



Bill E. Ritchie

May 18, 1953 - August 12, 2023

Bill E. Ritchie, 70, passed away on August 12th, 2023. As the child of an Army Master Sergeant, he spent his childhood living around the world including Germany and France. His father was an Army Recruiter and was assigned to Logansport, IN when Bill was 10. This is where they would plant roots. Bill became a very proud Logansport Berry. He played football and wrestling for the Berries. He tried basketball, but since he was used to contact sports, he fouled out of every game and never played in the second half. He attended Indiana State University where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and met the love of his life Paula.

Bill built a stellar career with Management Recruiters International (MRI), starting in 1994. Affectionately known as the “Six Million Dollar Man” by his colleagues and family for being the first to reach major milestones of achievement with MRI. Bill was the recipient of multiple national, regional and local awards, including: Account Executive of the Year, Pacesetter, and member of MRI’s Hall of Fame. Bill accepted an offer to become a partner with MRI (now iRiS Recruiting Solutions) in 2002, where he continued to help build organizations and change lives for the better until his retirement in 2019. Bill was the definition of “fiercely loyal”. Anyone connected to Bill would say that he was a man who loved hard. Once you were “in”, you were in for life. This ferocious love extended to those that he loved and their chosen families. If you were good to his people, that was enough for him. He was a father

figure to many, and willingly assisted and guided his niece, nephew, and children's friends like they were his own. Bill's wit was unmatched, and his sense of humor perfectly fit his personality.

He was a die-hard Notre Dame football fan and loved to represent for his Indiana State Sycamores any chance he had. He became an avid Indiana Hoosiers fan when his children, and his money, traveled to Bloomington. His love for youth sports permeated his life. He coached many of his son's Little League teams and served as the Little League Commissioner. One of his family's most cherished memories includes sitting around listening to music on his 100-disc CD changer, watching him dance with his wife, and sharing many stories.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Paula Ritchie, as well as his three children, Curt, Colleen, and Cara. Also, by: his father, William C Ritchie; his sister, Sherry Frank; his nephew, Chris Frank; and his niece, Tammy Geisler (Eric), as well as their children. He was preceded in death by his mother, Hattie Ritchie.

A celebration of life will be held Monday, August 21, 2023 from beginning at 5:00 p.m. with stories of remembrance beginning at 6:30 p.m. at The Villa at Britton Falls, 16485 Del Webb Parkway, Fishers, IN 46037.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Diversity Church Food Pantry, 101 E. Raymond St., Indianapolis, IN 46225. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

The Villa at Britton Falls
16485 Del Webb Parkway
Fishers, IN 46037

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so very sorry for the loss of your husband and father! In his memory, we have made a donation to the Diversity Church Food Pantry. For his memory, we hope this gift can serve others in a way that Bill would like. May God give you strength and wonderful memories as you navigate this grief. Lynn and John Cuthbert

Lyynn Cuthbert - August 22, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bill E. Ritchie.



August 21, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill E. Ritchie.



August 20, 2023 at 10:32 PM

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“ Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. We fondly remember our times together on the Football field and other sports arenas. Bill was such a fierce, kind and positive human being. Love, Paul and Bobbi Dunne

bobbi dunne - August 20, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bill E. Ritchie.



August 18, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bill E. Ritchie.

August 18, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ I remember Bill from High School, he was a great guy and I'm sure we may have got in trouble a time or two. The entire family has my greatest sympathy.

Victor Werner - August 17, 2023 at 09:44 PM



Thanks Victor. Based on his stories I'm sure you're selling it short. - Curt

Curt Ritchie - August 17, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill E. Ritchie.



August 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM

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“ Nothing quite like a good ol’ David Allen Coe sing-a-long!



Travis Scott - August 16, 2023 at 11:35 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill E. Ritchie.



August 16, 2023 at 11:16 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Curt Ritchie - August 16, 2023 at 10:59 PM