



George Richard Butler

June 9, 1947 - June 23, 2022

George Richard Butler, 75, died at 5:47 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at River Crossing of Alton. Born June 9, 1947, in Alton, he was the son of George Robert and Charlotte (Els) Butler. Dick, as he was known by friends and family, served in the U.S. Army and retired as a lineman for AT & T after 35 years. On August 2, 1968, he married the former Susan Losch in Alton at Saints Peter & Paul Church. She preceded him in death. Surviving are four children, Andrew Butler of Granite City, Libby Wittman (Jason) of St. Jacob, Katie Butler-Simpson (John Moore) of Alton, and Alex Butler (Gina) of Godfrey, a daughter-in-law, Tammy Uetz-Butler of Rosewood Heights and seven grandchildren, Kelly Butler, Joey Butler, Maxx Butler, Chloe Butler, A.J. Butler, Brody Simpson, and Georgia Rose Butler.

Dick and Susie relocated to their family property in Missouri in 2008. Dick was a lifelong and talented bowler, being the first/youngest bowler to ever throw a 300 game at Bowl Haven Lanes in Alton on June 8, 1964, at the age of 16, a record which stood for over four decades. He later joined the PBA tour and threw twenty-four 300 games throughout his career, the last being on 9/6/19 at P.B.A Lanes in Potosi, MO. He was a passionate fan of The Ohio State University Buckeyes and liked to attend games at “The Shoe” with his family. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed vacationing with close friends/family often. Dick was a devoted husband, father, and friend to so many. He believed in carrying on traditions and was always there when anyone needed him. O-H....I-O!!

A celebration of life will be held at Bowl Haven Lanes in Alton on July 10, 2022. The doors will be open from 1-5 pm with a prayer and memorials to begin at 1:30. Donations can be made to the youth bowling programs at Bowl Haven Lanes in Alton, IL. and P.B.A. Lanes in Potosi, MO. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is overseeing arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 10. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Bowl Haven Lanes
Alton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *George Richard Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *George Richard Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

BF

“ I have many blessed memories of Dick. We bowled together in the Bowl Haven and Bowl Arena Junior Leagues with many of Dick's friends, many of whom I am sure will be at Bowl Haven on Sunday to help your family celebrate his life. The summer of 1964 found Dick, Frank Drennan and myself bowling in our first sanctioned Summer TrioScratch League. Of course, that is where Dick created history as the youngest bowler to shoot a 300 game in ABC history, tying Dick Hoover if I remember correctly.

Its hard to believe that he is gone. Missed so many opportunities to see each other, go bass fishing, and of course bowling over our latter years.

I have attached a picture of Dick, Mike Compis and myself from 1964.

I will truly miss Dick!!

Look forward to sharing other memories and seeing old friends this Sunday.

God bless you all...



Bob Fleming - July 08, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Richard Butler.*



July 07, 2022 at 06:59 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Shared many great memories over the years with Dick and Susie. May he Rest In Peace. My sincere sympathy to their children.*

Patti Franklin - July 01, 2022 at 05:59 PM



Will miss Dick. We had a great team at PBA LANES.

cathy Ballard - July 09, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy!!!* ❤️🙏😊

Jill Fowler-Trudell



Jill Fowler-Trudell - June 28, 2022 at 02:57 PM

LO

“ Love from all your family in Oregon purchased the Celestial Love for the family of George Richard Butler.



Love from all your family in Oregon - June 28, 2022 at 01:35 AM

DL

“ Farewell for now my great friend. Dick was my Best Man at our wedding. Both he and Sue were so helpful with all things getting started. He helped me move, then on an extremely hot July weekend Dick and I built a railroad tie retaining wall. I still recall listening to the Cards on the radio and Jack Buck was saying they were considering moving the game to later because of the heat. We laughed, Oh, its too hot to sit and watch a ball game, but here we are tossing 198 pound railroad ties around.

And the first time I finally got him to go to the Petersen bowling tournament. Every two games they call out squad leaders. Dick kept asking me :”Why do they keep saying my name?” He was leading the thing and didn’t think he was bowling very well! He ended up winning decent money and that hooked him into going every year for many years.

Doug DeShong I - June 26, 2022 at 05:38 PM

SS

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Dicks passing. He was a wonderful man that I had the privilege of working with in Godfrey. Prayers for all the family.

Sherrill Sabo - June 26, 2022 at 02:54 PM