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TO: John Jay College Community  
FROM: Keisha Pottinger-Moore, Human Resources Director  
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RE: Passing of Richard Lovely

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Richard Lovely, Associate Professor Emeritus passed away on January 20, 2024. Dr. Lovely was an Associate Professor in the Sociology department from 1985 to 2019, when he retired. Below are words from Richard's son, David Lovely:

I am saddened to share that our friend and my father, Rich Lovely, passed away last night. He was comfortable and without pain at his house in Milford, Connecticut. We will provide information about Milford, Connecticut, and Ocean City, New Jersey memorial gatherings, which are expected to occur in April or May. We kindly ask that you honor his memory by offering a helping hand and a smile to those in need.

Pop grew up in Ocean City, New Jersey, where he attended Ocean City High School and played Varsity Basketball. While at Temple University, his academic pursuits were temporarily interrupted by the Vietnam War. He served as a Captain in the US Army's intelligence division. Following his military service, he became a US Secret Service Special Agent in Tampa, Florida, with a focus on counterfeiting. Later, he earned a PhD from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. He retired from John Jay College of Criminal Justice after founding the country's first Cyber Forensics graduate-level program. In his leisure time, he was a sailor and a ski bum. He loved jazz and traveled the world to hear it. It remains a mystery whether he was a "secret agent" unbeknownst to us or just a mild-mannered professor...perhaps a bit of both. He was a great friend, grandfather, and super dad. I love him dearly and will miss him every day.

Here's a link to his John Jay professional bio <https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/faculty/richard-lovely> and a fun video interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnEasvCyF6c>

**Memorial Services will be held at the Milford County Yacht Club on May 19, 2024 from 10am- 1pm.**