



Richard A. Bondie

November 30, 1947 - April 10, 2017

Richard A. Bondie of Lincoln Park, MI passed away at age 69 on April 10, 2017. Beloved husband and best friend of Pattiann Heitchue, Loving father of Elizabeth Bondie Arive, Celeste Bondie, and Heather Bondie. Proud grandfather of Alyssa Bazinau, Kiana Bazinau, Sequoia Bazinau, Miko Bondie, and Nicholas Bondie Grigsby. He is also survived by his brother and friend, William Bondie, as well as many cherished family members and friends. Richard grew up in Carleton and lived in Wyandotte and Lincoln Park, MI. He retired from Services To Enhance Potential (STEP) in 2013, but he never seemed to stop working or helping people. He enjoyed biking, running, kayaking, hiking, golfing, carpentry, telling “Dad jokes”, and helping others. He will be remembered by so many who had that instant connection to him. His fun outlook, deep respect for all people, and strong work ethic drew people to him and created life-long friendships. Rich had long ago decided to donate his body to the University of Michigan Medical Research program. Continuing his legacy of selflessness, his body will be used for education or disease research. There aren’t words to convey the strong impact he had on so many or the extent of his caring and generous nature. The world has lost a great man. A celebration of his life will take place privately on May 12th. Contributions in memory of Richard Bondie may be made to The Dearborn Animal Shelter, 2661 Greenfield Road, Dearborn, MI 48120 or The Westland Humane Society, 900 N. Newburgh Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard A. Bondie*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *It's hard to believe it's been 6 years since you left us. I still have to remind myself sometimes that you're gone; it feels like only yesterday I got to talk with you and that maybe, just maybe, I'll see your name come up on the caller ID. There are so many moments and experiences I wish you had been here to see but I'm forever thankful that I got the time with you that I did. I'll forever cherish the great memories and life lessons you've left me. Love and miss you forever, grandpa.*

Alyssa Simpson - May 12, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ *Susan Southerland-Stricker lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Bondie*



Susan Southerland-Stricker - December 14, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Prayers for his family, so sorry to have lost touch over the years. I remember how great he was when we were in high school together! We send our deepest sympathy to all the family.*

Linda Florian - May 16, 2017 at 08:05 PM

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“ Rich was the kind of guy that made you love him the minute you met him. To Patti and his family...my heart is with you. My deepest sympathy to you in your loss. He is truly irreplaceable. - Cheryl Fregolle

Cheryl Fregolle - May 13, 2017 at 09:19 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Pattiann in 1995. Through her I met Rich. Over the years he has gotten me out of quite a few jams. From vouching for me with the alarm company when I set off the alarm at Step Northwest, and rescuing me and the crew in Detroit when our van was smoking inside. I had the opportunity to socialize with Rich and Pattiann at several functions. These are great memories of a great man.

Tempie Goins - May 12, 2017 at 12:05 PM

 Debbie
Cook

“ There are so many memories of Rich, where do I begin? The hot lunches at Western Wayne STEP where all staff pitched in and made and served food. Rich excelled at Sloppy Joes! (With cheese) or the time he stole the plastic tree I rescued out of the trash from my office and put it in the men's room! The many many times he gave me a poinsettia at Christmas, a book because he thought I would like it, or just a listening ear. He spent alot of time with my husband when he was in the ICU and was such a good and loyal friend to him. This meant so much to me to see them both laughing together when I came in. After my husband's passing, Rich continued honoring him by taking me under his wing. He gave me phone numbers for trusted plumbers, electricians, appliance repairmen, etc. He fixed the flange on my toilet (I'm still not sure how appropriate this was) and installed my garage door opener. There are memories of Rich wherever I go. I dive past Ray Hunters I remember taking my grandchildren to see Santa and The Easter Bunny. While most kids are frightened, my grandson just loved the Easter Bunny. He didn't want to leave. Now our pictures are even more cherished because Rich took them. He will forever be in my memories and my heart.

Debbie Cook - May 12, 2017 at 11:53 AM