



Richard Burkhart

March 28, 1934 - January 2, 2015

Richard Burkhart, age 80 of Bloomington passed away early Friday morning January 2, 2015 at the Meadowood Health Pavillon. He was born in Epsom, Indiana on March 28, 1934 to James Floyd Burkhart and Ethel Bell Grove Burkhart.

Richard was a 1952 graduate of Washington High School in Washington, Indiana. He went on to serve in the United States Air Force as a Staff Sergeant for four years during the Korean War. Richard spent his professional career with American General Life Insurance in sales, retiring after 37 award winning years. He was very involved with numerous organizations. He was a 50 year member of The Masonic Lodge, Past Patron of The Order of The Eastern Star, past member of both the Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine, past member of the Elks Lodge in Bloomington, the Moose Lodge of Washington, Indiana, the American Legion, and United Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis Merry Burkhart of Bloomington, son Jim Burkhart of Kokomo, Indiana, son Richard Burkhart of Spring Hill, Florida, six grandchildren Amy, Stephanie, Tom, Aaron, Rachel, and Abby. He is also survived by step children Richard Trinkle, Charles Trinkle, Jill Trinkle, Gina Rigger, and Tia

Deckard; seven step grandchildren, Seth, Becky, Colin, Eli, Stephanie, Johnnie Lee, Calib, and Tabatha.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Jim and Richard's mother, Gertrude Burkhart in 1996.

Funeral services for Richard will be held Monday evening, January 5, 2015 at 7:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old Highway 37. Rev Mitchell J. Coggin will be presiding. Visitation will be also be held Monday January 5, 2015 from 4:00PM until the time of the service at 7:00PM at Allen Funeral Home.

Richard will be laid to rest in Kokomo, Indiana at the Albright Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, January 6, 2015, at 1:00PM.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

MI

“ So sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I have many great and fond memories of your parents! They are Some of the Best People I have ever known! I tried a couple of times to catch up with your Dad after he moved south but didn't connect. Our prayers are with all of you! Stay Strong and know that God has a plan for each of you! He will give you the peace that passes all of our understanding through our LOrd Jesus Christ, if we only just seek Him!
In Christ's Love, Mike and Wanda Hornstein

Mike Hornstein - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

MC

“ My prayers goes out to the family of Richard Burkhart. May god help your family in this needed time to heal. What I have heard what a wonderful man he was and my prayers goes out to the family of this man.

Michele crail - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

SA

“ I will miss Richard so much. He always was ready with a smile and kind words. He told wonderful jokes and laughed as hard as anyone else. I appreciated watching him and Phylis as their love for one another was perfectly visible. They also willingly shared their affection verbally. The stories of their lives together were told with so much joy - it was obvious that they held each other in great affection.

Knowing him at church I saw his strong faith and even more as he faced the illness with courage and even laughter. Men like Richard are rare gems and I will never ever forget him, his smile and his example as a man who was both confident and humble. May you all be blessed by the goodness that he was and the relationships you have with him. Nothing will ever take those memories away. God bless you all and give you strength in your mourning.

Sarah Cochran - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

RS

“ Dear Family of Richard,

We wonder at the joy Richard experiences today in the Presence of our Lord and Savior.

And I will miss my golf buddy. I wonder if heaven will have golf courses. In a few years we will all find out.

The best is yet to be ...

Rev. Robert Lorimer

Robert and Sue Lorimer - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DA

“ *Phyllis and Family,
Melanie and I were so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. We had followed his progress each week in church. Our deepest condolences to you in this difficult time.
Darian and Melanie Mathis-McBride*

Darian McBride - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

JH

“ *To me and mine, he is "Uncle Dick."
I am Jean (Bennie L. Arney) Hafley. Our three children, Joanne, Julie, Ben Jr. Arney were privileged to know and love this wonderful man. Numerous and joyful family occasions and visits are speeding through our memories. His beaming smile and hugs of love are felt again through our tears. When our family traveled to the Kokomo home of Uncle Dick and Aunt Gert we were rewarded with a day of love, food, fun and games. God's blessing was with us.
Our two cousins, Jim and Richie Burkhart added to the festive times and generously shared the love of our Uncle Dick and Aunt.
When Aunt Gert left for heaven years ago we were all happy Uncle Dick found his Phyllis to continue a fuller life in Washington, In. and later Bloomington. Dick was generous in every thought and action. He has been the example of the family Uncle to admire, love and cherish. A book could be filled with all the flashbacks of times gone bye with the Burkhart Family tree of loved ones.
So to Phyllis, Jim, Richie, grandchildren and families be assured you are in our hearts and our thoughts. We Will Never Forget!!
Love, Jean Ann, Joanne, Julie and Bennie L. Arney Jr.*

Jean Ann (Arney) Hafley - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

MC

“ Dear Rich, Lisa, and family,

We are so sorry for your loss, but praise the Lord that in His perfect timing you were able to see Rich's dad and spend time with him, celebrating his life and legacy before he was called home.

We know this was not unexpected, but it is still painful and a loss, and we mourn with you. We pray for strength for you all as you get through the next few days, but especially as you face family milestones in the next year.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

Mike, Carrie, and Katie

Mike and Carrie Yocum - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

ND

“ Stephanie Barnhill and Jill Trinkle,
I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Richard. Thinking and praying for you all. I hope all the positive and happy memories can help bring you and the family comfort during this difficult time.
Lots of love - Natalie & Drew

Natalie & Drew Crohn - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM