

RICHARD FAUST MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Good afternoon and a special welcome to all of you to this special memorial celebration for Richard "The Rev" Faust. Honored guests from the Village of Cooperstown, The Baltimore Orioles, teammates of Richard his many and his friends.

While I described special guests and friends, I could use the word friends to describe all of us for we all were friends of Richard and he was a friend to all of us.

Richard was many thing to many people. He was a creative and smart hard working genius for his company, his charities and our baseball group. He was sincere and caring. He was funny and kept us laughing all the time. He was a good baseball player who worked hard to improve and would help other succeed at the sport. He was a leader and a person we could depend on. And he was always there for us to listen, talk, laugh, cry and do whatever it would take to live life to the fullest.

There is no better way to describe this fun-loving friend than to quote one of his favorite lines about baseball and fun: "When we win we party. When we lose we party. And when we tie we party!"

He loved baseball and he loved Cooperstown. He was a leader of the Baltimore Orioles Fantasy Camp and Dream Week group and helped plan the Camps. Along with Jack Kelly and with the guidance of Steve Freeman, he formed the Fantasy Camp Executive Committee to help plan the Camp and make the experience fun and unique for all who attended.

And he was a leader of the Cooperstown Tournament who single-handedly turned the event into his show. He started the draft, planned the events, set the rules and made sure the event was a joy to all who played AND their families.

When he suddenly left us earlier this year, there was talk among the Dream Week/Fantasy Camp alumni group about doing something in his honor. There was no better place to do this than right here – Cooperstown and Abner Doubleday Field.

And so, working with Jeff Katz, President of Friends of Doubleday, we worked out a plan to honor him. With the help of Joe Pavlok, who sent out the communications, we raised over \$10,000. Eighty-six people gave. Some people gave twice. Some people gave who didn't know him. But knew how much we revered Richard and wanted to help.

As you look at this beautiful field during this ceremony, today, tomorrow, this weekend and every time you come back to Cooperstown, please remember one thing. Our friend, Richard The Rev Faust will be here patrolling the outfield and here at home plate making sure that this place will be special and that you are his friend.

To get things started, I ask that you turn around. Richard will be with us right here this weekend.

Some have asked why we don't put on the birth and death year on our communications. It's simple – those dates signify a start and end to Richard. But in truth, Richard lives forever in our hearts, our minds and souls.

Before we hear from our speakers and the rest of the Ceremony, a few thank you's need to be extended:

Jeff Katz, President of The Friends of Doubleday for his creativity and hard work handling my requests.

The Honorable Ellen Tillapaugh Kuch (Cook) for this beautiful Chamber of Commerce Day.

The Orioles – Bill Stetka and Steve Freeman for all the years you brought us to Cooperstown to play baseball and be with our friends.

To Jack Kelly for allowing me to talk about what to do here.

To Joe Pavlock and his taking on the role of running this event and designing the patch.

Bill Hatfield for being willing to take on managing Richard's Team "The Choir"

And to our speakers today for your willingness to share stories of Rev

On to the ceremony:

- And now it is my pleasure to introduce the Mayor of The Village of Cooperstown – The Honorable Ellen Tillapaugh Kuch (Cook).
- From the Baltimore Orioles – Bill Stetka and Steve Freeman
- Our next speakers are Coaches from the Cooperstown Tournament. This event started in 1996. For most of the last 18 years, the coaches have been Tim Tremblay, Joe Pavlock, and myself in addition to Richard. They join other coaches who led teams here during this event such as Pete Lapan, Carl Vizzi, Bill Hatfield, Charlie Deale and Jack Kelly. Today, the coaches this year, Tim, Joe, Bill and I will speak about our relationship with Richard.
 - First Tim Tremblay
 - Next Joe Pavlock
 - Me- dinner in HOF and boat Ride. How I knew Richard.
 - Next Bill Hatfield. Bill, a great friend to Richard, will manage Richard's team this year. It will still be called The Choir.
- Presentation of photo to The Choir –
- Bill – T-Shirt Presentation.
- Team O - Richard played in several baseball leagues in the DC area. One of them was Team O in the Ponce de Leon baseball league. The team changed its name to Team 0 in honor of Richard's number this year. Ira Dorfman, one of Richard's teammates on Team 0 will talk about Richard.
- Steve Wells memory book.

- Friend of Doubleday – And now what we came here for – a special dedication in honor of Richard Faust – President of the Friends of Doubleday and former mayor of the Village of Cooperstown – Jeff Katz
- Presentation of \$10,625 in checks.
- Richard’s beautiful wife Julia Faust
- Richard will live with us forever - Wherever a friend is to be made and baseball will be played. To commemorate that, his family has a gift for all of us. Over on the fence are bats. His bats. Richard collected bats like some women collect shoes. On each bat is a sticker the mirrors the Memorial patch. As we exit today’s ceremony, all players, please go over to the fence and take one of his bats. Keep it in a collection. Use it. Whatever you want to do with it. And do this in remembrance of Richard “The Rev” Faust.

Thank you for coming today. And play ball!