



Richard A. Sammis

June 18, 1946 - November 5, 2010

Richard A. Sammis, age 64, of Bloomington passed away at his residence early Friday morning, November 5th 2010. He was born in Asheville, North Carolina on June 18, 1946 to Willard and Anna Tandy Sammis. Richard graduated from Covington High School before attending the University of Maine where he received his Master's in Forestry. From there he went on to join the United States Coast Guard. After completing his service in the Coast Guard, he attended Purdue University where he graduated with a Bachelor's in Computer Science. Richard retired from Indiana University after working for 32 years in the information technology areas as a Manager of Network Security and Operations, and Senior Technical Advisor. He had a love for the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, boating and hiking in the woods, even spending time working for causes to protect our forests. He was also an amateur radio buff, with an Amateur Radio license for his ham radio. Richard leaves behind his son Dylan Sammis and his wife Tara, daughter Sarah Benson and her husband Jacob as well as son Eliot Pickel, all of Bloomington. He also leaves behind his sisters Carol Somsel of Bremen, Indiana and Kay Hunter of Covington, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Sherry Sammis. A service to celebrate Richard's life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2120 North Fee Lane, on Saturday, November 20th at 5:00pm. Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old Highway 37, is handling arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heartwood

organization.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Still miss you, Dik, and your beautiful Sherry. World still feels strange without my two free spirited friends, rocks in my life. RIP.

Linda Benjamin-Miles - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

DO

“ Dick, or Dik as his preferred spelling in recent years, and I have been friends for over 50 years. We were best friends from the time his family moved from North Carolina to Covington in 1958, through high school, college, and until his passing.

Dik and I shared a passion for amateur radio, aka ham radio, as both of us were licensed hams. He and his father Willard, also a ham, had a very important impact on my life. My memories of Dik's family and all of the shared fun we had double dating with our respective high school girlfriends will remain with me forever.

I offer my sincere condolences to his family, and his son Dylan, and his ex-wife Susan Sammis.

Take care my friend,
Don W9CW

Don Allen - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

TE

“ Richard was an amazing guy. He somehow found a way to walk through the fire and still continue living life. His strength was an inspiration to me. I only hope I too can remain as positive, happy and at peace when I am confronted with life's challenges. I will always remember his quiet smile and grace and along with Ken, wish him a good journey. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Teresa Bass - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

DE

“ I had the privilege to work with Dik for the past 28 years at IU. While I did not know Dik well, he was always kind and thoughtful to me and others. He was many times a calm and reasonable voice which made people listen when he had something to say. My thoughts and prayers are with Dik and his family.

Dennis Gillespie - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

TI

“ Hi. I was shocked today to learn that Richard "Dick" Sammis had recently died. While I never got to know him well, I had a lot of respect for him for the knowledge I knew he carried about networking, and the excellent team of engineers he managed at IU. He will be missed.

Tim Silvers - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

KE

“ Richard is the classic example of what a person can be. No, he wasn't perfect. And that to me is comforting. He showed us that a person can be patient, wise, strong, and caring. He lived his life with dignity and grace.

Good Journey, Dik...

Ken

Ken Dunn - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

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“ *Richard was one of the most kind and caring people I know. I thought about him often. Sherry was my cousin and Richard and Sherry opened their home to my family while my daughter was a student at IU. I will truly miss him.*

Linda Chism - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM