



## Richard Lewis Roberge

April 6, 1934 - April 1, 2026

Conway.....Richard "Dick" Roberge is remembered as a versatile athlete whose career bridged two demanding sports—professional ice hockey and golf. Known for his discipline, competitive spirit, and adaptability, Roberge built a reputation first on the ice and later on the fairways.

Born in Canada, a son of the late Wilbrod and Annie Boby Roberge. Hockey is deeply ingrained in the culture, Roberge developed his skills at a young age, progressing through junior hockey ranks with a strong work ethic and natural athleticism. He went on to play professionally as a forward, with the Johnstown Jets, contributing with both grit and offensive capability. Though not among the most widely publicized stars of his era, he was respected by teammates and opponents alike for his consistency, toughness, and team-first mentality. He played on 2 World hockey teams during off Olympic years. He holds several records in the Eastern Hockey League, as well as a 3 time winner of the Boardwalk Trophy and as a coach won the Lockhart Cup.

After his hockey career concluded, Roberge made a notable transition into the world of golf—an uncommon but impressive shift that required a completely different skill set. He earned his PGA card and was the Head Pro at several country clubs finishing his career at Island Green in Myrtle Beach.

Roberge's dual-sport journey highlights a rare athletic versatility. Moving from the fast-paced, physical demands of hockey to the precision and mental discipline of golf, he demonstrated resilience and a willingness to reinvent himself. His life in sports stands as an example of how competitive drive and

commitment can translate across very different arenas.

While he may not be a household name, Dick Roberge's story resonates with those who appreciate athletes who carve their own path—excelling in one sport and then successfully embracing another with equal passion.

Surviving are: his wife, Jean M. Roberge; four daughters, Renee Roberge Cook (Ranger), Dottie Roberge Brown (Burt), Laurie Roberge Sambataro (James) and Susan Roberge Collin (Jeff); six grandchildren, Andrew Brown, Bess Brown Altman, Anthony Sambataro, David Sambataro, Joseph Sambataro, and Hannah Nicole Collin Parker; and seven great grandchildren, Hunter Brown, Anna Claire Brown, Maggie Altman, Olivia Sambataro, James Douglas "J.D." Sambataro, Salvatore Sambataro, and Rosalie Sambataro.

Services will be held at a later date in Canada.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May cherished memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time.*  
*Isaiah 41:10*

Kathryn - April 10 at 06:35 PM

MW

“ *Rest in peace, ref. My sincere condolences to your family.*

Marc Wigle - April 06 at 04:10 PM

LH

*I'm so sorry, Dottie*

Linda Hall - April 09 at 07:04 AM

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“ *Angela Sambataro-Nagy lit a candle in memory of Richard Lewis Roberge*



Angela Sambataro-Nagy - April 06 at 12:14 PM

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*Dearest Jean and family  
Know that our thoughts and prayers have been with you during this sad time. You are all blessed to have these wonderful memories of your Pop!  
Angela Sambataro-Nagy  
Alex Nagy*

Angela Sambataro-Nagy - April 07 at 09:12 AM

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*Jean and Family-*

*Condolences to everyone from Marcia and I.  
Dick was a wonderful person to the Island Green community.*

*Baird Couch*

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**Baird Couch** - April 07 at 05:21 PM