

## Richard P. Preske

June 24, 1932 - July 11, 2022

Richard P. Preske, 90, of Evansville, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022 at University Healthcare.

Richard was born June 24, 1932 in Evansville to the late Felix and Mary (Kissel) Preske. He worked as an electronics technician for Barnes Television for 35 years. Richard also served the Diocese of Evansville as deacon having been ordained in 1981. During his time as a deacon, Richard served as a Pastoral Associate at Holy Rosary Parish, the Parish Life Coordinator at Blessed Sacrament Parish and for twelve years he served as the Ohio Valley Hospice Bereavement Follow Up and Spiritual Director.

Surviving Richard are his wife of 69 years, Joan (Martin) Preske; daughters, Kim Alexander, Joan (Mark) Frazer, Judy Preske, Lori (Jeff) Schapker, Susan Preske and Amy (Chris) Preske Rose; two sons, Dr. Richard J. (Kate) Preske and Mark Preske; one brother, Marvin (Ann) Preske; seventeen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by two sisters, Sr. M. Angeline Preske, OSB and Theresa Martin; brothers, John Preske, Rev. Felix Preske, Rev. Venantius Preske, Henry Preske and Aloysius Preske and by a son-in-law, Dave Alexander.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 15, 2022 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. David Nunning, Rev. Christopher Droste, priests and deacons of the diocese officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service held at 4:00 PM. Friends may also visit with the family from 9:30 AM until service time on Friday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 418 N. Wabash Ave.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staffs of University Healthcare and Heart to Heart Hospice for all of their kind and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Boniface Catholic Church, 418 N. Wabash Ave, Evansville, IN 47712 or to Catholic Charities, 2111 Stringtown Road, Evansville, IN 47711.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Memorial Service

JUL 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

JUL 15. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard P. Preske



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - July 14, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ Richard P. Preske

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Mrs. Preske, one of the special pleasures of returning to Evansville for family visits was seeing you and Mr Preske at St Boniface. I always appreciated his good cheer and comments. It was clear to me why my dad valued him as a friend, and I have always cherished the kind words he spoke about Dad at the funeral home. I will keep you and your family in my prayers as I remember the blessings that Mr Preske shared with so many around him.

*Mike Hupfer*

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**Michael Hupfer** - July 19, 2022 at 03:31 PM

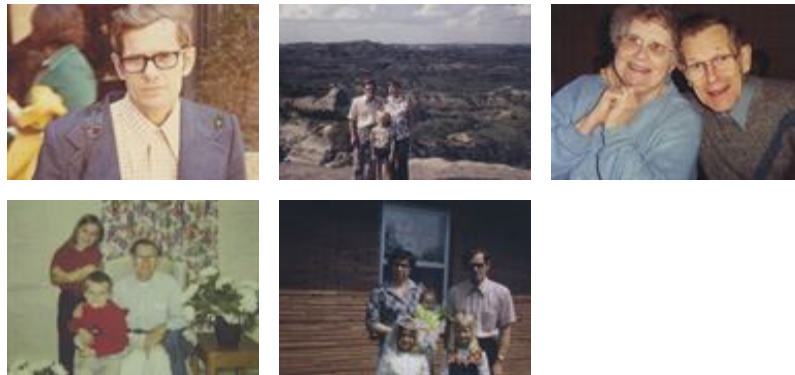
MC

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Deacon Preske. Richard performed our pre-marital counseling sessions and married us in 1995 at Holy Rosary. We often recall with fondness some of the wisdom that he imparted to us...in fact we were just discussing something he told us a few days ago, not realizing he had moved on from this world. We truly value his contribution to our marriage. He was an wonderful person.

McClain - July 14, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - July 14, 2022 at 10:39 AM

KM

“ Richard “dick “was friends with my parents for many years. He fixed many of our TVs and we were always happy to see him come to the house. His daughter Kim and I have worked together for several years and I have fond memories of working with her and sharing memories of our families. May God give them peace knowing that he is in heaven. Prayers for family. Sincerely Karen Meier

Karen Meier - July 14, 2022 at 09:15 AM

LY

“ Deacon Preske touched my life and many others while he worked at Holy Rosary. He was so proud of his wife and family as he let us hear his life away from work. My sympathy to all of his special family. *Laura Young*

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**Laura Young** - July 14, 2022 at 08:23 AM

LH

“ My memories of uncle Richard are from more recent years, as I began exploring the Martin-Preske family tree back when I got married 10 years ago and became more fascinated with my extended family. My late Grandma Theresa (Preske) Martin lent me all of her family pictures and shared stories of growing up with all of her brothers and her only sister. When I was growing up we spent more time with our nuclear family rather than our extended family, and I only recall the family reunion we had in 2015, in which I spoke with Richard a few times leading up to it.

*Richard reminded me so much of my Grandma (his sister), not only in looks, but his affableness, his diplomacy, and his laudability. He loved his church and his family, as well as taking pictures of his family. He also loved family history which resulted in 2 publications about his brothers Reverend Venantius and Reverend Felix Preske. Sending condolences to my extended family, Richard's kids and grandkids. I'm so thankful that our paths have crossed in recent years!*

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**Leslie Hertel** - July 13, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - July 13, 2022 at 03:39 PM

LH



Leslie Hertel - July 13, 2022 at 08:50 PM

CM

*Kim and family, I am so sorry to read of your father's recent passing. May you all be comforted by warm memories and love.*

Carol Moore - July 16, 2022 at 09:22 AM

FK

“ *My sincere condolences to you Joan and to your family. Richard was always a joy to be with. A man of unwavering faith, hope and love. A faithful deacon and witness to the Lord. Fr. Tony Kissel*

Fr. Tony Kissel - July 13, 2022 at 11:26 AM

BK

“ Dear Joan and family,  
I was privileged to have worked with Richard at Holy Rosary as Parish Secretary during his time there. Richard was my rock and my fortress in very trying times. His steadfastness and counsel helped me through a very hard time. He was a joy to be with and a very religious and devout and compassionate man. I thought very highly of him. God rest his soul.

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**Barb Klein** - July 13, 2022 at 11:23 AM

MD

“ Uncle Richard was the kindest and most caring person I have ever known. He will be greatly missed by so many people.  
Niece Mary Damm

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**mary damm** - July 13, 2022 at 11:10 AM

FS

“ Dear Joan and family, I had the privilege of serving with Richard at Holy rosary parish. He was always very caring to all of us, parishes and fellow ministers, seeking to understand rather than to be understood. We reconnected at University Health Care and enjoyed many memories of our time together... and laughter to boot. He was ready to go to heaven, and we rejoice in our sadness that God has taken him home.  
Fr. Jim Sauer

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**Fr. Jim Sauer** - July 13, 2022 at 10:59 AM

LH

“ To Joan and family —

*Our sincerest sympathy to all upon the passing of Richard. Our families were intertwined at St Boniface for many years during elementary school and church functions at St Boniface. Many happy and blessed memories of those times!*

*May Richard now enjoy his eternal reward in the arms of our Lord and Savior.*

*Well done, good and faithful servant, Deacon Richard.*

*Linda (Waterman) Huebschman*

*Bob Waterman*

*Tim Waterman*

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**Linda Huebschman** - July 13, 2022 at 10:29 AM

VM

“ OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO JOAN AND FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF RICHERD. VERNON AND ANGELA MARX

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**vernon h. marx** - July 13, 2022 at 10:01 AM