



RICHARD V. COPPOLINO

Rich was a devoted and beloved member of the faculty at Power Memorial Academy from 1965 until its closing in 1984. A General and Advanced Chemistry teacher, he also served in the capacity of Senior Guidance Counselor and was Moderator of the Student Council. He aggressively fought against the school's closing until the very end. After Power, he continued his career as a Guidance Counselor at St. Francis Prep in Fresh Meadows, New York. While there he won the Jack Callery Award for Excellence in School Counseling from the Catholic Secondary School Counselors of New York City.

His love for Power prompted him to organize our first reunions starting in 1989. He was elected to the Association's Board of Directors in 2003 and served in that capacity while in remission from cancer. In spite of poor health, he continued with his reunion work until it was taken over by the Association in 2006.

On October 24th 2006 Rich lost his courageous fight against cancer.

It is often said that the measure of a man's life is in what he leaves behind. His legacy is in the thousands of students he educated, counseled and guided during his long teaching career and the love and respect they held for him, his love of Power Memorial Academy and the affection of all its Alumni.

Chick Pisani, current President of the PMAAA summed it up as follows:

“The PMAAA is his legacy.

He will, for evermore, live on in our hearts.”