



## Joseph "Richard" Van Y, Jr.

July 28, 1948 - October 2, 2019

71, of Indianapolis, passed away in the comfort of his own home surrounded by his family on October 2, 2019. Richard is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Frances Van Y; loving father to Christina Frederiksen (Paul), Stephanie Messer (Chris) and Aaron Van Y (Emily); loving grandfather to Ty, Zachary and Lydia. He was a devoted son to Harriet Dresser Chichester of Dares Beach Maryland.

Richard honorably served his country for 22 years in the United States Army as a Sergeant First Class Bandsman throughout Vietnam and Desert Storm. After leaving active duty, Richard continued to serve his country as a civil servant at Fort Benjamin Harrison Finance Center, retiring in 2015. Richard trained as a pilot, learning to fly small aircraft, enjoyed visiting National and State Parks, and was an avid model train enthusiast.

No funeral services will be held out of respect for Richard's wishes; instead celebrate his life by visiting a State or National Park. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel. [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Richard was a wonderful cousin. He was always kind. All my memories are very fond and affectionate. He took the time to teach his younger cousin her first cords on a guitar. I remember hearing him play instruments to the delight of many. He was a very accomplished and skilled musician, While his greatest achievements were his loving family. May he rest in peace. My thoughts are with you and him. Love Janie

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**Janie Russell** - October 09, 2019 at 01:38 PM



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