



## Richard Howard Ostrander

September 28, 1946 - May 20, 2021

Richard Howard Ostrander 74, of Philmont, died peacefully on Thursday May 20, 2021 at Ghent Assisted Living. Born on September 29, 1946, he was the son of the late Howard and Helen (Cantine) Ostrander. Richard was a retired Deputy Sheriff with the Columbia County Sheriff's Dept. with over 36 years of service. He also retired from the Philmont Water Dept. He was a member of the Philmont Rod and Gun Club, served as a Claverack Republican Committeeman, volunteered 25 years for the Philmont Fire Company and enjoyed trap shooting, hunting, and fishing. In addition to his many activities he enjoyed spending time farming with his family and was a member of the Hudson Valley Old Time Power Association. He is survived by his loving wife Carol Elizabeth (Twaddle) Ostrander, 2 daughters and a step-daughter: Ann Flack, Alison and (John Jr.) Stark, Carolyn and (William) Postell. He will also be greatly missed by grandchildren: Elizabeth Gorton, Conner Stark, Lauren Postell, Patrick Stark, Luke and Lily Postell. He was pre-deceased by a stepson Richard "Kippy" Gorton. Family and friends are invited to visiting hours from (4-7) PM on Thursday May 27, 2021 at the Sacco Funeral Home 700 Town Hall Drive Hudson, NY. A private funeral for family and close friends will be held on Friday, May 28th where a short prayer service will be offered graveside at 10:00am at the Mellenville Union Cemetery officiated by Pastor Jon Hodges. In Richards memory, contributions are requested to the Philmont Rod & Gun Club PO Box 99 Philmont, NY 12565 attn: Dave Siter- Youth Trap Team



# Previous Events

## Visiting Hours

MAY **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sacco Funeral Home  
700 Town Hall Dr  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-5000  
smvfh700@gmail.com  
<https://www.saccofuneralhome.com/>

## Committal Prayers

MAY **28**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Mellenville Union Cemetery  
769 NY Route 217  
Mellenville, NY 12544

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ *Donna lit a candle in memory of Richard Howard Ostrander*



Donna - May 26, 2021 at 05:46 PM

BM

“ *BMS purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard Howard Ostrander.*



BMS - May 25, 2021 at 02:25 PM

LD

“ *Richard will be very missed , was a wonderful caring person and friend to all that knew him. We ent to school with him and was so polite and thoughtful. Test in peace and god bless your family .heaven is gaining a amazing person*



Linda Doty - May 22, 2021 at 03:50 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Keyser lit a candle in memory of Richard Howard Ostrander*



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**Kathy Keyser** - May 21, 2021 at 10:56 PM

DV

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Rich's passing! I'm sending hugs and prayers for healing to Carol, Annie, Alison and Carolyn. Also, to his grandchildren. I remember him from growing up with his stepchildren and children. He will be missed!* 😊😊🙏🙏



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**Debbie Smith Vandenburg** - May 21, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Howard Ostrander.*



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May 21, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ In the late 70'-early 80's, I met and worked with Richie. We worked shifts in the jail, shifts in "commo" which was the original "911" kind of place, and out "on the road." Rich always had a smile, a little mischief that was never mean, and knew everyone in the county.

We called Richie "the big O." He was an imposing presence when we needed one, but unless you got him angry, he was a big kind hearted bear. He could bring a big voice as needed, and a calming smile if that was needed. He was a people person, not a lawman.

Rich kept his family first, his community came next. He loved to tell farming stories. I think if the animals talked back, he would have stayed on the farm. He had to be around people to make his day complete. "Work" was a place to see people, but home was where his heart was. He beamed about Carol, and the kids. All of them. I'm sure he made them blush as he always made an effort to highlight how important they are.

I miss those days with the "O." Rest well Richie. Prayers for Carol and family.

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**James Hogencamp** - May 21, 2021 at 08:34 PM

JD

“ We are very sorry to hear of Rich's passing. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

Our condolences to his Family,

Judy and Dan Donnelly



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**Judy Donnelly** - May 21, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Richie's passing. We have many fond memories of Rich. He always had such a good sense of humor and a warm smile for everyone. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. May he rest in peace.*

*Pat Palen and  
Bill Blaauw*



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**Patricia Palen** - May 21, 2021 at 08:07 AM