dodger Blue as a young boy for the Brooklyn Dodgers and throughout adulthood for the Los Angeles Dodgers. The last game he watched was a historic league clinching Dodgers victory the very night before he passed away.

More than anything, he absolutely loved his family and friends. In every decision he made, he would put the best interest of his family first. Wherever he went, he talked about them so proudly, often repeating stories about them over and over.

Richard was a true academic; studying not only Physics but he was a Christian who enjoyed studying the Bible. He was the epitome of selflessness, and has left an everlasting impression of kindness, gentleness, and patience upon those he met. Simply put, he is irreplaceable, and will be sorely missed by everyone he met along his journey.

Cemetery Details

Huntington Rural Cemetery

555 New York Avenue
Huntington, NY 11743

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.
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Burial

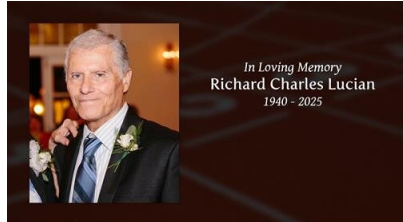
OCT **25**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Charles Lucian*



A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. - October 24, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ *Dont know where to start... i have know Rich and the family for over 25 years. Rich always had a great attitude towards life. I will miss him very much. I sure he is in Heaven Running marathons ! Your friend always Tom*

Tom - October 24, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Charles Lucian.*



October 23, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Richard Charles Lucian*.



October 22, 2025 at 11:52 AM