



Richard "Dick" Christian

June 22, 1942 - September 15, 2021

Huntersville-On Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, we had the privilege of walking our beloved, Richard J. "Dick" Christian home to be with the Lord.

Dick was born June 22, 1942 in Hempstead, NY to parents James Joseph and Anna Christian, both immigrants from Italy and Germany. His family moved from Hempstead, NY to Tampa, Florida following the death of his father, where Dick attended Jesuit High School and later acquired an Associate of Arts degree at St. Leo College in Dade City, Florida.

Married for 41 years to his bride and long-time business partner Elizabeth C. (Libby) Christian, they enjoyed working and traveling together, visiting different countries, and seeing the world through each other's eyes. He is also survived by his son Jim (Libby) Christian of Terrell, his daughter Angie (John) Ellington of Charlotte, son Brian (Jennifer) Marks of Raleigh, daughter Linda West of Greenville, SC, son George (Angela) Leatherman of Concord and brother Dan Christian of West Palm Beach, Florida. His legacy also includes 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Dick was the founder and president of Insurance Management Company, a bonding and surety agency where he carried several designations, some of which required years of study and practice. Those designations were CPCU, CIC, CWCA and CRW but his pride and joy was his family. Dick made lots of very close friends in his business journey and in most cases, they became life-long relationships. Many thanks from his family to those of you who walked with him in this.

When Dick was not spending time with those he loved, he was tirelessly giving of himself to his church, St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville, NC. He was instrumental in the Life Teen and Liturgy programs and many times had former youth approach him after mass to thank him for his love and commitment to their growth in the Lord. As a former Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus, he learned to negotiate church and insurance, two of his favorite past times.

The funeral mass will be held at 1pm, Monday September 27th, 2021 at St. Mark Catholic with visitation in the Narthex from 11:30am -1pm prior; burial will follow at Northlake Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be sent to Holy Angels of Belmont, NC which Dick believed to be such a worthy and endearing cause to be supported.

James Funeral Home is serving the family.

Cemetery

NorthLake Memorial Gardens

11001 Alexanderana Road
Huntersville, NC, 28078

Events

SEP 27 **Visitation** 11:30AM - 01:00PM

St. Mark Catholic Church
14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC, US,
28078

SEP 27 **Funeral Mass** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Was blessed to have shared Adorationhour on Thursdays, until his health prevented him from continuing. Sending prayers and sympathy to his family. Eternal rest Grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Kathleen Rose

Kathleen Rose - September 28, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Dick and I shared our love for Holy Angels of Belmont. I got to know Dick when, as Grand Knight, he took time out of his busy schedule to join me in visiting Holy Angels to deliver the Knights' yearly donation to their blessed cause. Dick was a truly self sacrificing man. He took on the challenging responsibilities of Grand Knight in his later years. Dick, my fellow Knights and I will miss your leadership, business acumen, wise counsel and, especially, your friendship. May our Lord grant you kind admittance to His Kingdom.

Dave Stoughton

David Stoughton - September 27, 2021 at 07:04 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Christian.



September 25, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ Dick was a great and humble man who not only talked the talk...he walked it as well. He supported our teenagers with his presence with his presence and his guidance. I will always remember the long talks over lunch. He truly was a good man and a good friend. May he find the reward for all his good in the loving arms of his Father in heaven. Rest in peace good friend Monsignor Richard Bellow

Msgr Richard Bellow - September 24, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Marie LeFevre lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Christian



Marie LeFevre - September 22, 2021 at 11:22 PM



“ Thank you for your kindness and your confidence when we serve on Saturday 5pm mass as Em. You always made Sure of my placement on the altar. You are a kind and patient man. Always a smile to all of us. Your devotion to our church was priceless
Thank you for kindness,joy your love Dick. I will truly miss you. May you rest in peace and continue to watch over us. Love, Marie

Marie LeFevre - September 22, 2021 at 11:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Christian.



September 22, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES..HE WAS SUCH A GREAT LEADER AND A MAN OF HIGH ETHICS AND MORALS.HE WILL BE MISSED .

JOHN AND SUSAN NICKL

JOHN NICKL - September 22, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Christian.



September 21, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Christian.



September 21, 2021 at 11:48 AM



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DJ - September 20, 2021 at 10:13 PM



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“ We were very lucky to share grand parenting duties with Dick and Libby. Birthday parties for Oscar and Penelope could never start until Dick arrived in Raleigh via car or train to blow up the balloons! We will miss sharing happy times with him.

Tom and Jane Gerteisen

tom and jane gerteisen - September 18, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ My condolences to Angie and her family. May God's loving arms comfort you in your time of need.

With Sympathy,
Diane Williams



Diane - September 18, 2021 at 01:07 PM



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September 18, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

Bereavement Ministry Team - September 17, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ Dick was such a good, kind man. It was always a pleasure to receive a call or office visit from him. He loved his family dearly and spoke of them often. Sending prayers for comfort to all of those that are suffering from this tragic loss.

Tricia Peyton - September 16, 2021 at 08:03 AM



“ Dick will be greatly missed as a member of the HPB family. His work ethic and attention to detail have always been admirable. Prayers are sent from all of us to all of you.

Amy Marin - September 15, 2021 at 02:44 PM