



## Richard B. Pelles

November 24, 1926 - January 7, 2016

Richard Bartels Pelles, of Minocqua, passed away on January 7, 2016. Dick was born on November 24, 1926 in Oak Park, Illinois. He grew up in Elmhurst, Illinois and spent many summers in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, where his love of the Northwoods began. Dick attended DePauw University and, as a senior, met Sally Conley, a freshman. He never knew what hit him.

Dick and Sally were married on August 6, 1949 and settled in Elmhurst, where they had two daughters, Karen and Laura. He began a career in the printing industry, culminating in the founding of Omega Press. The family spent time in the summers in Hazelhurst and Lac du Flambeau and in 1968 they bought a house in Lac du Flambeau. The call of the lake prompted a permanent move in 1972 and Dick made a career change as well. He began a new career in real estate and Sally joined him, opening The Property Store. Dick was active on the Boards of Directors of many local groups and institutions after becoming a resident of the Minocqua area, including HYMC, Northwoods Rehabilitation Associates, Minocqua Country Club, and the Restless Weasels. He and Sally made many close friends and enjoyed entertaining, boating, cooking, and travel. After retiring from real estate, the allure of bigger boats and bigger water prompted them to buy a boat in Florida, the Star Knot, and they spent six winters exploring the Intracoastal Waterway, coming back up north to the lake in the summers. Dick became interested in drawing and painting after returning to year-round residence at the lake, and his talent

brought him to his final career as an artist. His paintings can be found in many area homes of friends and family, as well as the halls of HYMC. He completed his last painting, a portrait of his daughter Laura, two weeks before he died.

Dick enjoyed cooking and eating, woodworking, Canadian fishing trips, gardening, boating, reading, crosswords and music, but most of all, he loved his family and friends. He had a quick wit and sense of humor and was a great storyteller, a lover of dogs, and was always happy to share good conversation and a bottle of wine. He will be greatly missed by his daughters, Karen Ippen (John) and Laura Fuhrman (Rick) and his grandchildren, Will Ippen, Laura Ippen, and Sam Fuhrman. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ethelwyn Pelles of Elmhurst, Illinois, and his wife, Sally Conley Pelles, the love of his life.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Mama's Supper Club from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Lakeland Area Special Olympics, PO Box 704, Minocqua, WI 54548.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 30. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mama's Supper Club  
10486 Highway 70 West  
Minocqua, WI 54548

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ I will always have a soft spot in my heart for your Dad; he was one of my favorite patients over the years ,along with your Mom. He was a very talented man, we have one of his paintings in the dental office. I will smile whenever I pass it by! Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers! Dan and Cindy Scrobell

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**Cindy Scrobell** - January 30, 2016 at 08:19 AM

TW

“ great guy we used too have a lot of laughs @ the old kellys resturant when we owned it now called Stingrays in Arbor Vitae

*Robin and Tom Wipperfurth*

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**Tom Wipperfurth** - January 18, 2016 at 10:49 AM

LO

“ Your father was a sweet man. One of my favorite FB friends! 😊❤️  
He will be greatly missed... Prayers and hugs

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**Lori** - January 16, 2016 at 12:40 PM

PL

“ Laura, Rick and family, so sorry for your loss, our prayers are with you.

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**Penny Lewandowski** - January 16, 2016 at 11:12 AM

BM

“ *Laura, Karen, and family,  
Your dad meant so much to us! His humor, optimism, creativity,  
wisdom, well, the list goes on! Of course, our memories include your  
mother in the many fun times that we had together but after her  
passing, your dad stayed in touch regularly, even calling me for a  
long conversation when I was recovering from surgery in '14. How  
fortunate we all are to have had him in our lives. With love, John  
and Barbara McFarland*

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**Barbara McFarland** - January 13, 2016 at 10:14 AM

NH

“ *Karen and Laura, I am so sorry for your loss of your father. I have  
so many great memories of spending time with your parents. I know  
you will take comfort in the memories.*

*Nancy Hadgisava*

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**Nancy Hadgisava** - January 11, 2016 at 05:38 AM

DD

“ *Laura, Rick & Sam & Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
during this difficult time Your dad was a super person and loved  
going in his boat around Fence Lake. Let us know if you need  
anything. Luv DD & Ann Davidson*

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**dan davidson** - January 10, 2016 at 11:22 AM

VB

“ *Laura and family, so sorry for the loss of your  
Father.*



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**Vonnie Braun** - January 09, 2016 at 10:53 AM