



Richard Donald "Dick" Heupel

November 22, 1954 - August 24, 2023

Richard Donald "Dick" Heupel, 68, of Bloomington passed away on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at the IU Health Hospice House.

He was born on November 22, 1954 in Garrett, Indiana, the son of Donald Frederick and Arline Marie (Mellott) Heupel. Dick was a 1973 graduate of Garrett High School in Garrett, Indiana. He married the love of his life Laura Melissa Welton on July 9, 1977 in Kentland, Indiana. They were happily married for forty-six years. Dick received his bachelor's degree in 1980 from Indiana University. He earned Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) designation from International Economic Development Council and predecessor organization in 1989 from the University of Oklahoma. He re-certified eight times. In 2013, he received his master's degree from Ball State University. His selected service to the industry includes boards of directors of the Indiana Statewide Certified Development Corp; Indiana Economic Development Association (President 2005); Mid-America Economic Development Council (President 2000); Bloomington Economic Development Corp, and Downtown Improvement Corp. Advisory boards include Indiana Main Street Council and Valparaiso University College of Business Administration Dean's Advisory Council. He was the Field Representative, Community Development Division, Indiana Department of Commerce; Executive Director, Northwest Indiana Forum Foundation; Executive Director, Jay County Development Corporation; President, Richland Economic Development Corporation; Director, Economic Development and Manager,

Key Accounts, Hoosier Energy; Director, Center for Community Economic Development at Ball State University.

Dick was most importantly an amazing husband, father, and grandfather who loved his family and spending time with them. He enjoyed IU football and basketball, playing the guitar, perfecting his billiards game, tinkering on motorcycles and cars, playing flight simulator, sailing, and spending time with friends. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Laura (Welton) Heupel of Bloomington; his daughters, Melanie (Andy) Keller of Bloomington; Gina (Matt) Johnson of Southlake, TX; four grandchildren: Malone and Millie Johnson, Emerson and Brayton Keller; two sisters, Carol (Roger) Rhodes of Bloomington and Janene Trobridge of Wabash; his sister-in-law, Kathie Wozniak formerly of Springfield, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents Donald and Arline Heupel; brother Dana Heupel; and brother-in-law Rick Trobridge.

Visitation will be held from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Monday, August 28, 2023 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

The family would like to thank the IU Health Hospice House and IU Health Bloomington Hospital staff, and Hearthstone Health Campus staff for all their care.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I'm very late to find out of Dick's passing. I enjoyed working with him (20 years ago) and had many great conversations and considered him a very good man and mentor. Jeremy Marcum

Jeremy Marcum - March 16 at 09:47 PM

JD

“ Dick and used to play guitars together on Pleasant Run Parkway when he lived in Indy. He was a good man and friend. My condolences to his family, but remember "We'll Meet Again"

John D DiVincenzo - September 05, 2023 at 06:14 PM

CK

“ I knew Dick through the Indiana Economic Development Course in Muncie. He was an engaging, funny, and kind man who made the week enjoyable and valuable. I will miss him. Grace and peace to his family.

Chip Keller - August 30, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Donald "Dick" Heupel.



August 29, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I worked with him at Hoosier Energy for over 10 years and enjoyed his wit and respected his intellect. Rest In Peace.*

Mike Mooney - August 29, 2023 at 08:03 AM

WH

“ *My deepest condolences to your loving family and friends during this heartbreaking time. I had the opportunity to hear Dick speak on several occasions when I was with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. He always seemed to find a way to incorporate a fun family story somewhere before diving into the more serious business of economic development. My heart hurts for you as you navigate through the days ahead.*

Wanda Heath - August 29, 2023 at 06:37 AM

RA

“ *A great gentleman. I had the pleasure of shooting billards with him at Buddy Guys House of Blues in Chicago. Other than family, still one of my most enjoyable evenings.*

Ron Arnold

Ronald Arnold - August 28, 2023 at 04:01 PM

DB

“ *Condolences to Laura and all the Family. Dick was a true and trusted friend and business colleague for many years as we travelled the many paths of the Economic Development World. Dick was always up for a deep discussion on Economic Development Philosophies, which eventually led to many hilarious discussions about life. Bless you Dick. You were truly "one of a kind" and one of the "good guys".*

Daniel J Brackemyre - August 28, 2023 at 03:15 PM

BB

“ *Dickens a dear friend and colleague who I met early in my economic development career. I was in Adams County and he was in Jay County. He was a wonderful friend who I will miss in many ways. No conversation with Dick was ever short. He would always illustrate and compliment with his years of experience. I will miss him greatly and wish his blessings in the life eternal. May his family be blessed in his memory.*

Bill Bradley

Bill Bradley - August 28, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Whether working with Dick when he was in Portland, Indianapolis, Bloomington or Muncie, Dick was always a caring and thoughtful human being. Dick truly worked every day to make the world a better place.*

Tim Eckerle - August 28, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Donald "Dick" Heupel.*

August 27, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Donald "Dick" Heupel.*



August 26, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Donald "Dick" Heupel.

August 26, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ Laura,
Condolences to all your family. The world class individual Dick was is not lost on all who knew him. I was lucky enough to share my youth with him and know that he loved and cherished you and the girls. Rest in peace dear friend.

Randy Mueller - August 26, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ Laura,
Our Deepest Sympathies
The old Neighbors in Albany IN

Jeff and Karla Riggini - August 26, 2023 at 10:09 AM