



Richard "Rick" C. Smith

June 5, 1947 - January 4, 2012

64, passed peacefully in his family's arms on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Rick is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sue; their children, Mike Smith, Jonathan (Erin) Smith and Erica Wilson. One of his greatest joys was his grandchildren, Doran, Mya, Sullivan, Sawyer and Harper. He is also survived by his siblings, Willow Rose, Celeste (Dan) Sheets-Eaton, and Tom (Maggie) Smith. Rick was a passionate and kindhearted gentleman who delighted in his family and friends. He enjoyed hiking, biking, camping as well as reading, traveling and photography. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 1970, and his Masters degree in Management from Marion College. Rick served as an advisor to the IUPUI School of Technology, the United Way of Central Indiana, and Junior Achievement. He was a member of the Indianapolis Chapter of SCORE and coached youth hockey in Carmel for 17 years. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 2003 after 36 years at the Indianapolis plant. He then started his own consulting business, working on projects at Allison and the Indianapolis International Airport. The family is grateful to every person who touched Rick's life over the past 64 years. Thank you to all his doctors, nurses, and caregivers. A celebration of Rick's life will be held Monday, January 9, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN. There will be a Memorial Service immediately following the celebration at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sierra Club.