



## Richard R. Repasky

October 10, 1955 - October 22, 2010

Richard Repasky, age 55, of Bloomington, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2010 after a long battle with cancer. He was the Manager of the Center for Computational Cytomics at Indiana University where he focused specifically on supporting bioinformatics and computational biology. Richard was an avid birder, and took time off for recreational birding as well as for fieldwork helping his friends and colleagues with their research. Richard was also a ham radio enthusiast and was an active participant with the Monroe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service providing communications support for many large recreational events in an around Bloomington. Richard received in Ph.D. in zoology from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia and his undergraduate degrees from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Richard is survived by his parents Raymond and Claire Repasky, his sister Lynn Kieffer and husband Christopher Kieffer, a nephew Christopher Kieffer Jr, and a niece Stacie Sullivan. Richard was preceded in death by his sister Nancy Sullivan. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in his name to the American Cancer Society or the Audubon Society. A Memorial Service will be held for Richard on Wednesday October 27, 2010 at 3:00PM at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37. Visitation will be held from 2:00PM until the time of the service at 3:00PM on Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home as well.

# Tribute Wall

XI

“ To Dick's family and friends,

*Dick was my boss when I was in Blooming. He is kind, strong, and wise. He encourage me a lot and helped me grow! I am sad to hear this news. May his smile, wit, and humor be with you. May peace and relax with him!*

*Take care,  
Xin*

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**Xin Hong** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was a great man, and he was always friendly and cheerful towards me. I remember my first meeting with him was when I was interviewed by a panel, including Dick, in 2001. He made me feel like we were old friends immediately, which put me at ease and probably helped me get the job.

*I really regret that since we traveled in different circles and since I work on a different campus, that I didn't get to see Dick more than occasionally over the years.*

*I created an online memorial for Dick using his Herald Times obituary and a picture I found of him:*

*<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=60697838>*

*I'd be very willing to update it with any more information that you would like to be on that page, and if you have any better pictures of him, I can add them as well.*

*Take care,*

*Chris*

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**Chris Garrison** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JO

“ I also had the good fortune to work with Dick during my graduate work at University of British Columbia. To me, people like Dick was what made graduate school most rewarding. It was his love of thought, and his incessant inquisitiveness into evolution, ecology, or for that matter any complex problem that confronted ecologists that made Dick so unique. He loved to discuss any topic, and help students, with a warm smile on his face, without the ego and competitiveness that can be present in the academic environment. Dick was a true shining star and his overall contribution to ecology, and the students of ecology, cannot be underestimated.

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**John Boulanger** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ to all the family and frinds of richard,  
may God be with you durring these hard times.  
mark deweese kb9udk.

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**mark deweese** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ Dick was a shining star in my life as a graduate student at San Francisco State University from 1992-1996, and on into his work in Bloomington. At that time he was working with Barry Sinervo on lizards. Dick agreed to become one of my major advisors with Tom Smith from SFSU. He was one of the reasons that I finished my Master's degree. He was in the field with me. We talked about life, love and lizards on a daily basis. He helped explain statistics and even ran many analyses with me. But, most importantly - he was a wonderful person to know and be around. He taught me how to make "Garbs and Torts" a favorite field dish. His laugh was infectious. He smiled often and was as genuine as anyone I have ever met. Dick, I will miss you greatly. I just went on a little SF golden gate park bird walk to get some air after Tony Frankino sent me the sad news - and I heard an Anna's hummingbird singing about you.

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**Chris Giorni** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

BA

“ I too had the good fortune to work with Dick when he was a graduate student in Vancouver BC. Dick introduced me to the ecology of the Sonoran Desert during his research work in Deep Canyon, California. We had a great time working together. I loved this enthusiasm for ecology, natural history, politics, and of course, food and drink. I recall us being referred to as the 'truffle sundae kids from Canada' at the Indian Wells Date Garden in Palm Desert due to our frequent visits to this establishment.

*The desert has become a very special place for both my wife and I and it was Dick that brought the beauty and wonder of this part of the world into our lives. For this we will be ever grateful. He was one of a kind and will be missed.*

*Barry Booth*

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**Barry Booth** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

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“ *I had the good fortune to work with Richard and am sure that the world will be a lesser place without his wit and charm.*

*With sadness*

*Nora Jewell Tolber*

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**Nora Jewell Tolbert** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM