



Richard E Bechtold

June 5, 1942 - April 27, 2020

Richard Bechtold Obituary

Richard E. Bechtold, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and Friend, passed away at the age of 77, on Monday, April 27, 2020 in Tifton, Georgia.

Richard was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 5, 1942 to Eldon and Alice Bechtold. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Sanders Bechtold, sister Linda (Spurling) Bechtold and grandson Justin Adams. He is survived by sons, Bryan (Heather) Bechtold, Brandon (Cyndi) Bechtold and Bret (Terri) Bechtold, grandchildren Brittany, Brandy, Brooke (Preston Sr), Bryan R. (Jennifer), Jerod (Madison), Brady, Kendall, Taylor and great grandchildren Keira, Preston Jr, Elijah, Emillia, Brytan, Paisley, Mia, Kolumbia, Crue, and future grandson Briggs, as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Richard graduated from Cromwell High School in 1960. After graduation, Richard enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country honorably as a "Signalman" for four years from 1960–1964 during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Richard drove a ready-mix truck for nearly 20 years for Fidler's Inc. in Goshen, Indiana until retirement.

Richard loved spending time with family, friends and traveling to Montana, Indiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida and back home to his friends in

Brookfield, Georgia, taking pictures of everything he did and everywhere he visited. He loved reading, cross word puzzles, and Solitaire. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing and camping. He never stopped learning about history and was known for his witty humor and harmless pranks for a good laugh. Richard loved the World of Outlaws, sprint car races at Eldora Speedway, Native American pow wows and memorabilia, and living a simple life. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him dearly.

Due to current restrictions on gatherings, a celebration of Richard's life will be held at a later date in his hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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in memory of Richard E Bechtold, please visit our floral store.

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“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Richard E Bechtold by Amy Ringler Robison. Plant a Tree Sending peace, comfort, and caring thoughts. Amy Ringler Robison

Amy Ringler Robison - August 24, 2023 at 10:44 AM

JB

“ So very sorry to hear this. We had fun with him in Montana while he was here. Sending hugs and prayers. 🥺💕

John and shirley Bennett - May 05, 2020 at 02:59 PM

DR

“ Hello, Brian, Brandon and Bret, It is hard to believe that a week has already passed since your father went to his reward. It was such a pleasure to have him contact us last year for a visit to his mother's and father's families back in South Whitley, IN where he grew up. We reminisced for hours about the funny times and sad times we shared in our youth. I was only a month younger than his brother, Sandy, and we spent many days being ornery boys down by the Eel River. The house where he live as a child is still there in South Whitley and many of the old places he remembered still exist. Many are gone too. But that is what life is, a journey. We have a beginning and an end. All of us who are first cousins of your Dad and you too are welcome always to visit us. We remember you as little guys your Dad was so proud of. When you can, please contact me, and we will review that video I gave him which captured him as just about 3 years old. It is precious. May the Creator hold you close and give you comfort as you mourn.

Donna & Jeff Ott, Janel Hicks and all the IN relatives. - May 04, 2020 at 09:25 PM

PS

“ So many memories of Richard He was a special member of our Breakfast Club at Paradise Lake In case you didn't know Richard Hated Flip Flops.. So when he went away with family one weekend .. We decorated his camper and everything around it with Flip Flops !! But he left the up and even hung one from the grill of his truck 😊 We were blessed to call him Friend He will be missed 😞

Patty & Jim Synecky - May 01, 2020 at 05:55 PM

BR

“ I love you Dad! Bret

Bret - May 01, 2020 at 05:21 PM