



## Richard "Rick" Hofstetter

August 27, 1956 - October 1, 2019

Richard R. Hofstetter, 63, passed away October 1, 2019. He was born August 27, 1956 to the late Alexander and Jane Hofstetter. Rick received his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Indiana University where he was on the swim team from 1972 until 1976 and still holds the title of many records. He received his Juris Doctorate from Duke University Law School. Rick began his law career in Indianapolis for several years, and was a law professor for Butler and Indiana University. Rick fought to preserve many of Indiana's most distinguished historic landmarks. He served as the first president of the Athenaeum Foundation, Inc., an effort which saved the Athenaeum building in downtown Indianapolis and earned Rick the Sandi Servaas Award for Historic Preservation in 1992. Rick purchased the town of Story in 1998 and made preservation of this Hoosier historic landmark a true labor of love. Rick also recently wrote a book, *Kentuckiana Roads*.

Visitation will be Friday, October 11, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 3:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Rick is survived by his children, Ingrid (Jose) Rodriguez, Karl (Kiely) Hofstetter, Anna Hofstetter and Rich Hofstetter; grandchildren, Sophia Rodriguez, Isabelle Rodriguez, Alexander Woods, Alanna Woods and Olive Hofstetter; brother, Alexander Hofstetter; sister, Jane Krebs; companion, Justine Fearnow; and beloved dog, "Snow".



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Maria Tamer purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard "Rick" Hofstetter.*



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**Maria Tamer** - October 10, 2019 at 10:18 AM

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“ *To the Family and Friends of Richard: Just a word of sadness to learn of Rick's passing way to early. I had the pleasure to be a commercial bank loan officer for Rick's business needs. Two things come to mind. One, when he was leading the renovation of the Athenaeum building and Two, his purchase of the Town of Story IN. Rick's enthusiasm was infectious. It was my pleasure to know and work with Rick. Please accept my Heartfelt Condolence for your loss.*

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**Tom Mock** - October 09, 2019 at 03:14 PM

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“Competitive Swimming is, understandably, often considered an individual sport. But within this sport we form extraordinary lifelong friendships with our teammates. Hoffy was a beloved teammate to all of us. Throughout the years of grueling training, testing our own physical limits to the edge and beyond, Rick helped everyone on the team in innumerable ways with our effort to swim fast and smart. I'd often hear Hoffy offering stroke advice and race strategy, helping settle the nerves of underclassmen moments before a big event. Or simply setting the example in the water by winning his event in record time and a few hours later "kicking ass" again, helping IU's relay team set an American Record.

To Ingrid, Karl, Anna and Rich, we swimmers who had the privilege of training with your Dad will always respect his high intellect and work ethic. And his renowned love of pranks left indelible memories to those of us on the receiving end of that as well! It's a blessing to have known Rick. I send my Best Wishes and Condolences to your Family.

Mark Lambert, Nashville, Tenn

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**Mark Lambert** - October 07, 2019 at 08:38 PM



I first met Rick when I was a senior in high school and he was recruiting me to swim at IU. His enthusiasm for the team was one of the reasons I went there. He also was a Teacher's Assistant in one of my first classes freshman year, and he took me under his wing academically as well. I only spent one year at IU but Rick was a true mentor and a big part of my most significant memories of that special year. He was inspiring in many ways Over the many years since then I have thought of him often. I am certain that there are countless others who benefits just from knowing him, even briefly. Blessings and peace to the entire family. Karl Fickenscher

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**Karl Fickenscher** - October 09, 2019 at 08:26 PM