



Richard L. Edwards

February 9, 1940 - July 31, 2022

Richard L. Edwards, 82, of Indianapolis, passed away July 31, 2022. He was born February 9, 1940 in Vincennes, IN, to Robertine Williams Edwards. Richard was a 1958 graduate of Vincennes Lincoln High School. Richard attended Arizona State University for one year then moved to Vincennes University where he received his Associate Degree. He received his Bachelor's degree from Indiana University, and his Master's Degree from Butler University. He proudly served his country as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Richard worked for many years in Mental Health Care. He retired in 2004 as the Executive Director of Dunn Mental Health Center in Richmond, Indiana, after 24 years of service. Upon retirement he received the distinguished Sagamore of the Wabash Award for his service in the mental health field from Governor Kernan. He was also a founding member of ASPIN Organization, a member of the Mental Health Corporation of America, and was involved with the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers.

Throughout his adulthood Richard loved theater, performing in local theatre, including performing as the Wizard in VU Summer theater's production of the Wizard of Oz. Richard married Karolyn Hays, January 30, 1982. She shared his love of theater, and they spent much time enjoying Broadway Shows. Together they also enjoyed traveling together and with friends until they became grandparents which was their greatest joy.

Visitation will be Friday, August 5, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of

service at 1:00 p.m. at Castleton United Methodist Church, 7101 Shadeland Avenue. A private interment will be held at a later date.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Karolyn H. Edwards; daughters, Krista Edwards and Kelly (Christopher) Strain; grandchildren, Quinton and Nathan Strain and Katie Edwards; former wife Kinga Low; niece, Stephanie Hays (Jeremy) Mussoni; nephew, Derek (Melissa) Hays; and four great-nieces, Ava, Bella, Lilly and Claire.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Lung Association or the Alzheimer's Association. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

700 W. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Castleton United Methodist Church
7101 Shadeland Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46250

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Dick was one of my favorite people! Karolyn I am so sorry that he is gone. I loved coming to Karolyn's, Dick always made to laugh, loved playing cards with him also. He will be missed and I'm so fortunate that he was in my life for a short time. My condolence to his family and grandchildren. Madeline Lewis*

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