



## Richard Newell

October 3, 1928 - December 27, 2020

Richard Newell was born in 1928 in Valley Stream, NY, to Edwin and Lillie Newell. He was married in 1951 to Audrey Grace Schwarz of Valley Stream, NY. He served in the U S Army 1950-1952. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Audrey Newell, son Peter Newell, and daughter Wendy Newell. He died Sunday morning, Dec 27 2020, at Mountain Valley Hospice in Gloversville.

Richard and Audrey Newell and their children began spending summer holidays in Lake Pleasant in the early 1960s at Road's End cabins on Sacandaga Lake. After a few summers of renting a cabin for a week or two, the family began staying at Road's End for the entire summer. Audrey and the kids would come in the beginning of the summer and stay until school started in the fall. Richard would spend his week or two of vacation time with us, and then commute back and forth from Long Island every weekend to spend time with his family. He would also drive his family to "our" cabin as many weekends as possible in the fall and winter. He was always willing to leave late and drive into the night so we could spend as much time here and together as possible. The family made many local friends during this time.

Richard's early career was with Lone Star Cement Company in New York City and later on in Rockland County. The family moved to Lake Pleasant permanently in 1971. Richard and Audrey purchased the liquor store and motel in Speculator, which he ran for several years, before beginning his career in insurance in Northville. Audrey took over the daily running of the liquor store, which was sold years later, and Richard continued working in the insurance agency until he was in his 70's, serving many local families.

Richard was very active in the local community, involved in many local organizations and projects that bettered the lives of local families. He served more than 30 years on the school board and was president of the school board for many years, long after his children had graduated! He was involved with the founding of the Chamber of Commerce and actively supported all local businesses. He was a longtime member of the Lion's Club and an officer in that organization for years. He was an active organizer of the Lions Club

annual Fly In / Drive In breakfast at the airport in Piseco, which has been held every August for years. Richard had a private pilot's license which he earned late in life. He loved to fly, even though he did not get to fly very much, and to watch airplanes, and the fly-in breakfast was one of the highlights of his year. It was not held this year due to COVID-19, but his family hopes that the Lion's Club will make the effort to continue it in the future.

There will be no funeral. A memorial service will be planned for later in the year. Richard's wish was that those who would like to commemorate his life would do so with donations to the Lake Pleasant Fire Department 114 South Shore Rd PO Box 545 Lake Pleasant, NY 12108 or the SVAC Speculator Volunteer Ambulance Corps PO Box 203 Speculator, NY 12164 PO Box 203 Speculator, NY 12164 in his memory. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Northville Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.northvillefuneralservice.com](http://www.northvillefuneralservice.com).

# Comments

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“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Dicks passing. He was a magnificent man who was so greatly admired by so many. I had the good fortune to have worked with Dick for well over twenty years. Dick was a brilliant contributor to our insurance agency .He guided us thru our conversion to an automated and data driven business. As a partner he was a most trusted advisor of all aspects of our business development. A rock solid advisor who commanded the greatest respect of our shareholders and employees. Of all the wonderful people I have known in my life time Dick was among the very few whom I deeply admired and more than that trusted. So Audrey,Wendy,and Peter my deepest condolences.  
Bruce Lant

**Bruce Lant** - January 19, 2021 at 09:41 AM

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“ Growing up in Speculator, our family knew the Newell family for many years. "Mr. Newell" was always such a kind, friendly man. He gave so much to his community and although I may not have realized it when I was young, we all benefitted greatly by his efforts to steer our school and community. Our sincere sympathy to your family. On behalf of the Leadley family, Donna Leadley Milazzo

**Donna Milazzo** - January 06, 2021 at 10:09 AM

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“ The Patterson family met the Newell family at Roads End lodge and spent many summers together there. We also decided to move from Long Island and relocate to Lake Pleasant. Our families, along with the Lavignes, spent a lot of time together over the years. Dick's ( always Mr. Newell to me!) passing marks the end of an era and my connection to a place I called home. My childhood memories are intertwined with the Newell family and Road's End. It brings me great sadness to learn of his passing. Over the years, despite the distance between us, I always received a Christmas letter or email from Dick. It made my day. My thoughts and prayers to Audrey, Peter and Wendy.  
Jane Patterson (Dierberger)

**Jane Patterson Dierberger** - January 05, 2021 at 06:52 PM

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“ Cathy Page lit a candle in memory of Richard Newell



**cathy page** - January 01, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ Dick was the kindest and most caring man I have known for quite some time! So glad I was able say I knew such a wonderful guy. I will miss chatting with Dick when I would see him in town. Always a smile and a welcome “hello”! My thoughts go out to his family.

**cathy page** - January 01, 2021 at 08:00 AM

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“ Peter, Wendy and Audrey,  
Sorry to hear about Richard. We are so thankful that your family has been a wonderful addition to our community for so long. We always consider Richard a good friend of our family, and we will miss him.

- Floyd Weaver Family

**William Weaver** - December 31, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ Audrey, Peter, and Wendy  
Dick and I spent many hours together in Lions Club activism and local education for children and families. His tireless efforts in making life better for this region will be greatly missed.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May your memories of his dedication to improving our way of life make you proud and sustain you during this time, as you seek comfort.  
Sincerely,

John Simons Family

**John W. Simons** - December 30, 2020 at 08:07 PM

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“ To the Newell family, my deepest sympathy! Richard was a great friend to me!  
Always a gentlemen, always with a smile! His kind of class will be missed, but long  
remembered!



**Art Taylor** - December 28, 2020 at 07:37 PM