



## Richard W. Redding

February 19, 1948 - February 24, 2011

Richard W. Redding, 63, rural Bluffton, died at 2 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 at his sister's home in Bluffton after battling cancer since this past July.

Born in Wells County on Feb. 19, 1948 to Charles E. and Erma R. (Lund) Redding, he graduated from East Lancaster High School in 1966 and earned a B.S. degree from North Manchester College. He also went to graduate school at Notre Dame.

Richard taught history for 23 years at LaSalle High School in Milwaukie, Ore., which is a suburb of Portland. He returned to Wells County in 2008 and was employed part-time at Walmart in Bluffton. He enjoyed playing the violin with his grandpa and served as an organist and pianist at various churches. He was a member of the Catholic Church in Portland, Ore., and enjoyed reading and extracurricular school activities.

Survivors include his parents of rural Bluffton; his sister, Janette Pearson of Bluffton; and a nephew, Justin Pearson, Bluffton. He was preceded in death by a nephew, Todd Mann.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home with Father Francis C. Chukwuma officiating. Calling hours there are from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in Sparks Cemetery in rural Wells County. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice and Palliative Care.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard W. Redding*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard W. Redding*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I had not heard about Rich's passing until coming across an article from LaSalle High School this week..*

*I knew Rich at the University of Portland in the late 1980s. My wife and I returned to Oregon from the east coast to visit him in the 1990s.*

*Rich was and extremely caring person. He was serious and attentive towards activities and people.*

*I am sorry that we lost touch over the years. It is a privilege to have known him.*

*Paul Hilton*

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**Paul Hilton** - March 17, 2013 at 10:32 PM



“ I was a Canadian friend of Richard and visited him often in Portland. I am sorry that it has taken me so long to hear of his death but I am not surprised because I knew of some of his health challenges. He lived a rich though understated life. Some of what he was passionate about has rubbed off on me. I will not forget him.##imported-begin##Michael Hare##imported-end##

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August 17, 2011 at 05:33 PM



“ I had the honor of working with Rick at La Salle High School for seven years. I will always remember his peaceful nature and gentle ways.##imported-begin##Marie Delgado Camacho##imported-end##

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June 09, 2011 at 12:13 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to here of Mr. Redding's passing. I had the privilege of having him for two religious studies courses. He was one of my favorite teachers. I'm sure he he will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Christopher Ramrattan##imported-end##

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April 26, 2011 at 11:28 PM



“ My sincere condolences to your family. I was a student of Mr. Redding's at LaSalle High School. We wrote a lot of stories in his class and he emphasized the importance of good storytelling. He would always say, "All people, all places, all times eat and tell stories" - which is something I never forgot. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Molly Gall##imported-end##

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April 02, 2011 at 03:44 PM



“ Mr. Redding was a great person that helped anyone & everyone. He gave everything his full attention, heart & hard work. LaSalle football was blessed to have him apart of the team. His preparation & focus led us through many tough times and onto victory. He dedicated his time to his daily preparations in everything that he did. I am grateful to have gotten to learn from him. I wish his family strength during these times. I am sure he is watching over all of us, working away to keep us all safe! That candle that never burns out is Mr Redding!###imported-begin###Brian Dundon###imported-end##

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April 01, 2011 at 01:13 AM



“ Rick and I coached LaSalle High School's law team from 2001 to 2006, taking the team to and winning the state championship in March 2006. During the five years we coached together, I came to know Rick as a steady and reliable partner, a person of tremendous patience, and a supportive friend. He often indulged my ideas for the team but at times would diplomatically suggest a different course which, usually, was a better direction than the one I had thought of. I was very sorry to hear of his passing and regret that I did not have a final opportunity to wish him well on his next journey. I wish him much peace. John Acosta###imported-begin###Judge John V. Acosta, Portland, Oregon###imported-end##

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April 01, 2011 at 12:16 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Mr. Redding's family.*

*Mr. Redding was my teacher at LaSalle High School. I will always remember guided meditations, and I enjoyed reading Deep River.*

*May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Georgina Santos##imported-end##*

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March 31, 2011 at 01:08 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Richard's illness and passing. My brother told me about it just a few days ago. He was a classmate of mine from Rockcreek and Lancaster schools. I considered him a good friend during those early years and had lost touch but wanted to offer my sympathy and prayers at this time.##imported-begin##Virgie (Waters) Thomas##imported-end##*

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March 08, 2011 at 12:35 PM



“ *Charlie, Erma and Jan - you have my sympathy from Overland Park, KS. I just heard from Ben and he let me know. I am so sorry to hear about Richard. Wow how time has flown by. I want you to know that you are in my prayers in this difficult time. I wish I could have been there to see all of you in person. It sounds like Richard had a full and rounded life. With sympathy, Becky Good##imported-begin##Becky Good##imported-end##*

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March 02, 2011 at 08:36 AM



“ Charlie, Erma & Jan, I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of times our families spend together! My thoughts and prayers are with you. May the Lord comfort you and help you during this difficult time. Lynn###imported-begin###Lynn###imported-end###

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February 27, 2011 at 01:23 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my college classmate, Rich. He was a kind, intelligent, and sincere fellow.###imported-begin###Jeff Johnson###imported-end###

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February 26, 2011 at 08:38 PM



“ I just got a call from Mom. Susan and I are thinking of you and hope you can find some comfort. I have a lot of memories that go back many many years. He will be missed.

Mike###imported-begin###Mike Hoover###imported-end###

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February 26, 2011 at 04:01 PM



“ Charley, Erma @ Jan,  
Just wanted you to know my prayers are with you and I'll be thinking of you Sunday and Monday morning. So sorry I can't be there but the miles won't let it happen. I am sure Rich is in a much better place and is now pain free. Take care . Alice###imported-begin###Alice Hoover###imported-end###

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February 26, 2011 at 03:34 PM



“ My sympathy##imported-begin##Richard Preston##imported-end##

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February 26, 2011 at 07:35 AM



“ Jan & Justin, So sorry to hear about your brother Jan and Uncle to Justin. He sounded like a great guy. I didn't realize he was a teacher. I'm sure he'll be missed...

Take Care,  
Brenda##imported-begin##The Gardner's, Brenda, Abby, Ben & Lucas##imported-end##

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February 26, 2011 at 01:01 AM



“ Jan,

I'm so sorry to hear about your brother. I know how hard his illness has been on you and I think you have been an amazing sister to him. I'm sure he appreciated it and is saving you a spot in Heaven.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you.

Take care,  
Elaine##imported-begin##Elaine Doherty##imported-end##

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February 25, 2011 at 02:54 PM