



Richard Leo Burch

July 24, 1941 - November 26, 2020

Richard Leo Burch, son of the late Lester and Bernice (Walker) Burch was born on July 24, 1941 in Polk City, IA and departed this life on November 26, 2020 in Kansas City, MO. At the time of his passing he was 79 years, four months, and one day of age.

Richard was reared and attended school in Polk City, IA. He was a Golden Gloves Champion and was recruited by the Army to join their boxing team. He enlisted and was stationed at Fort Carson. After serving his country, he went to work for Firestone Tire Company. He was a volunteer Firefighter for over 20 years with the Elkhert, Iowa Township. Richard retired after 30 years with Firestone but enjoyed working parttime for Cosentino's Price Chopper where he made many friends. He also ran a painting business for many years. He also enjoyed fishing, watching Westerns and collecting memorabilia, and antiquing. Richard attended the Truth and Grace Baptist Church in Pleasant Hill, MO.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife Karen; his parents; and one grandchild. He is survived by two sons, Ken & wife Melissa Burch and Patrick & wife Andent Burch; two daughters, Becky Riggs and Janet & husband Aaron Schaak; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He also leaves other family members and many friends who will all truly miss him.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in the Macedonia Cemetery under the care and direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Macedonia Cemetery
Springfield Road
Buffalo, MO 65622

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Leo Burch*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Richard Leo Burch*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Richard Leo Burch*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Richard Leo Burch*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Richard Leo Burch*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Richard was truly a wonderful person, I always made sure I got in his line at Pricechoppers just to visit a minute, he was a true gentleman and I miss him already. RIP my friend .*

Judy Baldwin - December 03, 2020 at 07:39 PM

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“ To Richard's family,

I can't begin to tell you how much Richard meant to me. I was a close co-worker with Richard. He started at the store just 2 weeks after me. He also lived just 3 blocks way, so we periodically met at a local restaurant and ate together.

I am a cashier, and he was a sacker. Customers would often come to my register when Richard sacked for me and say: "We've the good team now"! We both were proud to be the "grandpa" the high school kids who worked with us. Every single one of the young of those kids had the utmost respect for Richard -- he was loved and respected by all of them. I was always amazed when I watched him work. I respectfully called him "half man, half machine. He was an 'energizer bunny'. Another thing that the two of us had in common was our work ethic. He never simply stood around when things were slow like to younger ones. He LOOKED for something to do: fill the register pop machines, restock paper & plastic sack, rotate product on the shelves -- anything to keep busy.

I was on sick leave from July 8 through October 8 having my left knee replaced. During that time he came over to visit at least 3 times.

In the fact that I am a part-time pastor, Richard and I enjoyed Bible discussions together which included 'end-time prophecy'. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN.

I am a better person for Richard being a part of my life. One story that I must tell you is about Jim. Jim, a customer at the store, would like to come to our line. He had a rough exterior so you had to know how to take him and how to "play" with him. A couple of years ago Jim shared that he was nervous because he was going to have tests for possible cancer. Richard introduced Jim to his pastor and ultimately Jim accepted Jesus as his Savior. To a certain degree, Jim owes his eternal life to Richard for introducing Jesus to him.

My prayers will be with you as you grieve. I understand your grief as I, too, lost my father a number of years ago. I pray God's blessing upon you during this difficult time.

*In Christ,
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Dale Swartz - December 01, 2020 at 04:06 PM



Thank you kindly for your kind words and being so kind to my dad. Its comforting to know he was in good company and caring friend.

Janet Schaak - December 01, 2020 at 07:44 PM