



Richard M. Griese

February 8, 1949 - September 27, 2024

Richard Michael Griese, better known as "Dick" or "The Dickster," passed away on September 27, 2024, at the age of 75. He was welcomed into our Heavenly Father's arms while surrounded by his loving family. Born on February 8, 1949, Dick touched countless lives with his boundless generosity, unlimited love, and unwavering commitment to his family, church, and community.

He is survived by his wife, best friend, soulmate, and travel companion of 53 years, Kathy Griese. Together, they raised three hardworking, humble, and loving sons: Dan Griese (Heidi), along with their children, Grant, Brooke, and Chase; Jim Griese (Amanda), and their children, Allie, Charlie, and Amy; and Ben Griese (Robin). He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Fendel (Leon), and their children, Kelsey Peter and Abby Adams. Dick cherished his role as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He always put others at the heart of everything he did.

Dick found immense joy in life and shared that joy with everyone around him. What he loved, he loved with his whole heart—whether it was adventuring with his wife, being a father, attending his grandchildren's activities, cheering on Purdue, or cooking for scouts. Dick was a man of adventure; he traveled with his wife to all 50 states, embracing each journey with enthusiasm and spreading laughter along the way. He served as the head cook for Boy Scouts

of America Troop 399, where he earned the title of Honorary Eagle Scout. His involvement in the West Side Nut Club, Corpus Christi Men's Club, Friends of Harmonie, AKL Fraternity, and Santa's Workshop brought light to those he encountered. As Santa Claus, he spread joy to countless children, and as a Eucharistic Minister and National Parks Volunteer, he gave back to his community in ways that will be remembered for years to come.

Dick was larger than life, always making those around him feel cared for and valued. Whether performing the chicken dance on the main stage at the Fall Festival or cooking meals for a hundred scouts in the middle of New York City while dressed in costume, his presence was unmistakable. He gave more than he ever took and made lasting memories everywhere he went.

A celebration of Dick's life will be held at Pierre Funeral Home on October 1, at 6:00 PM. Friends and family are invited to wear silly socks and share their favorite story of The Dickster, a fitting tribute to the man who filled so many lives with laughter, love, and unforgettable memories.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 1, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM at Pierre Funeral Home. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday, October 2, at 12:30 PM at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, with visitation beginning at 11:30 AM.

The family requests donations be made to Boy Scout Troop 399, West Side Nut Club, or the Mater Dei Band.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and nurses at Deaconess Gateway, especially Dr. Arruffat and nurses Chona, Madison, and Mike, for their compassionate care.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

OCT 2. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
5528 Hogue Road
Evansville, IN

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard M. Griese*



Pierre Funeral Home - September 30, 2024 at 06:27 PM

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“ *Dick always had a smile on his face, even when IU would beat Purdue in basketball. He got me a super deal on my son's first basketball goal and even delivered it to our home. He was proud to give me a reproduction autographed basketball by the Purdue great Glenn Robinson. Even though I am an IU fan it hangs proudly somewhere in my home. He had a huge heart and would do whatever for anyone in need. Heaven has gained a tremendous man!*

Condolences go out to Kathy and family.

The Tison Family

Steve Tison - October 01, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard M. Griese.*



September 30, 2024 at 10:36 PM

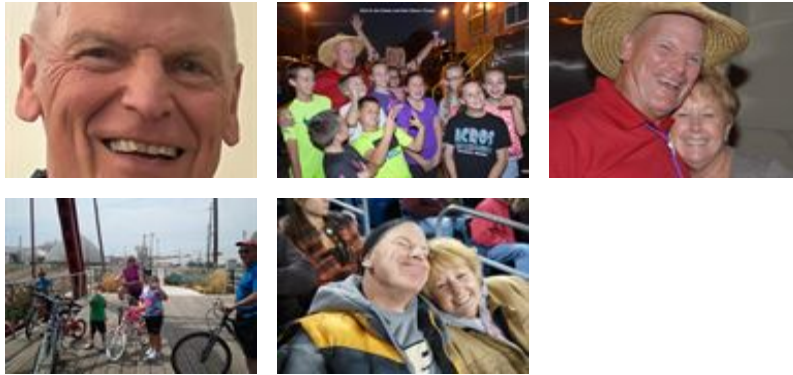
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“ Jacky, Ben, Lexie, Dana, Danna, Gomez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard M. Griese.

Jacky, Ben, Lexie, Dana, Danna, Gomez - September 30, 2024 at 10:36 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - September 30, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard M. Griese.



September 30, 2024 at 01:02 PM

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

David A. - September 28, 2024 at 05:58 PM