



## Richard Howe

February 28, 1956 - May 15, 2020

Richard John Howe, 64, of Monrovia, unexpectedly passed from this life on Friday, May 15, 2020, due to sudden heart complications at his residence. He was born on February 28, 1956 in Kokomo, to the late William E. and Carolyn “Jane” (Barker) Howe.

The oldest child and helpful big brother of two siblings, Richard graduated from Kokomo High School in the class of 1974. Furthering his studies in Agriculture at Purdue University, he went on to study culinary arts in Cape Coral. Prematurely losing his mother at the age of 20, Richard along with his sister, Jane, and a host of others, stepped in to fill the void by looking after his youngest brother, Allen; to whom he had the opportunity to stay with Richard for a period of time while studying in North Carolina. Taking advantage of his youth, he went on to study abroad in Japan with his focus in oceanography.

An experienced and reputable online gamer, he invested a great deal of time in Role Playing Games (RPG) and was able to keep in touch and interact with a group of lifelong friends. Finding his soulmate and establishing a family of his own at the age of 40, Richard was first introduced to Sue Puyear online, and after three years of dating the two were united in marriage on April 17, 2000. Above all, he valued family and chose to claim Sue’s two children as if they were his own. They moved into a small town in 2004 and settled on Briarwood Lake. It was there at home that he enjoyed fishing, reading sci-fi

novels, cheering on the Colts, playing RPG with friends and spending time with loved ones. Richard also liked to cook, and his guacamole was one of the best recipes. Equipped with a great sense of humor, a strong solid frame and set mind, his large heart was full of love and he was most content while in the presence of his grandchildren and with a canine companion at his side. Partial to the Akita breed, he was preceded in death by his faithful fur-friend, C.J and leaves Bo in charge of the home. Freed of all ailments and illness, Mr. Howe's memory will now live in the hearts of all that were blessed to know him.

Survivors include his wife and best friend, Suzanne "Sue" Howe of Monrovia; children, Heather Cook (husband, Christopher) of Smyrna, Tennessee and Adam Long (wife, Melissa) of Indianapolis; sister, Jane Cesnik (husband, Mark) of Kokomo; brother, Allen Howe (wife, Diane) of Noblesville; grandkids, Aaron, Orion, Dagyn, Tobin, Tyler, Elizabeth and Alexander "AJ"; nieces and nephews, Sadie, Ashton, Gregg and Emily; along with a host of extended family members, in-laws, gamers, and friends

Per Richard's wishes, there will be no tears shed at formal services at this time. Cremation Arrangements were entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Please feel free to support the family with condolences on Facebook and online. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to help the family offset final expenses c/o Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel via PayPal (link coming soon) or by mailing donations to 585 E. Main Street, Monrovia, IN 46157. To share a favorite story, upload a photo, send an online condolence or order a sympathy gift to the family visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

585 E. MAIN STREET  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
<http://www.lightmemorial.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Great memories of cookouts and wiffle ball games at Mark & Jane's on this weekend every year with Richard and Alan and all the families. Lots of laughter and fun! He was always so kind to my kids on Memorial Day weekend.

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**Jeanne Stejskal** - May 23, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ Warm memories of Richard growing up together through grade school and on through High School, and church. He was a good friend.

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**Kerry Armstrong** - May 23, 2020 at 09:34 AM

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“ I have such fond memories of Richard. Especially when we us Barker girl cousins went with him to downtown Indianapolis to have dinner at the fancy French LaTour's restaurant that was located on the top floor of the bank tower. He was so much fun. We always had fun as kids when our big family drove up to Kokomo to spend the day with his family. We would always go to see Big Ben and the huge hollow tree in the park. We would go swimming there too. He brought alot of joy to his family. Growing up, we always had a big Barker family Christmas party too. He had the same loving heart I remember his mother, our Aunt Carolyn had. We miss you. Rest in peace Richard, you are missed.

Your cousin.

*Helen Barker Schirmer.*

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**Helen Schirmer** - May 22, 2020 at 10:57 PM