
In Memory of
Richard Joseph Massabny

March 29, 1936 - March 18, 2017

Letter from BMCA President

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From: 'Phil Klingelhofer' phil.klingelhofer@gmail.com [blvdmanor] <blvdmanor-noreply@yahoogroups.com>

To: Boulevard Manor List Serv <blvdmanor@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Tue, Mar 21, 2017 10:31 am

Subject: [blvdmanor] Rich Massabny, former BMCA President, Board member, and long-time Boulevard Manor resident, passed on Saturday March 18

Dear neighbors,

It is with great sadness that I must announce the passing of Rich Massabny, long-time Boulevard manor resident and member of the BMCA Board for many years. Rich died last Saturday, peacefully at home in the company of his wife Judy.



Rich, who I think of as the Mayor of Boulevard Manor, was known throughout the neighborhood, and all of Arlington County, for his friendliness, his knowledge, his compassion, and his humor. He could often be seen walking through the Boulevard Manor or sitting on a bench in Bluemont Park, chatting with old friends or welcoming newcomers. In addition to his terms as President, Rich helped in countless roles with BMCA business, including the traffic calming measures on 4th Rd N and telling stories about Nelson Reeves' earlier days! Rich attended countless BMCA meetings and served as Treasurer for a long time, and it will be impossible to forget Rich's tales of traveling to Hawaii on those BMCA funds!

For more information on Rich, please go to the [Washington Post obituary here](#). You can also visit Rich's website <http://richmassabny.com>. The Murphy Funeral Home has a webpage in memory of Rich with more information and a wonderful selection of photos [here](#).

Rich will be missed very much, and our neighborhood has lost a part of its character. Deepest condolences to Judy for her loss.

Visitation

Wednesday, March 22
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Murphy Funeral Home
4510 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22203

[\(703\) 920-4800](tel:(703)920-4800)

Funeral Service

Thursday, March 23
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Murphy Funeral Home

Reception

Immediately following the service
Church of the Brethren
300 N Montague Street
Arlington, VA 22203

Those wishing to speak in memory of Rich are welcome to do so at the reception.

Let us all take time to remember Rich and the friendship he gave to our community. Perhaps this quote says it best: "But every memory of friendship shared, even for a short time, is a treasure, like sunshine and warmth in our lives, like a cool breeze on a humid day, like a shower of rain refreshing the earth."
(Author Unknown)

Farewell, Mr. President.

Phil

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From Peter Eramo, Folger Theatre

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Eramo <peramo@FOLGER.edu>
To: Rich Massabny (richmassabny@aol.com) <richmassabny@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Mar 21, 2017 11:03 am
Subject: For Judy....

Judy,

This is Peter Eramo at the Folger Theatre. I wanted to reach out because I saw the news about Rich last night and, like his family and all of those that Rich knew, my heart is broken. I wanted to send you my warmest regards and condolences and hope that you and your family are doing ok during this time.

I moved down to the DC area in 2010 and worked for Signature Theatre before coming to the Folger. I always looked forward to seeing him on press nights and loved seeing him come through the doors – he had such a great smile and lit up the room. He was always so kind and personable to speak with. I enjoyed my conversations with him so much. So witty, so affable and sweet, such a burst of energy. And, another thing I always appreciated as a New Yorker, a real Brooklyn gentleman. His love of theater, cuisine, animals, and life was infectious.

I cherish the few times I had with Rich and our brief chats over the past few years. My regret is that I did not have enough of them. He was a remarkable man and the NY, DC and Virginia communities have truly lost a giant.

Again, my sincere condolences. I wanted to reach out. I will surely be there to pay my respects to a man I will not soon forget and a man who will be greatly missed.

My best to you....

Peter Eramo, Jr.
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From Carolyn Griffin, MetroStage

Judy:

I am so sorry to hear of Rich's passing. He was a wonderful presence at our openings here at MetroStage. He was so kind, generous, supportive and always enthusiastic about our work-just what you want in your audience on opening night. We will miss him deeply. We at MetroStage send you all of our love and prayers.

Carolyn Griffin
MetroStage

Update: Funeral Information: Local Theater and Restaurant Reviewer and Cable TV Host and Producer **Rich Massabny** Has Passed Away

by Joel Markowitz on March 19, 2017

<http://dcmetrotheaterarts.com/2017/03/19/local-theater-restaurant->

[reviewer-cable-tv-host-producer-rich-massabny-passed-away/](#)

(click on link above to see photos)

Here is information on Rich Massabny's funeral:

Viewing: Wednesday, 2 to 4 and 6-8 pm Murphy's Funeral Home -4200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA

Funeral Service: Thursday: 1 PM Murphy's Funeral Home 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA Followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall at Arlington Church of the Brethren-300 North Montague Street, in Arlington, VA

Interment at National Memorial Park is tentative for Friday.

I have lost a mentor and a colleague. Rich Massabny has died and my heart is broken.

Opening nights were always a joy for me when Rich Massabny, with his big smile and a strong handshake, would reach out to greet me and congratulate me on an interview or a podcast I had recorded.

The man has so much experience that I would beg him, "Teach me how to interview. Teach me what you know!"

And he did.

He taught me these important tricks of the trade:

-Know your interviewee... Be well prepared.

-The interview is not about you... it's about him or her or them.

-Have fun and ask smart questions.

And I listened to him and I just loved the guy.

This is the Rich Massabny I loved. He crammed so much in to his TV shows – a review or two or three, and then he threw in his a new-favorite restaurant – all with his very charming personality and with sheer joy and excitement.

He was caring and loving. He called me a lot to encourage me when I was battling health issues, and I returned the favor during his health battles of the past few years.

When Rich stopped coming to Press Nights, I basically stopped coming because he was not there. It wasn't fun anymore without him.

Rich and his wife Judy were inseparable and the love and respect for each other was so beautiful to behold.

I will miss Rich Massabny because he was classy, and sincere, and honest, and loving, and so inspiring. He was an original. A royal mensch.

My condolences to Judy and their families and friends, and everyone who knew and loved him.

Rest in peace my friend.

LINKS: Rick Massabny's website.

['A Couple of Critical Importance': Rich and Judy Massabny by Barbara Ruben of The Beacon.](#)

Rich Massabny: Shooting From The Hip From Arlington For More Than 30 Years by Rebecca Sheir. Listen to the interview [here.](#)

~RICHARD JOSEPH MASSABNY~