



WR Herchick

December 19, 1966 - July 11, 2018

WR Herchick, 51, a lifelong Mentor resident, passed away July 11, 2018 at Hospice House in Cleveland. He was born December 19, 1966 in Cleveland.

WR (Dubs) was very active in many Special Olympic sports. Skiing, track and field, swimming, softball, basketball, and cycling. In 1999 he was chosen to compete in cycling at the world games in North Carolina. He proudly came home with two silver medals and the presidential medal. He loved listening to music and dancing, especially to Grease. Throughout his life his family, friends, and coworkers were so very important to him. WR was the oldest of five and a hero to his siblings, and the best big brother. He was known by all as giving the best hugs. One of the most important things for Unkie Dubs was to spend as much time with his nieces and nephews. He would go to many of their school and sporting events and be their biggest cheerleader, especially Riverhawk football games. He enjoyed life to the fullest, and always had a smile on his face.

Survivors include his mother, Beth Holzheimer; father, Frank Herchick; siblings, Thomas (Shannon Hill) Herchick, Shannon (John) Browne, Camee (Tate Andersen) Jastromb, and Frank "FJ" (Rachel) Herchick; and his nieces and nephews, Samantha, Tommy, Tony, Dearien, Shanelle, Luke, Faith, and Christian. He was also survived by many other loving family members and friends.

At the family's request, private family services will be held in honor of WR. In his memory, memorial contributions may be made to the Special Olympics Ohio, 3303 Winchester Pike, Columbus, OH 43232 or the Lewy Body Dementia Association, Inc., 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047. Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ I have known Wr for 20 years he was so much fun to work with. Here are my memories of him: He loved going to the park's to play basketball, swing on the swing's, watching the guy's at Veterans Park fishing, and every Friday going to subway for lunch. Anywhere we went he always knew somebody and gave them hugs. Those were the good times I will cherish forever. He was my friend and I will miss him.

patty jackson - July 18, 2018 at 09:21 AM

WB

“ Beth and family ~ My favorite. memory with WR was I was a volunteer coach for skiing with Special Olympics, and WR told me that in the joint competition I better do “ my best, because he like to win”.

Beth , another memory about WR was you encouraging and allowing him to become” independent, You did this long before it was “politically acceptable” for parents to encourage their children with special needs to “grow” to their fullest potential!

My sincere condolences. WR was a wonderful man , with many achievements!

Wendy Bailys-weisblat

WENDY BAILYS-WEISBLAT - July 16, 2018 at 10:14 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry for your loss, My family and I are very blessed to have had Dubs in our lives, he was a part of the family with brother Tom for many years. It was so wonderful running into him in public, he always greeted me with a big smiley "Hey Shirley" and hug. WR made this a better world, he will be deeply missed.

Shirley Hogen

Shirley Hogen - July 16, 2018 at 04:05 PM

PF


So sorry for your loss, WR worked with me at Burger King for many years he always greeted me with a hug and a smile. Not a day went by without him saying hello and have a good day. He was always so kind and always smiling. Whenever he would see me in public he would still hug me and say hello and ask me how I was and tell me to have a nice day. He will truly be missed.

Patricia Foti - July 16, 2018 at 04:27 PM

DA

“ *WR was a friend of mine working at Giant Eagle together. I'm so sorry for your loss. He certainly was the best hugger, and he always had that big smile when he called my name and came towards me to give me a hug. Rest in peace, my friend.*

Dawn - July 16, 2018 at 12:10 PM

 Alyssa Riane

“ *WR was both at one point or another, a co-worker, and customer of mine at the MOL Burger King. It was always an absolute delight when I saw him walking into the store. WR was never short of kindness, making so many friends where ever he went, with a smile on his face. He is someone I will never forget, and has impacted my life for the better, as I'm sure many others. Rest peacefully, friend. You will be missed.*



Alyssa Riane - July 16, 2018 at 07:58 AM

JU

“ Just adored WR! Kindest , sweetest & hard working guy. I worked with him at ponderosa and one of my favorite memories of him is as soon as the doors were locked at the end of the day and it was time to clean he would pull out his music and he love to clean and dance to footloose. This was always the best time of the shift . He was the type of guy that left a wonderful lasting impression . He will be missed. Prayers for comfort and peace for the family

janelle unger - July 16, 2018 at 01:58 AM

RG

“ Prayers for the Herchick family. Rip Duds.

Robin Gibson - July 16, 2018 at 12:31 AM


Jennifer
Dowling

“ I used to work at Wendy's in Me tor on the lake and every time WE came in he always had a smile on his face which in return made you smile. Never saw him show any other emotion except happiness.. he brought such a brightness to this world and I was so glad to have met him and see him a lot for the years I worked at Wendy's.

Jennifer Dowling - July 15, 2018 at 09:03 PM

BL

“ Beth and family I didn't get to know WR until the last couple of years at bowling. Thank you for the opportunity to get to know him and you. May God give you strength at this time. Barb Lugo

barb lugo - July 15, 2018 at 08:49 PM

AR

“ The one thing I miss about working at Wendy’s are the people. WR was a regular customer who became a friend and was such a fantastic person. So many fun memories, with all of them ending in a hug. He was the most lovable person and also really great at schmoozing me for money or food. I’m a sucker! Free Sprite? No problem. Bigger Cup? Of course! I remember one time he needed money for the bus, so I gave it to him; don’t ya know he came back in the next day with that innocent look of his whispering “hey Abbie, can I have a dollar?”😭 if only we all could live life to the fullest the way WR did. He is so loved and will be missed by many. ❤️ My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Abbie Riehl - July 15, 2018 at 07:06 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to your family. It’s been decades since I last saw Dubs. He was a terrific kid back then and I’m sure he was an wonderful man! I have many sweet memoirs of him. Rest In Peace WR!

Maryellen Scheiman-Ludwig - July 15, 2018 at 07:02 PM

KS

“ Beth and family.. On behalf of the Recreation/Special Olympics department. please know how much WR was loved.. He made our jobs so fun and really easy😊 Many years of cherished memories.. he was always the best dressed dancer in the crowd and his gentlemen ways were ledgendary😭 .. We will miss him dearly. Please know we are thinking of you.

kara shubert - July 15, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ Daniel Schutt lit a candle in memory of WR Herchick



Daniel Schutt - July 15, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ WE was a customer of mine at the Mentor on the Lake Giant Eagle, when I worked there 20 years ago. He always had a big smile on his face, whenever I saw him. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Julie - July 15, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ WR was a great teacher and a great friend. His smile was infectious, and his caring for others was unending. In the time I was able to spend with WR I learned many life lessons, I am indebted to him for ever. Thanks my good friend. Stay well and see you one day in heaven.

Jeffrey Mackey - July 15, 2018 at 01:00 PM



“ He was a sweetheart. Heaven truly just got a angel!

stacy malensek - July 15, 2018 at 11:47 AM



“ WR always had a relaxed and warm smile. Such a gentle spirit. We miss him and his spirit will always be with us. Yan Robert and Siena Maschke

yan maschke - July 15, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *I work at Giant Eagle and WR always had a hug and a smile for me.
My prayers for the family.*

leslie travnik - July 15, 2018 at 10:33 AM