

Our loss is immense.
We will never know his like again.

Dick's death takes away an extraordinary gadol ha-dor...
from his loving family – whom he adored,
from the worldwide Progressive Jewish community – to which he devoted all his heart, and all his
soul, and all his might,
and from the Jewish people as a whole – that was blessed with his unswerving loyalty through every
day of his life.

It is impossible to write fully of his achievements.

But here is the conclusion:

He was a man of vision who made a real difference to the trajectory of Jewish history. What higher
accolade could there be?

This:

Greatness in Judaism is not measured by achievements, but rather by how one lives.

And if the “crown of a good name” surpasses all the crowns, then Dick surely wore the “crown of a
good name”. Through the decades, he shared an exemplary marriage with his beloved Bella. And he
raised extraordinary children, who followed in his footsteps to make their own significant
contributions to society.

And one more thing:

Dick didn't just live a great life himself, he made those around him believe that they could rise to be
the finest version of themselves as well. That was his gift. He listened. He cared. He was
interested. He was enthusiastic. And he challenged you to achieve your dream fully.

For Dick, life was not about seeking greatness; it was about seeding greatness in every person and
everything he touched.

We were incredibly blessed to have him in our lives.

Zecher Tzaddik livracha.

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