



Richard Balzer

May 12, 1941 - February 2, 2017

Balzer – Richard Balzer, age 75 of Lawrenceville passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2017. Mr. Balzer is survived by sons & daughters-in-law: Philip & Stephanie Balzer, Buford; John & Anna Libby, Denver, CO; Peter Balzer, St. Petersburg, FL; Rick Libby; brother: Robert Balzer; sister: Rose Sladky; granddaughter: Shae Balzer, Buford; grandson: Peter Balzer. Arrangements by: Tim Stewart Funeral Home: 300 Simonton Rd. SW Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-962-3100. Please leave online condolences at www.stewartfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Balzer*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dick's passing will be deeply regretted by his fellow collectors. He and I would regularly meet in the queues at book and ephemera fairs, and would visit one another's homes to share our treasures. Dick was a whiz at speeding through fairs in an hour, always turning up something of interest. We first met when I, rather presumptuously, wrote to him, correcting a number of errors in his book on the magic lantern. He took my corrigenda with a good will and asked me to come to his home. On seeing his holdings, I asked for some reproductions for a book I was writing, and in return offered to translate the German and Russian texts on many of his prints. And so we continued for many years, sharing news of our acquisitions and contributing to one another's knowledge. Dick was particularly generous in twice opening his collection to the graduate students in my seminar on the history of popular entertainment at Tufts. They were overawed by their introduction to a whole new world of invention and he was gratified by their curiosity and receptivity. I am saddened by this loss to someone whose good nature and enthusiasm enlivened so many occasions, and whose fund of knowledge is irreplaceable.*

Laurence Senelick

Fletcher Professor of Drama and Oratory, Tufts University

Laurence Senelick - December 18, 2017 at 08:36 AM

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Phil Balzer - February 07, 2017 at 10:09 AM

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“ I remember the days at Point Lookout our first house in Bellerose, and the struggles of us all growing up in those early years. I remember you going out in the snow to shovel when I was a little kid and wanting to go out with you but mom said it was too cold one time when it was zero degrees. I remember my favorite character was Snoopy, so for Christmas you painted a pole in candy cane stripes with a cone for a rocket nose and Snoopy on the front and Santa riding in the back and you climbed onto the overhang on the roof and placed the rocket there for all to see. And the time we ran out of gas going to the beach with the long lines of traffic in New York and I watched to run like a gazelle with a gas can to get us on our way. Of course the track was always an ever presence in our lives and you and Dickie would go to the track together after working in the real estate office. You left behind 4 sons, each with diverse and unique talents. Your journey over, but a new one begun. I picture you and Dickie now enjoying the track and forever running like a gazelle. Love John Tate Libby, the eldest son.

John Tate Libby - February 04, 2017 at 08:28 AM