Richard M. Fronko, Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Passed Away May 2, 2018

Richard M. Fronko, lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, passed away May 2, 2018. Please note the following information provided by family and friends:

Richard passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 in his home in Santa Clara. Richard is father to Annelies (St. Joseph’s School, Class of 2012), Jared and Jordan (Class of 2016).

Private services with family were held last Friday, May 4th. Additionally, Richard’s family is holding a Celebration of Life and invites all to attend. Please refer to the information below:

You may know that Richard loved the Pittsburgh Penguin Ice Hockey Team. The team colors are black, gold/yellow and white. The theme for Richard’s Celebration is the Pittsburgh Penguins. If possible, please wear team apparel if you have it, or the team colors.

Richard’s family will be providing bagels, orange juice, coffee and water on Saturday. To those people who have generously asked how they can help or what they can do to offer support; if you would like to contribute a food dish to the Celebration, it would be appreciated. Please bring light, breakfast, finger food. In advance, please prepare or pre-cut your food contribution in small portions so serving is quick and easy. If your food item needs a serving spoon, please bring one. If you wouldn’t mind letting me know what breakfast, finger food you will be bringing, I’ll keep track of it for Darlene and email the list out, so we can try to provide a variety of food. Pat Samuels (pwsamuels1989@gmail.com)

Richard was also an Eagle Scout and enjoyed the outdoors. Please note that the Celebration of Richard’s Life is at Anderson Lake County Park. Because it is a county park, please anticipate a $6 County parking fee per vehicle. The Toyon Picnic Area has been reserved for this Celebration.

Here is a link to the park for more information.


A map of Anderson Lake can be downloaded from this link:


If you would like to send a message of condolence to the Darlene, Annelies, Jared and Jordan, their address is:

1982 Rosswood Drive
San Jose, CA 95124

Richard’s family looks forward to seeing you on May 12, 2018. Please keep Richard and his family in your prayers.

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