



Richard H Bloch

June 2, 1945 - November 1, 2024

Princeton - Richard H. Bloch 79 of Princeton, IL, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 1, 2024. He was born in Oak Park, IL on June 2, 1945 to Harold and Florence Block.

Richard spent the early years of his life living in Hillside and Berkeley Illinois where he often spoke of spending time with his Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins. He talked about the family's Cotugno's restaurant in Hillside celebrating the holidays or at the Block's home in Wood Dale watching the steam locomotives moving through town. He enjoyed his diverse family background speaking and quoting phrases in Italian, German, Russian, and Latin.

Education was very important to Richard, graduating High School at the now Walther Academy in Melrose Park, and then a degree from Quincy College in Quincy IL. He went on to obtain a Master's Degree from DePaul University, in Chicago, IL.

Richard honed his skills to work in Banking, Manufacturing, and Accounting, being a Manager, Bookkeeper, and Legal Assistant. He had Certificates in Banking and also an Illinois Teacher's Certificate.

He spent the later part of his life in Princeton IL, where for over 40 years he made many friends that became his family. His passion was his faith where he

belonged to the St Louis Parish. He was a Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus supporting many endeavors with his time. Richard would often quote scripture to provide wisdom or to make a point. Richard served his community holding office as a Local Committeeman, Election Judge and a member of the GOP. He worked very hard this last election to ensure victory for his candidate.

Richard is survived by many cousins with the names Bloch, Salvatore, Debee, and Zito. He leaves behind his spirit of kindness and concerned that will be dearly missed.

Services have not been announced, they will be held at a later date and time.

Cremation Rites Accorded.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Richard was a good and faithful friend to my dad. When my dad's dementia progressed and prevented him from being involved in the Knights and prayer group, Richard would visit him at home. When COVID hit and he could not visit, he would call and check up on my dad.

After my dad died, we wanted to have the Knights represented at his funeral. Although Richard was experiencing many health challenges himself at the time, he arranged it and came himself to stand along side them. I will be forever thankful for his generosity and dedication to human kind. I know he's up in heaven telling a few of his jokes and making everyone laugh! There will be a flock of those you have made a difference to , with arms out wide to greet you. Thank you Richard for being exactly who you were.

Regina Mojarab (Happach)

Regina Mojarab - December 24, 2024 at 02:16 PM

MG

“ Richard's mother was my Godmother. We would get together often. Memories of Island Lake with him & my bother & cousins. He was a wonderful person & I will miss him. Didn't know he passed, I was sending him a Thanksgiving card today but couldn't find his address so I was looking it up & saw that he is with our heavenly families now.

Mary Ann Giacalone - November 25, 2024 at 11:59 AM

DM

“ Richard was a remarkable man. His knowledge of scripture was amazing and he shared his faith with those he met. As a member of the Coalition of Constitutional Rights he was able to bring his love of country to all. We cried when we lost him, but know he is in the loving arms of Jesus. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Donna L Milliron - November 19, 2024 at 09:58 PM

SP

Richard was certainly an amazing man. He had so much insight on life. He was so kind and brilliant. He loved Jesus, his country and his fellow man. Glad I had the opportunity to know him.

Sally Pelszynski - December 05, 2024 at 02:06 PM

LC

“ Richard was in our Coalition group and very instrumental in keeping us “in order” at our meetings! He was such a great guy, a smart man and a sincere man. Very spiritual with a great sense of humor. I cried when I heard he had passed. I will miss him greatly. Our coalition will not be the same without him. ❤️❤️

Lonnie Caldwell - November 18, 2024 at 08:17 PM

DM

Richard will be greatly missed. My husband was good friends with his dad, Harold, through the VFW and American Legion. That's how we came to know Richard. I was amazed at his knowledge of scripture and willingness to share. He was the secretary for our group Coalition for Constitutional Rights. We were trying to get him to speak on the constitution as he was so knowledgeable. He was a giving person. I too cried when he passed. Richard I will be praying for you. Please pray for me.

Donna Milliron - November 19, 2024 at 10:40 AM

PE

“ I will sure will miss him and his jokes. Rest in Peace my friend.

Peggy - November 16, 2024 at 09:15 PM

GG

“ I met Richard about a year ago through the Secular Order of Franciscans (SOF) - He was a member of the St Clare fraternity at Mayslake in Oakbrook IL. While he was limited to traveling, he joined our meetings via conference call once per month. He was a great, spiritual person always willing to offer his time, knowledge and wisdom.

In September, several of his fraternity members visited with him in Princeton, IL. We gifted Richard with a Tau cross that I made. (Pictures below).

We had shared our friendships and stories over lunch...with a town tour to follow...and a departing “doggie bag” from Richard consisting of fresh vegetables and corn from a recent Knights of Columbus fundraiser.

I will miss Richard and our phone conversations. We talked 2 days prior to All Saints Day....wishing each other peace and prayers.

Richard, may you rest in Jesus' arms and watch over us with all of the Saints and Angels. You will be missed by ALL. Via Jesus. Pax et Bonum. Greg G.



Gregory Gambla - November 16, 2024 at 09:14 PM

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JOHN ULM - November 15, 2024 at 02:49 PM