



Richard H. BeGuhn

January 17, 1936 - October 2, 2024

Richard H. BeGuhn, 88, of Fishers, Indiana, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on October 2, 2024. Richard grew up in Dekalb, Illinois and graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in marketing. He served in the U.S. army as a medic. He worked as a sales representative for Mobile Oil in Wisconsin. Richard moved to Indianapolis for a sales position for Ransburg Corporation. In 1969, he founded American Industrial Corporation and grew the company from his home into the largest industrial painting and finishing equipment company in the country. He used his leadership skills, entrepreneurial background and mastered the art of relationships to acquire many related companies and engaged with international entities to implement improved finishing systems here in the United States.

Richard's passion was researching, collecting, restoring and showcasing antique and unique cars. He was a member of the Hoosier and National Classic Car Club of America and wrote several articles regarding his research on the unique and historic cars he owned.

Richard was a mentor, leader and friend who was described by many as funny, kind and generous. He was well known for his "life lessons" that are quoted often by those he knew and loved. His family is grateful for the outpouring of kind words and stories of the positive impact he had on so many people in his life. Above all, he considered his relationship with his grandchildren his greatest legacy.

Richard is survived by his wife of 11 years, Sharon L. Paris BeGuhn; his daughters, Lisa M. BeGuhn Olson (Steve Bond) and Suzie M. Foley (Shane); grandchildren, Ben B. Olson (Destiny Queen), Kyle C. Foley (Amber), Nick S. Foley (Courtney), Sophie M. Foley, Cody Bond, and Charlotte Bond; stepsons, Tony Paris and Tommy Paris; and sister, Claire Pintozzi (Bob). He was preceded in death by his parents, and a stepson, Scott Paris.

Visitation will be Monday, October 7, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service at 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made in his name to the Outrun the Sun organization for research and treatment of melanoma.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PV

“ So sorry to miss you all tonight my heart was there in spirit. Prayers and hugs for you all. Love and hugs. Patti Spellman-Valerio.

Patti Valerio - October 07, 2024 at 08:25 PM

LC

“ Lynne and Dan Coverdale purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Richard H. BeGuhn.



Lynne and Dan Coverdale - October 07, 2024 at 12:10 PM

DC

“ Dugan Wyatt & Czernik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard H. BeGuhn.

Dugan Wyatt & Czernik - October 07, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard H. BeGuhn.



October 07, 2024 at 11:53 AM

YA

“ Your Friends from AIC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard H. BeGuhn.

Your Friends from AIC - October 07, 2024 at 08:20 AM

YA

“ Your Friends from AIC purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Richard H. BeGuhn.



Your Friends from AIC - October 07, 2024 at 08:20 AM

TD

“ Lisa and Suzie, I am remembering fun times at the BeGuhn house on Alimingo Drive where your parents were always so fun and welcoming. Wishing you peace as you remember your dad, and hoping that those memories sustain you at this time.
Tina Newland Darling

Tina Newland Darling - October 07, 2024 at 07:18 AM

CW

“ BeGuhn Family...Really don't know where to start. I guess it started in 1971. Dick, Dee and the other "Richard" said not this year Charlie. Missed the Hot Wheels Johnny Lightning special back2back victory. Flipping Al Unser! But I did gain an insight to his heart n soul at an early age when he approached me after the race at their home. He absolutely knew who to comfort..(and it wasn't his two beautiful daughters that night). I'll never forget my emotions as he knelt down to console and comfort me. And many other times along our friendship. Mr. B. You are a stoic, selfless and insightful treasure. Thank you for you and all the memories! Godspeed! XOXO



Chuck W - October 06, 2024 at 11:44 PM

MN

“ Just wanted to send our condolences to all of you. Wow so much time has passed will always have so many fond memories of the early days. Our dad absolutely loved your dad and I can only imagine them sharing their stories now together in heaven! Mindy, Danny Newell and Elisabeth Maxwell Gonella!!

Mindy Newell - October 06, 2024 at 10:34 AM

LF

“ Love, Cheryl Finchum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard H. BeGuhn.

Love, Cheryl Finchum - October 05, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard H. BeGuhn.



October 05, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ Judith M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard H. BeGuhn.

Judith M. - October 05, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Richard H. BeGuhn.



October 05, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ The Bielski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard H. BeGuhn.

The Bielski Family - October 05, 2024 at 09:19 AM

TF

“ *The Bielski Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard H. BeGuhn.*



The Bielski Family - October 05, 2024 at 09:19 AM

SC

“ *Sheila and Gary Carpenter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard H. BeGuhn.*



Sheila and Gary Carpenter - October 05, 2024 at 08:18 AM

SC

“ *Sheila and Gary Carpenter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard H. BeGuhn.*

Sheila and Gary Carpenter - October 05, 2024 at 08:18 AM

DP

“ *Over 42 years ago, I spent some time working with my uncle at American Industries. It is a time that I recall with a smile on my face. I learned that not only is he a hard worker, a leader for his team, but he liked to have fun. These are some of the traits that helped me as I grew in my professional career. I know that he loved his two daughters, my cousins, to the moon and back. I know that he will be deeply missed by many!
RIP uncle Dick!! You meant a lot to me!*

Dan Pintozi - October 04, 2024 at 03:42 PM

CS

So many memories - where to start 🥹🥰. In the early 1940s we lived in government housing because our dad worked as a guard for prisoners of war. Tons of kids, collecting bugs, frogs and anything that would fit in a peanut butter jar. He was also the champion marble player of the neighborhood and would take me places riding on the back of his bike. He always looked out for me and protected me. After the war, we moved to grandpa's farm and multiple friends were replaced by chickens, pigs, ponies, gophers etc. in 4h he went to the county fair to show his pigs or a steer - and got a few ribbons! Family time was precious to butch as we moved to the edge of town and were together there through high school and college (northern Illinois college was right across the road from our house). We both got degrees there - then he went off to the army and I got married - but we always stayed in contact and visited when we could. Will miss you big brother and will keep you in my prayers, always 🙏

Claire Pintozi, dick's sister - October 05, 2024 at 11:21 AM