

Richard Van Orden

August 5, 1947 ~ June 22, 2023

My dear friends, we are devastated at the loss of Rich. We are so grateful for the influence that he and Vicky have played in our lives. From the time we moved into the Garden Heights South Ward, Rich and Vicky have been our friends. He was a good friend and we loved him dearly. I was called as his Elder's Quorum Secretary when he was Elder's President, and when he became Bishop, I worked with him as his Executive Secretary. We have a deep friendship that continued up till the day he passed away. We would speak on the phone quite a bit. We are so sorry that we can't be there, but you know you are loved and we will miss you. Rest In Peace my dear friend.

- Dennis and Carolyn England

Rest in Peace dear Classmate, Teammate, Friend. I will never forget you!

- Michael Dahl

Rich will be very much missed by Libertyville IL Class of 1965 classmates. He gifted us with his qualities of love and positivity (e.g., enthusiasm! for efforts for us all to stay connected) that Rich's family and others who knew--and loved--him have described.

- Karla Moras

Carol and I are deeply saddened by your loss. From the first day I met Rich in 1988 in Dublin Ward (Ohio) ,I looked up to him. He was always filled with joy and exhibited great kindness. I grew to love Rich as we met in church and worked for the same company. Rich always made you feel loved. 'Till we meet again, my friend.'

- Randy Van Fossan

Please accept my sympathies on Rich's passing. His energy, enthusiasm and caring will be missed!

- Jim Eckhouse

I’m a former Libertyville High School classmate and basketball team mate of Rich, with many happy memories of our friendship in class, on the court and socializing in our terrific community. Rich was a good person for sure. Sincere condolences to Rich’s family and friends. Tom Snow

- Tom Snow

Dear Vicki, Paul, Jared & David We send our love and our deepest condolences to you and your family for the passing of Richard. There are many titles that Richard held during his lifetime. Son, brother, husband, father, basketball player, coach & fan, various church titles including co nursery leader, Gospel doctrine teacher and the list goes on. The most significant title to us was friend. We will miss the warmth of his personality and his friendship more than you even know, but we know we will see him and enjoy our friendship again. Love to you & your family Craig, Kathy & Nathan Thomas

- Craig & Kathy Thomas

Such a kind and gentle man will be missed. It is never easy to lose a classmate. The Class of 1965 was graced with Rich's positive presence. Please accept my blessngs and condolences to the Family. Pam (Fredericks) Jacobs

- Pam Jacobs

We were so sad to hear of Rich's passing. We treasure our friendship with Rich and Vicki and have missed them greatly. You both were so kind and such a good influence on our children. We look forward to a sweet and happy reunion with you both one day. Vicki, we love you!! ❤■

- Larry & Laurie MacMillan

I only knew Rich for a few short years in high school. Now, as I reflect back over those years and the years since, I can truly say Rich was one of the kindest people I have ever met. So sorry for your loss and very grateful to have known him.

- Nancy Plavan

So very sorry to hear about Rich’s passing. Rich lived right down the street from me in Libertyville. He was a great friend and neighbor. Often, he and another classmate, Jerry Price, would come to my house in the morning and we would all walk to high school. Rich would shoot baskets in our backyard at times. Kindness was always a banner trait of his. Sending my deepest sympathy to his entire family.

- Sigrid Stormyr Moore

I just learned of Rich's passing and wanted to send my thoughts, prayers and peace to Vicki and family. I was a neighbor and colleague in Ohio. I'll echo other comments about his kindness and passion for his work, most of all his family. Thinking of all of you!

- Becky Hurley, Dublin Ohio

I was so very sorry to learn that Rich has passed away. I was privileged and honoured to work with him for almost twenty years at OCLC, both on its members council and later when I served as a trustee. He was a wonderful human being, and I have many find memories of my work with Rich. My deepest sympathy to Vicki and the entire family.

- Larry Alford