



Dr. Richard Lee Butler

September 15, 1945 - February 13, 2018

Dateline: Godfrey

Dr. Richard Lee Butler, 72, died Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, MO. Born September 15, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was the son of James Gilbert and Olga (Radojits) Butler. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Dr. Butler had a cardiologist practice in Alton during the 1980's and then worked at St. Anthony's Hospital E.R. before moving to Las Cruces, New Mexico in 2005. In 2008 he settled in Robinsonville, MS where he worked for North Oak Hospital in Senatobia, MS for seven years before retiring. He enjoyed dining out, hiking, traveling, riding bikes and spending time with friends. On May 14, 1993 he married the former Barbara Valdes-Floyd in Elsah, IL. She survives. Also surviving are two step-sons, Jason Floyd and Patrick Floyd, three grandchildren, Emily, Colby and Connor Floyd, two great grandchildren, Kingston and Kevin Floyd, and a brother, James "Jim" Butler (Cathy Gouldin, M.D.). Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, February 16, 2018 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2018 at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton. Father Jason Stone will officiate. Memorials may be made to SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Alton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Richard Lee Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Dr. Richard Lee Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Too bad his children Colleen, Robert were not notified of their fathers death. Dr Butler was 4f and never in the Air Force.*

mary butler - March 05, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *Barb you have my Deepest Sympathy in the loss of your Husband..Prayers for you and your family.
Shelia M Ventimiglia*

Shelia Ventimiglia - February 19, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ *Jim, Cathy, Jackson and Everette Butler purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Richard Lee Butler.*



Jim, Cathy, Jackson and Everette Butler - February 15, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard Lee Butler.



February 15, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ I worked with Dr Butler for years at North Oak Hospital.He taught me so much about the heart,its function, and never failing to pay tribute to its Maker!But not only that , he taught me about kindness,compassion and seeing the patient before seeing their medical condition.Over the years we became close friends and I will always treasure those memories we shared..One of my favorite memories is of him blaming me for leaving the caps lock on ,on his computer! He never admitted that he did it himself but we both knew he did! I will miss his humor and especially his brilliant mind!
My Deepest Sympathy ,Genie Lantrip

Genie Lantrip - February 15, 2018 at 06:21 PM



Dr. Butler (affectionately called "Rich") was a dear friend to me & my family. We have many sweet memories to treasure in our hearts. Words can't describe my feelings of loss. His pain and suffering is over but the grief of his loved ones missing him has just begun. He was one of a kind.

Sharon E Boland - February 16, 2018 at 09:11 AM



It would have been nice to add his own children Colleen, Robert and Danny

mary butler - March 04, 2018 at 01:56 PM

JM

“ When God called this soldier home, there was joy in heaven. For those still breathing here on earth, I pray that they feel the comfort that only God can provide at this time.

Richard was a beloved cousin to me & will be forever loved. My favorite memory of Richard was when he shared his faith with me on our Mississippi River Boat cruise. Such a joy to know how he trusted in Jesus.

JoAnn Butler-McLaughlin

JOANN MCLAUGHLIN - February 15, 2018 at 01:08 PM

CJ

“ Cousins Nina and Dave, Joanna purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. Richard Lee Butler.



Cousins Nina and Dave, Joanna - February 15, 2018 at 12:57 PM

JT

“ Barb, so sorry to hear about Richard's passing. We are out of town. You have Our sympathy. Our prayers are with you and your family. My God be with you. 🙏

Judy & Larry Thompson - February 15, 2018 at 05:36 AM

JH

“ My deepest condolences Barb - Joy Hudson

JOY HUDSON - February 14, 2018 at 01:52 PM

KV

So sorry for your loss, Rich was a good man. Prayers sent 🙏🙏

Kimiko Valdes - February 14, 2018 at 02:11 PM

DE

I worked with Dr. Butler at North Oak Regional Medical Center for several years. I enjoyed his dry wit and sense of humor. He was an excellent physician and I am glad to have learned from just as Genie Lantrip said. He also had great calves after riding his bike so much! (He was worried about his healing leg after bypass so I got to see them). Debra Ellis, RN

Debra Ellis - February 16, 2018 at 12:46 PM