



Richard L Kahlenbeck

December 26, 1944 - July 15, 2016

Richard L. Kahlenbeck went to his heavenly home on Friday, July 15, 2016. He was born on December 26, 1944 in Fort Wayne to Howard and Clara Kahlenbeck.

He worked for 37+ years at Navistar, in Fort Wayne, retiring in 2002.

He is survived by his wife Lydia, his son Mike (Angie), his daughter Sue Ann (Craig) Carter and five grandchildren: Annie Helfgott of New York, Emma Helfgott of New York, Katy Hudson of Huntington, Jim Carter of New York, Brian Carter of New York.

He is survived by his sister Wanda (Beall) Bowden of Fort Wayne and a brother Howard of Indianapolis.

He attended Murray Missionary Church for over 20 years. His greatest enjoyment was being outside and fixing things in the barn.

A service will be held for Richard at a later date. Memorials may be made to Family LifeCare in Berne or to the Murray Missionary Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L Kahlenbeck*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear that Rich passed this year. We were close friends during Franklin years and the Freshman year at North Side. I lived on Greenlawn and I always stopped and picked him up on Archer as we walked on to school. We had a lot of fun as kids, played Little League and spent time at Hamilton Park.*

Rich's Dad spotted an old 54 Buick and he and Rich helped me to fill in the rust spots with fiberglass, sand and then his dad painted the whole car. My first car that lasted into my college years at Ball State.

I had heard that he worked at Navistar as my brother also retired from there. I regret that we lost track after graduation.

My condolences to Wanda who I knew and the rest of the family.

Rodger Macy

Rodger Macy - December 12, 2016 at 05:09 PM



“ *Dear Lydia and family, So sorry to read of Richard's death. My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this sad time. May your memories of him and your faith help you thru. Most sincerely, Gloria Wilson*

Gloria Wilson - July 24, 2016 at 03:24 PM

MS

“ I remember working with Dick when I started at Navistar. He was ready to help with problems in an instant and had a smile that could make any issue seem smaller. Please accept my sincere sympathies.

Mark Stasell

Mark Stasell - July 19, 2016 at 08:19 PM

MS

“ Worked with Dick in the Cadds group at Navistar and he was always a straight shooter. We both moved on to other responsibilities but always talked at work. Good guy.

Mack Short

Mack Short - July 18, 2016 at 07:43 AM

BL

“ Dick was one of my first bosses when I started on March 10, 1986! He was a very good man with a great sense of humor. I still remember him letting me cut firewood on the farm. I also remember a situation of mistaken identity where the local law enforcement showed up at the farm looking for a fugitive from Wisconsin! We had a lot of great times working together!

Bernie LaBastide - July 17, 2016 at 07:37 AM

DJ

“ I remember Richard and you opening your home to a missionary during Mission Week at the Markle Methodist many years ago. What blessed times times we had with the Lord because of both of you opening your home and hearts to the great commission.

David Johnson
Plainfield, IN

David Johnson - July 16, 2016 at 04:21 PM

GH

“ Lydia and family - Will miss Richard's big smile and his warm greeting each Sunday at church and whenever we saw him out and about. Know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days, weeks and months ahead. May God bless you with strength, comfort and peace in the coming days. May God bless you with beautiful memories that will bring you comfort and may you feel His arms encircling you with love.

Wayne and Glennis Henly

Glennis Henly - July 15, 2016 at 08:23 AM