



Richard Anthony Bir, II

May 23, 1949 - June 6, 2016

Richard “Dick” Anthony Bir II, 67, of New Castle, passed away peacefully, Monday, June 6, 2016 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born on May 23, 1949 in Marion, IN to the late Richard Sr. and Maryanna Bir.

Richard graduated from New Castle High School and continued his education at Ball State University. Early on he worked for Jacob’s Ace Hardware and later became regional manager at Cole-Trumble as tax appraiser. This led to much travel and relocation before returning home to New Castle in 2010. Richard lived in Williamston, North Carolina for a few years where he made lasting friendships and was a parishioner at Holy Trinity Church. He was also a parishioner at St. Anne Catholic Church in New Castle, 4th degree member in Knights of Columbus and founding member of the Knights of Columbus Council of Henry County.

Those left to cherish his memory are his four siblings Anna Bir of New Castle, David (wife: Gorete) Bir of Madison, GA, Rebecca (husband: Gary) Upchurch of New Castle and Mary Bir of New Castle; nieces and nephews, Alex (wife: Melissa) Upchurch, Rachel Upchurch, Macee (husband: Josh) Perdue, Lauren Upchurch, Mary Kathryn Bir and Laura Elizabeth Bir; great nieces and nephews, Kalebb, Mali, Cole, Huck, Lucas, Wren and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Paul Bir and sister-in-law, Judy Bir.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2016 at St. Anne Catholic Church with Father Joe Rautenberg. Meditation with prayers of the Holy Rosary, led by the Knights of Columbus, will begin at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be private, on a later date at St. Anne Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may call from 9 – 11 a.m., Saturday, at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or St. Anne Catholic Church.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Richard “Dick” Bir.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anne Catholic Church
102 N. 19th St.
New Castle, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ I was so sorry to read of Dick's passing. He was a childhood friend and we also went to school together. My deepest sympathy to his family.



Donna (Smithers) Ragan - June 10, 2016 at 09:03 PM

TB

“ So glad I got the pleasure of taking care of Richard and knowing him! The sweetest man ever.. I remember all the jokes and fun times with Richard.. Very strong man always positive! Gone but not forgotten RIP Richard!

tracy betters - June 10, 2016 at 10:45 AM

JF

“ Becky, I was saddened this morning to learn of Richard's death. He, Loren and I had some enjoyable times and talks at Glen Oaks during Loren's ten month stay there.

Jill Fitzhugh

Jill Fitzhugh - June 10, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Anthony Bir, II.



June 09, 2016 at 07:04 PM