



Richard D. Bigham Jr.

March 2, 1938 - May 1, 2017

Richard Dean Bigham Jr passed away May 1, 2017 after a brief fight against melanoma and brain cancer. To say Dick Bigham was well loved and well known is an understatement. Dick was born on March 2, 1938 in Columbus. He attended Immaculate Conception and St. Agatha grade schools and is a 1956 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School. To this day he still saw, associated and heard from childhood and high school friends regularly, Veritas! From the time Dick could walk, he worked in the family sign business started by his father, Richard Dean Bigham Sr, (1913-1985), Bigham Sign and Display, Co, Bigham Graphic Group. After a brief, few years at University of Dayton, he met his roommate, James Bollensen (1938-2014), later to become his brother- in- law, marrying Dicks only sibling, Patrice (Bigham) Bollensen. In 1960, Dick joined the Ohio National Guard. He was very proud of his service. He was honorably discharged in 1965 to take over the family sign business and raise his family. In 1962, Dick married Jani (Miller) Bigham, (1941-1993). They shared a great life together with lots of camping and beach trips, fun friends and family and raising five children together and then 15 grandchildren. Dan and Betsy Bigham, their children, Alexx (soon to be son-in-law, Tony Vargas), Dani, Hollis, and Olivia; Susi and Paul Edgington, their children, Zach, Jeff, Aimee (soon to be son-in-law, James Larrabee); Elizabeth and Scott Quinn, their children, Wyatt, McConnell, and Bridgett; Natalie and Scott Schroeder, their children, Sally, Dutch, and Tabitha; Matt and Nicole Bigham, their children, Matilde and newest member, Lucas Dean. After a 31-

year marriage, Jani passed away unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm. Dick was lucky in love and in August 1995, married Joy (Brown) Bigham a long-time family friend. Joyful added even more children, grandchildren, the only great grandchild and more in-laws, to the clan, Teri and Mark Bringardner, their children, Chris and Marie Barnes, with great-grandson Lincoln, and Fletcher Barnes; Julia Boron, her children, Michael and Sara Boron, Briana, and Joey; Beth and Ron Sprout, their son, Marcus; Ken and Diana Brown, their son, Garrick. Joy passed away after 19 years of marriage following a brief illness. They shared many travels and adventures and many fun times with all of their children and grandchildren. Then along came Alice Brusadin, Dicks most recent friend, companion and travel mate. Dick met Alice at Riverside Hospital where he volunteered for 25 years earning many awards for his countless hours of service and volunteering. Alice and Dick were together the past three years. Alice was a huge comfort to Dick over the past few months with his illness. Dick Bigham's life revolved around his family, his faith in the Catholic Church, the sign shop, his friends and living in the City of Columbus. Dick could and would walk in anywhere and make a friend and usually that friend was someone he knew or somehow related to someone he knew. Dick was the definition of 6 (or less) degrees of separation, by the time he finished talking with someone, they knew his life story and his kids' life stories. He didn't know a stranger and was a master story teller! Richard Bigham leaves behind a legacy of being a great father, brother, uncle, grandpa, friend, man and much more! He will be missed by many but never forgotten! Heaven got a good man! Go Bucks! The family will receive friends at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085 on Friday, May 5 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus, OH 43214. Private family inurnment. In Lieu of Flowers, the family is accepting contributions to the OhioHealth Foundation, PO Box 600001, Columbus, OH 43272-9802. www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
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Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
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Funeral Mass

MAY 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
20 E. Dominion Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43214

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. Bigham Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My sympathies to the family. Mr. Bigham has come into the office for sign permits as long as I can remember. He was always a gentleman and always had a smile on his face. He was also kind and helpful a few years ago when I had to visit a dying friend in Riverside Hospital.*

Cindy Krebs

Cindy Krebs - May 05, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard D. Bigham Jr..*



May 05, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was my godfather, Evelyn was my godmother. Dick was a wonderful person and I am so very sad that he is gone.*

Love, Nancy Fallon Willemstein

Nancy Fallon Willemstein - May 05, 2017 at 01:20 PM

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“ The obituary for Dick so beautifully described him. He and I were classmates in grade school and friends through high school and he always remained the same happy, interested guy. I was at Riverside Hospital last September and stopped at the help desk to ask for help in finding the cafeteria. The man with the beard said, "Rose Ann Guzzo you just go through that door" and suddenly startled, I realized it was Dick. It had been a long time since our paths had crossed. So we chatted for 30 minutes and, indeed, I was updated about his children, grandchildren and Alice and I left feeling wonderful because it was if we had just talked the week before and he was the same wonderful person after so many years.

Rose Ann Graf - May 04, 2017 at 11:38 AM

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“ God Bless and Thank YOU, Dick for your service in The National Guard..RIP.. And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - May 04, 2017 at 10:42 AM



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May 03, 2017 at 03:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Richard D. Bigham Jr..



May 03, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Richard D. Bigham Jr..



May 02, 2017 at 06:41 PM