



Richard L. Plump

October 10, 1940 - July 14, 2021

Richard L. Plump, 80, of rural Evansville, passed away Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital.

Richard was born October 10, 1940 in Evansville to the late William and Marie (Noelke) Plump. He was a former member of Holy Trinity Pro Cathedral, where he also served as a maintenance volunteer and a current member of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Richard and his wife, Betty, were awarded the Simon Brute` Award for their dedication and service to their church the Diocese of Evansville. He enjoyed building and flying remote control airplanes and worked in the HVAC Department of Bristol Myers for almost 30 years before retiring in 2000. Richard was a veteran of the United States Air Force having served in the Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand from 1963 to 1967. He had been accepted and was looking forward to participating in the next Honor Flight of Southern Indiana.

Surviving Richard are his wife of 53 years, Elizabeth “Betty” (Neale) Plump; two daughters, Karen Marie (Johnathan) McDermott of Evansville and Kathryn Lee (David) Osborne, of Mt. Vernon and grandchildren, Kaitlyn Anne Huff, Clayton Joseph Huff, Emily Raye Osborne, Megan Lee Osborne and Abigail Kathryn Osborne.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his brother, Bill

Plump in 1990 and by a sister, Mary Ann Goedde in 2020.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 19, 2021 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. John Brosmer officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 6:00 PM on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service conducted by the church at 4:00 PM. Friends may also visit with the family from 9:30 AM until service time on Monday at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Boniface Catholic Church, the Vanderburgh County Right to Life or to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
418 N, Wabash Avenue
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. Plump*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Betty, Its been an honor and blessing to have you all in my life. Sending lots of LOVE.*

Andrew Thacker - July 19, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my friend, and again I say thanks you. You will forever be in my heart.*

Jim Guest - July 19, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Betty, my heartfelt sadness to you and the family. There is no doubt that Richard has received his Eternal reward for all the countless hours he gave to Holy Trinity Church and doing it all with his utmost love. There is not enough money in the world to pay him for the time and expertise he gave to Holy Trinity. He was such an example to all he came in contact with and will definitely be missed. He was a very special and loving person and I loved his smile. Holy Trinity Church was so blessed to receive all his services. Love to you and the family and be assured of my prayers.*
Mary Kirsch

Mary Kirsch - July 18, 2021 at 07:03 PM

BP

Thank you, Mary, for you kind words. Our sincere sorrow on the loss of your brother Tom. When things settle down, call me as I have lost your phone number when our cell phone quit. Sending our love to you...Betty P.

Betty Plump - July 20, 2021 at 06:58 PM

SJ

“ Dear Betty, Karen, and Kathy. Prayers for you all in this difficult time. I remember you all quite fondly and always the smile on his face. I enjoy looking at photo albums from when I was a kid and seeing you all in some of our photos. Glad Facebook has given an opportunity to “ keep up”. . I may not be able to attend the showing, but know my prayers thoughts and heart are with you all. Blessings for you all.... Steve Jung.

Steve Jung - July 18, 2021 at 02:13 PM

MC

“ Sending prayers to the family. Mr. Plump was my parent’s (Russell & Garlena Strange) neighbor on Kramer’s Drive. He was such a kind man. My dad loved talking with him. His granddaughter, Emily, would come play with Piper. Lots of wonderful memories. Marby Cox

Marby Cox - July 18, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - July 17, 2021 at 08:57 AM

RR

“ *Betty, Karen and Kathy,*

May you feel the loving arms of our most compassionate God surrounding you now, and in the days to come.

With much love,

Marcia Birge and Jordan Rhodes

Ron Rhodes - July 16, 2021 at 11:28 PM

SG

Betty, Karen and Kathy, please accept our deepest sympathies on the passing of Richard. Our prayers are with you. May God guide him to his eternal rest and reward.

Steve and Linda Goedde - July 18, 2021 at 08:36 PM

KM

“ I don't even really know where to begin at this time. My heart is broken.

I like to think that my daddy was the ultimate role model, friend, fix everything guy, drop what he's doing to help someone guy. A man who always had a smile on his face and had never met a stranger. Everybody knew him.

My daddy was as close to perfect as someone could be, at least in my eyes.

The amount of knowledge, science, history, astronomy, electronics, car repair and too many other things to list, are just some of the interests he has passed down to me.

He lived a great life. He had the best stories to tell, stories about his childhood and adult life, before I came along.

I have 48 years of memories. I wish I could share them all. The impact he had on my life cannot be described with mere words. He will forever be with me. I miss him so badly. I am blessed to be his daughter, I am blessed my children had the perfect grandfather to teach and guide them, I am blessed that my best friend is watching me from heaven now.

Daddy may not physically be with me anymore, but I still feel his presence, his scent, his laugh and his hugs.

I love and miss you Daddy.

Love,

Karen Marie

Karen Plump McDermott - July 16, 2021 at 03:02 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - July 16, 2021 at 01:31 PM

CF

“ My sincere sympathy to Richard's family and friends. Richard was always so kind and pleasant - a real gentleman. He always (well, usually!) had a smile whenever I encountered him at BMS.



Eternal rest grant unto Richard, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Cathy (Weiss) Funkhouser - July 15, 2021 at 12:09 PM

BB

“ *Betty, Karen, Kathy & family there is not enough words to say what a great man Rich was. His love for Christ & his family was demonstrated everyday of his life. He, Betty& Kathy lead me to to the love for my Catholic Faith & it has given me so much strength during so many times. Some of the best times I spent with them was saying the rosary every week in their home. Rich & Betty sponsored me when I joined the church & I will always be thankful for them. His rewards will be many for the example he was for all who knew him. Bob & I feel that Rich, Betty & their family has been one of the greatest Blessing in our lives. We pray for the family to have strength during this great loss. Rest in Peace Rich*

*Love & Prayers
Bob & Betty*

Bob & Betty - July 14, 2021 at 07:33 PM

“ Uncle Richard was my dedicated godfather at my baptism. He helped teach me how to ride a bicycle. He helped me build a lighthouse for an annual hometown parade. He showed me circuitry as he built wiring for model airplanes and his own computer chips. He always participated in Neale men talks of the latest camcorders, printers, and technology. He took me for my first motorcycle ride. He was always a cheerful face at family reunions and spent time with us kids. He helped teach us how to make homemade ice cream and throw a Frisbee. He helped with family yard sales and yardwork. We collected pine cones and raked leaves. We played horse shoes, washers, ping pong, darts, flew foam gliders, and tried to see who could spit sunflower seeds the furthest. He once built us a zipline at grandma Bea's house. He joined us at the lake with Kathy and Karen. He patiently watched all of the summer saults we could do on the living room floor and acted impressed and delighted each time we begged for attention. Later he would join my dad, Uncle Jimmy, my wife, and I at our RC flying field. He still gave me a ride on the back of his motorcycle to fetch a landed plane despite my having quintupled in age and size. He would share about his learning during his time of uniformed service to our country. We made all sorts of things; pottery, etc.; when we stayed at the house of Aunt Betty and Uncle Richard as kids. There is no doubt in my mind that he was sculpted uniquely and wonderfully by our Lord. He and aunt Betty-Jo have been loyal servants of faith to the church and to our family as long as I have known them. He was a man of many talents, skills, and we knew he had a huge heart before we knew he had a huge heart. Everyone I know who spent time with him admires him. And that speaks volumes coming from a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins, many children, neighbors, and friends. Thanks uncle Richard for being an example of Christ-like fellowship; teaching, sharing, lifting, and laughing with us. We will miss you and remember you with joy in our hearts! It is fun to imagine you building scale models of angel wings and such; perhaps expressing your signature tickled laugh with an accomplished and healthy since of wonder, curiosity, discipline, diligence, joy, and servitude. But it is also our pleasure to admire all

that you helped receive, share, foster, and maintain hear on earth. You were a gracious soul and of good character. May you rest in peace, dear family and friend. And may all who knew you find hope and comfort reflecting on your time shared with thanksgiving in their hearts. May God bless and keep you good sir! May peace be with you and with your spirit!

Zachary Neale - July 14, 2021 at 05:45 PM

DB

I have always loved Uncle Richard. He was so kind, loving and welcoming to all of Dan's family and genuinely cared. We could feel it and have talked about it as a family. I have never forgotten that and always admired him. Zach's testament exemplifies the love and respect I have always felt for Uncle Richard. Our deepest sympathy to Betty Jo, Karen & Kathy and all of your family. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Debi Binkley - July 14, 2021 at 07:41 PM

CB

Uncle Richard was always kind, loving and smiling. I remember when we were kids during the summer Aunt Betty and Uncle Richard would take us for a week. We had so much fun. Learned how to make light houses out of a shoe box. He and my mom Mary Neale always talked about the old movies they loved to watch on tv. He was a great man. Always had a lot of energy and loved flying model airplanes. Also remember when the Neales made homemade ice cream and we all sang. Ice cream....ice cream Ice cream.... We all love ice cream!!!!!! Praying for Betty Jo, Karen and Kathy and family that God will touch you and give you peace and comfort through this hard time of losing your loved one. My heart breaks for the family. He was a very good man. He will indeed be missed. God bless Uncle Richard till we meet again. Tell Mom, Grandma Bea and Uncle Danny we love and miss them too. No more pain.... fly high Uncle Richard and watch over your family. Lots of love and hugs.

Christine Best - July 15, 2021 at 08:42 PM