



Rev. Richard E. Mastin

March 24, 2008

Following a valiant seven-month battle with cancer, the Reverend Richard Earl Mastin of Jordan, NY, went to be with his Lord on Monday evening, March 24, 2008, in Syracuse, just three months short of his 75th birthday.

He was born in Binghamton, NY, on June 22, 1933, the oldest son of Harold and Mabel Stevens Mastin. He was a retired minister (August 2005) after 50 years of ministry at seven churches – in Camillus, Reading Center, Altay, Canandaigua, Port Byron, Macedon, and Barre Center -- and owner of Rich's Construction. Most recently, Rich has been employed as a custodian in Jordan Community Building and Town Office Building. He has also been a substitute teacher at Jordan Elbridge School and Watkins Glen, Odessa, and Dundee Central Schools. Earlier in his career, Rich also was a church camp counselor and a water safety instructor.

He graduated from Cornell University (1955) where he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho, Colgate Rochester Divinity School (1959), and did some graduate work at Drew University (1980s). Rich volunteered for and was a member of a number of organizations including: Jordan Masonic Lodge; Syracuse Court, Order of the Amaranth; Order of the Eastern Star; Camillus Fire Department as Chaplain; Scottish Rite where he was a 32nd Degree Master Mason; Valley Men's Club; Onondaga Hill Club; Tigris Shrine Temple; 2000 American Baptist Nicaraguan Mission trip; and American Baptist Men.

He was especially proud of his work as a September 11 volunteer. Rich was an avid reader and gardener, and had a passion for playing cards and singing. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, and step daughter Ann (Rutledge) Dodge.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Jane G. (Welty) Mastin; stepmother, Frances Mastin, of Binghamton; four daughters, Bethany (James) Feuerstein of Geneseo, Deborah (Fred) Johnson of Virginia, Lynette (Peter) Reeb of Henrietta, and Michelle (Earl) Harris of Virginia; stepchildren, Brian (Linda) Rutledge of Maryland; Donna (Jeffery) Keegan of Corning, George (Pamela) Rutledge of Reading Center, NY; sister, Marold (Curtis) Mastin Murray of Binghamton; brothers, Ray (Penny) Mastin of Binghamton, Chalmer (Alice) Mastin of Michigan, and Everel Mastin of New Jersey; 18 grandchildren and step grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call on Friday, March 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee Street, Camillus, NY 13031. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 29 at Meridian Baptist Church, Route 370, Meridian, NY. Rich asked that his body be donated to science/medical research.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

Please sign his guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I met Reverand Richard Mastin when I worked at the Camillus Village. He was a kind, generous, fun loving soul with a twinkle in his eye and a dance in his step. I was so impressed with all his achievements listed in his obituary, but not surprised that he made the most of his life. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Mastin and all his family and dear friends. I have no doubt that Heaven is a brighter place with his presence. Peace be with you all.

Rise Schumann - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ My sympathies too Richard's family from his cousin George and his Aunt Barbara Knesel who is in the nursing home in Bigfork,Mn.

George Knesel - April 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Our sympathies to the family of Rich. May God richly bless you through your time of grieving together. Mary(Cake)and Gary Husa and family, cousins from Irving, TX

Mary Esther Cake Husa - April 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Jane, I am sincerely sorry to read of the passing of your husband. I will pass it on to your friends at Tyrone UMC. I hope you are doing ok health wise at this point. I was never sure where you were after you moved away. I will always remember the good times we had painting. I still like to do that but at this point in my life I am doing stained glass most of my free time. Take care and you will be in my prayers. Sincerely,Kathy

Kathy Huey - March 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I knew Richard as a friend, a Mason and a Shriner. He clearly exemplified all the good things that men with integrity stand for. He was a caring individual who always had a kind word and a willingness to help anyone at any time. Men like Richard are very hard to replace and he will be sadly missed by all of his Brothers in the Fraternty. My deepest sympathy to all of his family. Sincerely,
Jim Wojnovich

James Wojnovich - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ My sympathies go out to the entire family. You in my thoughts and prayers.

Shelley VanAlstine - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Jane, words cannot express the sorrow that I feel for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa

Lisa Johnson - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ He was part of my family for many years and that family feeling continues. We will miss his and Jane's "visits" to the house. Dan and Joeleen

Dan Dodge - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Our sympathies to all. May God bring you comfort and peace at this difficult time.

Guy and Tammy Hallgren - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ We send our love and sympathy to your family at this time. Aunt Frances you are in our prayers and may God Bless you especially at this time All our love. gloria and chuck courtright and family

gloria courtright - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always liked working for Rich. He was a very good man and friend. We had a lot of good times in the past and I will miss him very much. I have lost your address and telephone number. So if you can send it to me I will appreciate it.

John V, Rawleigh Sr. - March 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ The Officers and Members of the Mattydale Fire Department join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family at this Time of Sorrow.

Mattydale Fire Department - March 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Our sincere condolences to your family. I remember Rich as a classmate at Colgate Rochester. Rev. & Mrs. David C. Derby Malden Road United Church of Christ Syracuse

David Derby - March 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I knew Rev Mastin. He always had a smile on his face. He was always glad to see you. He will be missed. My sympathies to the family.

John Cooper - March 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Elson & Sue Pope - March 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ A Good Man and Mason who is missed.

Ron & Peggy Waterbury - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Michael Lisi - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Ray, Penny & Family, Please accept our deepest sympathies.

Watty & Lorraine Polhamus - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ My prayers and sympathy to the family. Especially to my cousin-in-law, George, we are thinking of you in your time of loss. May God's Loving Peace Be With You and Your Family in the Days Ahead!
Barb

Barb Rex-McKinney - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Our sympathy to the family

Pete & Helen Kelly - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM