



Richard "Rich" Allen Girard

October 17, 1958 - February 17, 2024

Richard "Rich" Allen Girard, a devoted husband, loving father, and faithful Christian, passed away at the age of 65 on February 17, 2024. Born on October 17, 1958, Rich led a life marked by generosity, love, and unwavering faith. Rich was a loving husband to Debra Girard; father to Rebecca Girard and Rachel (Zachary) Larimer; step-father to Brooke (Matthew) Heffernan and Danielle (Roger) Mitchell; brother to David (Nancy) Girard; and stepbrother to Thom (Cathy) Tompkins. He is preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Tompkins; step-father, Leroy Tompkins; father, Robert Girard; and his brother, Bob Girard.

Rich loved all of those in his life, particularly his 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Watching the kids do what they loved brought him so much joy. He was dedicated to his faith, never letting too many days go by between visits to church. He volunteered with his friends at Outlook Christian Church with the tech team and men's groups.

Professionally, he spent his career in the automotive industry in parts and service, predominately with Toyota. To celebrate, he and his wife Debbie loved to sneak off to Cancun with their friends as frequently as they could. In his youth, he was an athlete. Active to his core, his brain was his biggest asset. Naturally curious and thirsty for knowledge, he was an avid reader, researcher, and trivia aficionado. Rich will be missed dearly. Cheers "Chard", to a life well lived.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until the

time of service at 12:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN. 46229.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Rich's name to Outlook Christian Church, 6531 North 600 West, McCordsville, IN 46055, in the memo line please notate Rich Girard Memorial.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB **24.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ David A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.

David A. - February 24, 2024 at 08:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.



February 23, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MT

“ Miranda Gegner and Andrew Thompson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.



Miranda Gegner and Andrew Thompson - February 22, 2024 at 07:47 PM

YT

“ Your Family at Ed Martin Toyota planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.

Your Family at Ed Martin Toyota - February 21, 2024 at 12:05 PM

YT

“ Your Family at Ed Martin Toyota purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.



Your Family at Ed Martin Toyota - February 21, 2024 at 12:05 PM

TT

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Richard's passing. My father met and married his mom Shirley who was the most wonderful person who welcomed me with open arms. I had the pleasure to grow up with all 3 boys, but was closest in age to Richard. We had lots of good times as youth and at Calvary Church in Trumbull, CT. Richard will be missed by everyone that knew him. Forever in our hearts. My deepest condolences to Deb, children, and grandchildren.
-Tom Tompkins

Tom Tompkins - February 21, 2024 at 09:12 AM

TT

“ Thomas T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.

Thomas T. - February 21, 2024 at 08:38 AM

KJ

“ Kathleen Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.

Kathleen Jackson - February 20, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.



February 20, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ Neal - Tom Wood Toyota Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.

Neal - Tom Wood Toyota Family - February 20, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Neal - Tom Wood Toyota Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.



Neal - Tom Wood Toyota Family - February 20, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Steve and Michele Toney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.

Steve and Michele Toney - February 20, 2024 at 07:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.*



February 20, 2024 at 07:52 AM



“ *Rich was a friend and a very talented car guy. He was my parts manager for 7 years at Tom Wood Toyota. In typical Rich fashion , he could recite part numbers from a 20 year old Toyota and tell you the part number that preceded it. He was very dedicated to his job and his family with his family being the reason he came to work every day. He was very smart and his mind moved very fast. He rarely made time to socialize or kid around but I believe one of the funnier conversations with Rich came from a TV show when he believed if it were not for the customers he had found the perfect job :) Those that worked with Rich will totally understand. LOL . Rich will be missed by everyone whose life he touched.*

Deepest sympathies to Rich's family and friends. Cheers old buddy



Joe DeFano

Joe DeFano - February 19, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ *Zachary Toney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.*

Zachary Toney - February 19, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.*



February 19, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ *We were very shocked to hear that Rich had left this world so suddenly, but can just see the smile on his face as Jesus welcome's him home and they embraced. Deb, and to everyone that loved Rich, our deepest condolences to you all at this difficult time. While he is in paradise... you are here feeling the his loss. Derby parties will never be the same!!! Love, Tammie and Andy Sparks*



Tanda Acre - February 19, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ *Love, Kelli and Ashlyn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard "Rich" Allen Girard.*



Love, Kelli and Ashlyn - February 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM