



## Richard ""Rick"" Edward Litten

June 12, 1956 - October 24, 2018

Richard Edward ""Rick"" Litten, 62, of Woodstock, passed away at home Wednesday morning, October 24, 2018, after a long illness. Born June 12, 1956 in Winchester, and raised in Fairfax, Rick was the son of James P. Litten and the late Odessa Kipps Litten. Survived by his loving wife, Kathryn ""Kathy"" Smyth Litten, and her son John P. Shiflett of Pittsburg, PA. Educated at Shenandoah University, Rick employed his musical and theatrical talents in many facets and venues throughout his career and retirement. He also served as music director for St. John Bosco Parish, Woodstock, for several years. Beyond his faith and love of music, Rick was well-known as an avid Redskins fan. A member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 9002, Woodstock, Rick later held the position of deputy grand knight prior to falling ill. Gifted with a keen sense of humor, Rick could be counted on to appreciate and readily share the lighter side of any situation. Rick is also survived by his beloved extended family, many friends, and by his menagerie of housecats. Friends will be received at St. John Bosco Church, 315 N. Main, Woodstock 7-9pm, Monday, October 29. Reverend Father Michael Dobbins will celebrate the Funeral Mass at the church at 11am-Noon, Tuesday, October 30. Reception at the parish hall immediately afterward. Knights of Columbus Honor Guard will be provided by Assembly 1883, Winchester. Internment at 3pm, Trinity-Powder Spring United Church of Christ, 318 Alum Springs Road, Basye, VA.. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Outreach, 315 N Main St, Woodstock, VA 22664. Cemetery Details Trinity UCC 318 Alum Springs Road

Basye, VA 22810 Previous Events Visitation OCT 29. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
(ET)St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church 315 N. Main St. Woodstock, VA  
22664 <http://www.stjohnboscowoodstock.org/> Service OCT 30. 11:00 AM  
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“ I met Rick when I was going to Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in the fall of 1976. We were just hanging out in the student activities lounge late one night and just hit it off. We realized we actually lived about 12 blocks from each other back in Fairfax and that we played in bands in the area and the rest was history. We lived together after Shenco for quite a few years sharing a two-bedroom apartment and I remember coming into DC to catch Rick doing a show at a French restaurant with waiters on roller skates and they did an "old style drag" show for the patrons. Rick was in his element - Live actor playing to an audience and he loved it and was pretty darn good at it to! Rick would find groups and join them to put on a play and had the time of his life doing the shows. He was a pretty good instrumentalist too. Whether it was Keyboards - Guitar - or as a vocalist he was a blast to play with and I do miss that. Rick was our keyboardist at my wedding to my wife Margaret, and he made sure everything was perfect for us. I wish I had stayed more in touch with Rick over the years as I know when ever we did get together it was like no time had passed and we could pick-up right where we left off. These past years have been hard on him, but I know Kathy has been one of the best things that happened to him. God Bless You Rick, and to Kathy our deepest sympathies, and to Jim Litten, his father, go our Prayers!

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**Jeffrey Sherman** - October 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I always enjoyed playing the flute with Rick as he played guitar or keyboard. He was the one who encouraged me to add extra notes when playing certain pieces. We performed a lot of Christmas gigs together and he had me come perform with him at his church in Woodstock. May God comfort you, Kathy and Mr. Litten (Rick's dad), and all other family members.

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**Michelle Williams** - October 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM