



Richard Allen (Dick) Hiatt

July 22, 1945 - December 2, 2024

Richard Allen (Dick) Hiatt, 79, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2024 with Cathy, his wife, by his side. He was born on July 22, 1945 in Berea, Kentucky to Charles Allen and E. Virginia (nee Abney) Hiatt.

While still an infant, his family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where he attended Warren Township schools and graduated from Warren Central High School in 1963. He was active in Boy Scouts and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He discovered his love of music in high school, playing saxophone in school and extracurricular ensembles. He completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in mathematics at Indiana University, Bloomington. He was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa social fraternity.

He and Cathy met at I.U. in 1966 and they married on January 28, 1968. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1973 at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois. He took computer science classes at the nearby University of Illinois and soon joined the small staff of administrative computing at I.U. as a computer programmer in 1973. It is now the University Information Technology Service where he worked for 37 years, retiring in 2010.

Dick was a charter member of the Bloomington Community Band from 1977, playing clarinet, alto and baritone saxophones over the years. He enjoyed playing the music and also enjoyed the friendships he made.

After he retired, he frequently volunteered at Wonderlab, stationed at the climber, monitoring the shoes and socks.

He loved to read and work jigsaw and crossword puzzles. He was a 50-

year member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington.

He enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and visiting his sons.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Cathy, and both of his sons and their families, Chris, Annie and Emma, Brooklyn, NY and Jeff, Dawn and Magnolia, Wenonah, NJ. Also surviving are his aunt, Betty Huckeba, his half-sister, Leora (Lee) Robb and nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family wishes to thank the Alzheimer and Dementia Resource Service and Dayna Thompson for helping Dick and Cathy have a good quality of life living with dementia.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 15 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, 2120 North Fee Lane at 2 o'clock with a reception to follow.

Memorial contributions may be given in Dick's name to Bloomington Community Band, Wonderlab, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church
2120 N. Fee Ln
Bloomington,, IN 47408

Tribute Wall

HS

“ Oh Cathy, I was so sorry to read this news in the HT this morning! The partnership you had through better and worse was clearly a strong one. As you begin this wide-open chapter in your life, I will be thinking of you. Let me know if you'd like to pick up a cuppa somewhere. We can make a toast to your Dick and my Bill together!
Holly (Stocking)

Holly Stocking - March 10, 2025 at 01:37 PM

VP

“ I knew Dick in college through friends Lloyd and Valerie DeWar. He was a kind and gentle soul. I actually was thinking of him the other day as I still owe him a paperback book he loaned me -- Edgar Rice Burroughs' "A Princess of Mars." He said his science fiction books were important to him and I feel I let him down by not keeping track of it. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Vicki Massy Palmer of Seminole, Florida.

Vicki Massy Palmer - March 08, 2025 at 10:04 AM

CM

I knew Dick and Cathy through their shared love of nature. I remember him as a quiet, kind, and gentle soul. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I regret not being able to attend the memorial service. My condolences to the family.

Cathy Meyer - March 10, 2025 at 05:43 PM

AC

Heartfelt & caring thoughts are with you & yours. Grateful for the memories & honor of knowing you both.
Anne & Les Coyne

Anne Coyne - March 14, 2025 at 08:58 PM

AE

Hi Cathy, I am so sorry to hear about Dick's passing. We were a team for so many years. I had planned to come to the service today, but took a tumble yesterday and won't be able to make it. It would have been so nice to reminisce with others who remember him. I chuckled when I read that Dick really enjoyed working the climber at WonderLab. Dick always did enjoy the work that I liked least. It's some of what made us a good team; we complemented each other. We got a lot done that way over many years. Ann Edmonds

Ann Edmonds - March 22, 2025 at 09:37 AM

NH

I believe this is my grandpa. Never met him...if it was...he was once married to my Grandma, Wesley Hiatt. He had three kiddos with her, all still alive. Hope he is resting in peace.

Nicholas Hiatt - August 06, 2025 at 05:28 PM