

## Half Staff – Richard E. Fahrenz, 70

September 2, 2012



MANCHESTER — Richard “Dick” Fahrenz, partner of Elizabeth “Susie” Kinder, passed away after a year-long struggle with ALS on Sunday, September 2, at his home in Manchester-by-the-Sea. Born in Binghamton, NY, on December 20, 1941, to Anna Ferchir and Earl Richard Fahrenz, Dick graduated from Binghamton Central High School, The Ohio State University, and University of Connecticut Law School. He worked as an attorney for all of his professional life in Binghamton, NY, initially with the firm of Waite, Berry and Reiter; as a founding partner in Smyk, Smyk, and Fahrenz; and most recently with Hinman, Howard and Kattell, LLP. For many years Dick and his family spent summers in Eastham, MA.

Dick was an active member and a former President of the Binghamton Rotary Club, served as Chairman of the Binghamton Planning Commission and was a member of the Binghamton Club. He was an avid sports fan and supporter of the Binghamton Mets, the New York Yankees, and the Chicago Cubs. Dick also coached youth softball teams while his three daughters were growing up and continued to participate in amateur softball, basketball and bowling leagues until shortly before his retirement.

Dick retired in 2011 and moved to Manchester, where he was active in the Mystery Book Club at the Manchester Library and the Bullseye Fleet of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport. Dick is survived by his three daughters, Cynthia Riley of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, Laura Fahrenz, of East Harwich, Kristen Hilley, of Brewster; his two year old granddaughter, Madelyn Hilley; and his West Highland White terrier, Holly.

Dick will be remembered for his wry sense of humor, kind and compassionate demeanor and his nobility throughout his battle with Lou Gehrig’s Disease. He will be greatly missed by his family, colleagues, and friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** The Fahrenz family will host a Celebration of Life for friends, family and colleagues at The Binghamton Club on Friday, September 14th, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Additionally, A Celebration of Dick's Life will be held at the Crowell Chapel in Manchester, MA on October 6th, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow at Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport, MA. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the ALS Association in Norwood, MA.