



Richard H. Gherst II

March 11, 1943 - April 5, 2021

Richard H. Gherst II, CPA

Born March 11, 1943 in Philadelphia and raised near Phoenixville, PA, Richard was the son of Richard H. and Rita (Wenger) Gherst. He joined Price Waterhouse and Co. in Philadelphia in 1964 following graduation from Franklin and Marshall College. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1964 to 1970.

Following ten years in Philadelphia, he transferred to Memphis, TN, to assist with the growth of that office and was admitted to the Price Waterhouse partnership in 1975. He served a tour of duty in the Hong Kong office (1980-1982) and returned to open and manage the office in Tulsa, OK. In 1988, he was appointed managing partner of the firm's Seattle, WA, office. In 1991, he accepted a position in the firm's national headquarters in New York and undertook a variety of responsibilities, including National Director-Japanese Business. This and other responsibilities required frequent travel to the Far East, the Middle East and South Asia. He retired from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in 1999 at which time he focused more seriously on his golf game and learned to enjoy traveling for fun.

Throughout his career he was actively engaged in community activities, including serving as president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, starting a new

parish and building a church in Memphis, as well as serving on the Board of Trustees at Cascia Hall, a private school in Tulsa. In recent years he was treasurer and served on the board of Phoenixville Senior Center.

His greatest and most rewarding involvement was with Church Farm School (CFS), a 100-year-old boarding school in Exton, PA, dedicated to providing a college preparatory education to underserved boys. He was a member of the Board of Directors from 2007 to 2020, during which he served as treasurer, chair of the Finance Committee, and co-chair of a successful capital campaign.

He is survived by Eleanor, his beloved wife of 54 years, daughters Christine (Scott Zeiter) of Leesburg, VA, Cheryl (Mark Long) of Falmouth, MA, and Richard III (Karen Williams) of Seattle, and five grandchildren; Grace and Ruby Zeiter Gherst, Annabelle Long, Kate and Emmett Gherst.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:30 AM at St. Basil the Great, 2330 Kimberton Rd, Phoenixville. There will be visitation from 10:15 AM until the time of service at the church. Interment will follow in the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel Churchyard. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer contributions be made in his memory to Church Farm School, www.gocfs.net or 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy, Exton, PA, 19341. To send online condolences, please visit: www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Chapel Churchyard

2000 Valley Forge Park Road
King Of Prussia, PA 19406

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Basil the Great R.C. Church
2300 Kimberton Road PO Box 637
Kimberton, PA 19442

Mass

APR 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Basil the Great R.C. Church
2300 Kimberton Road PO Box 637
Kimberton, PA 19442

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard H. Gherst II.*



April 25, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *Just got the news. Remembering many wonderful times from high school days. Great guy, will be sorely missed.*

Mark Gordon - April 13, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Eleanor,
I offer my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to you and your family on your loss.*

Ann Marie Matonak

Ann Marie Matonak - April 08, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to you Ellie and the family. Rich was a dear schoolmate and am sure he will be missed by many friends and family.*

Arlene (Mazei) Kraft💕

Arlene (Mazei) Kraft - April 08, 2021 at 08:51 AM

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“ Wishing Chris and the entire Gherst family peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Amy Snyder-Dietz - April 08, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Richard H. Gherst II.



April 07, 2021 at 06:20 PM

SP

“ Syl and I share our finest condolences on the passing of this good man. We fondly recall his pleasant nature during a number of encounters at our beloved Senior Center.



Sal and Sylvia Katz of Phoenixville, PA - April 07, 2021 at 12:48 PM

NA

“ Nancy Brown Adams lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Gherst II



Nancy Brown Adams - April 07, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ I am so fortunate that I got to visit with Rich and Ellie after they moved to their new home. I have such fond memories spending time with them. To all the family, please know you are in my heart and in prayers.

Nancy Brown Adams - April 07, 2021 at 11:35 AM

JL

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Uncle Rich's passing. Your family is in my heartfelt prayers. I remember him at our backyard picnics and visiting every summer years ago. It was wonderful seeing his smile at our wedding, and his support in 2015. Special prayers for the entire family in the days ahead.

Janice L. Bagoly - Lester - April 06, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JL

“ Janice L. Bagoly - Lester lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Gherst II



Janice L. Bagoly - Lester - April 06, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard H. Gherst II.



April 06, 2021 at 07:02 PM