

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF RICK BEITCH (1965-2012)

SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

Around noon on August 5, 2012, Rick, 47, had been biking in the Dallas heat, felt ill, and was taken to nearby Doctors Hospital, where he died in the ER. Autopsy results are not yet available.

For those who want to offer a financial tribute to Rick, Barbara has set up the Rick Beitch Memorial Fund, to be used for the arts and sports programs (two areas in which Rick excelled at the school) at Hamden Hall.

To see postings of sympathy and memories, go to the Facebook pages of Barbara or Miranda Palomino.

3:30pm

Memorial/celebration in the Hamden Hall theater

A PowerPoint presentation, created by Rick's mother, Barbara, will frame the memorial with photos related to Rick's life. Barbara's new husband, Richard, will guide the event.

From time to time during the slide presentation, we will pause for words or performances from family and friends. When those presentations are done, members of the audience will be specifically invited to speak as well.

In addition, at any other time you are welcome to raise a hand and volunteer to say something that seems appropriate to the slide of the moment.

Memories, performances and music already planned may come from:

- Barbara
- Chani, Rick's wife
- Miranda, Rick's daughter and mother of his and Chani's grandson, Jacob
- Annette Ballou, long-time family friend
- Cyndy Burns, Annette's daughter and Rick's lifelong friend
- Marc Osborne, a Hamden Hall colleague of Barbara's, playing his composition, "Autumn Calling"
- Andy Jenness, Rick's nephew
- Sarah Jenness, Rick's niece
- Joel Rose, Rick's uncle and Barbara's brother
- Pam Rose, Rick's aunt and Barbara's sister-in-law
- Kathie Harris, a Hamden Hall colleague of Barbara's and long-time family friend

After the slide show and attendees' memories, Barbara will play two short piano pieces, one from Chopin and the other from Grieg.

After that (baby and bodies willing), family members will greet participants as they leave the theater. During this time, you will hear songs that Barbara, Irwin, Debbie and Rick used to sing together in the car on camping trips.

Approximately

Refreshments in the library (provided by Hamden Hall)

5:00pm

A different PowerPoint presentation ("Things Rick Loved"), also created by Barbara, will play in the background, accompanied by songs that reflect some of what Rick cared about in life.

Barbara and her family deeply thank Hamden Hall for hosting this event. They similarly thank the Hamden Hall staff who helped with preparations.