

## In Memoriam: Richard Waldron



*Richard (Dick) Waldron is seen here with his beloved wife Lorraine Williams. Ms. Williams served for many years as Curator of Archaeology and Ethnography/State Archaeologist at the New Jersey State Museum.*

The members and staff of the New Jersey Historical Commission are deeply saddened at the passing of Richard Waldron on May 2, 2022. Dick Waldron was known throughout New Jersey for his dedication to history, education, and public service. After first working at the New Jersey State Museum, he joined the New Jersey Historical Commission in 1974 as its Public Programs Coordinator. In time he became the Commission's Associate Director, and then its Executive Director from 1991-1999. His tenure at the Commission was marked by a series of projects that sought to preserve irreplaceable records of the past, strengthen history education, and encourage collaboration between history organizations and programs statewide. The Caucus Archival Preservation Evaluation Service (CAPES), the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, and the Paul Stellhorn Award for undergraduate research in New Jersey history are just some of the organizations and initiatives that benefited from his guidance and support. He also taught at several New Jersey universities, including Kean, Rutgers, and Seton Hall. His longstanding scholarly interest in the colony of New Sweden led him to serve as Executive Director of the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia and publish frequently on the topic.

In addition to his many professional achievements, some of which are noted above, Dick Waldron was respected and cherished by friends and colleagues for his great kindness and humanity. His loss will be keenly felt by the many who were fortunate to know, work with, and learn from him.

Services will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Saul Colonial Home, 3795 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690. Visitation is planned for 11:30-1:30; the funeral will follow at 1:40 PM.