



Rick Miracle

September 30, 1948 - April 15, 2024

Rick Miracle (born George Frederick Miracle) passed away Monday, April 15, 2024 at age 75. Rick was born in Seymour, Indiana on September 30, 1948 to his parents James Boyd Miracle and Dorothy Miracle. Both preceded him in death, along with his sister, Aletha Miracle and brother James Miracle. He is survived by his wife of 26 incredible years, Louise Elaine Miracle. He is also survived by his loving stepson, George Dunn, daughter-in-law Debbie Dunn, grandson Connor Dunn and granddaughter Katie Dunn, along with his daughter Tova. As the grandkids' "Gumba", he was never afraid to be silly and goofy, along with asking questions about their lives. Not to be left out, he also leaves behind his burly Chocolate Lab, Cody and sweet kitty, "Trouble."

Rick had a life-long passion for the Game of Golf, which he saw as a metaphor for living life to its fullest with honor, grace, and dedication. He considered it a sacred endeavor which he shared with Louise as she caddied for him through his local, regional, and state tournaments. Some of his most special golfing moments included when he played in the 101st Indiana Amateur Championship (2001), the Bloomington Country Club Men's Senior Champion (2006, 2014, 2016), and the Bloomington City Golf Championship Medalist (2000) and Ross Rush Champion (2016, 2017). He was most honored to be inducted into the Bloomington City Golf Championship Hall of Fame (2017).

Rick and Louise lived in Ireland (1998-1999) and wrote the definitive golf guidebook, *Trolleys and Squibs: A Golfer's Guide to Irish Links* (2000). That year they played nearly every golf course in both the Republic of Ireland as well as Northern Ireland. It was a year of profound reverence for the Game as they also played courses on sacred Scottish soil, St. Andrews and Carnoustie.

In addition to his Love of Golf, Rick had a love of working outdoors. He and Louise together built their house, designed and planted numerous gardens (some with mystical and spiritual significance), and they were always working on a project and planning the next one. He loved talking about important things going on in their lives. He was a profound listener and never gave a perfunctory answer.

As a young man with an adventurous spirit, he was part of a crew that sailed a 3-masted Schooner around the world, stopping in exotic ports and far-away places. Northern Michigan was a constant in his life; he and Louise had yearly trips to Petoskey and the UP. He loved exploring new places without a map or itinerary.

Through the years, Rick enjoyed the company of friends with whom he played golf and others with whom he searched for "the meaning of Life." He loved a rousing game of Scrabble, hugging his dogs and kitties, listening to Irish music with a pint of Guinness, and a good piece of pie.

It was easy to love him for he gave of himself whole-heartedly. He asked questions of himself that were provocative and made for continued growth, creativity, and honesty. He was a loving man who was much loved.

There will be a Celebration of Life later this summer.

Tribute Wall

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“ Rest in Peace, Ricky. My wonderful 1st cousin who was so kind and funny for his little cousin, Saralynn (Sara Christy, now). We weren't together much as I was "the baby" of our family (your Mother's sister's family) but I know that our families met in the Rocky Mountains for picnics often when I was a toddler. I also remember my 6th grade year living in Bloomington while my mother was working on her doctorate and our visits to your house across from the University. I knew Tova later as a little one when my first husband and I lived in Indianapolis where I had my first teaching job in 1974. I am still thankful that you organized a Retirement Party for my mother in Indianapolis. We had such fun! Just now learning of your passing, Ricky --- so I will say my Prayers for you and send you lots and lots of White Light...
One of your 1st cousins, Saralynn (Haynes, McNeill) Christy

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“ Most of my memories of Rick are also of Louise. What a wonderful, loving couple. I can still visualize them on a golf course year after year, Rick playing and Louise caddying. Good times, good memories of Rick enjoying life to the fullest. Bloomington lost a good one. My thoughts are with you Louise and with all your family.
Deb Murzyn

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Our thoughts are with his daughter, Tova Miracle, as well regardless of their differences.

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