



JAMES FREDRICK RICHARDSON

October 6, 1945 - September 14, 2014

OBITUARY FOR JAMES FREDRICK RICHARDSON

RICHARDSON, James Fredrick, age 68, of Middletown, Ohio passed away September 14, 2014 at his residence. He was born October 6, 1945 in Middletown and lived here all his life. He was employed at Cohen Brothers for many years. Preceding him in death were his parents, James F. and Mabel (Smiley) Richardson. He is survived by one sister, Cynthia Long, husband Michael; one nephew, Greg Wenzel and girlfriend Tania Caudill; and one cousin, Joyce Annello. There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be Monday, October 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Woodside Cemetery (Section 8) with Dr. Dan Flory officiating. Interment will follow. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.herr-riggs.com

Tribute Wall



“ *JAMES FREDRICK RICHARDSON*

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“ *James attended our school reunion this past August, and had a great time. He called me a week later and said that his class of '65 had never had a reunion, and he asked how to go about getting something started for his class. I sent him his class list with addresses and I gave him names of people from his class that I thought would also be interested. He seemed very excited and anxious about the prospect of a class reunion. He also told me that he was looking forward to moving to Florida soon. I was so, so sad to hear of his passing.*

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“ I met Jim between 25 to 30 years ago through a mutual interest in a Church related organization. I lived in near Ann Arbor, Michigan and he in Middletown, Oh. He would infrequently visit me in Mi sometimes and I, him in Middletown. I valued his friendship over these many years, I could call him to share joys and sorrows and he would call me. Most of the time we didn't have answers but we would listen and was always a help.

One Christmas he was coming to visit. He arrived on Christmas Day and I picked him up at the Greyhound station in Detroit. As it was Christmas Day most restaurants/fast food restaurants were either closed or closed early. There was a restaurant at Holiday Inn that normally closed at 9pm so I thought we would eat there. When we got there, because it was Christmas Day it had closed at 7pm. We ended up having Christmas Dinner from vending machines at a gas station. Sandwiches and soda! We would laugh about it over the years. :-)

I moved to the Jacksonville Florida area 14 years ago. Even though we kept in touch by phone, email and his Facebook Page I hadn't seen him in person for probably 18 years. So in July 2014 I decided to go visit him. I flew into Dayton, rented a car and stayed at the Holiday Inn Express in Middletown. We talked a lot and ate out, I took him into Cincinnati and to the campus of Cincinnati Christian University, When he attended there it was know as Cincinnati Bible College. We were wandering the halls and he mentioned to someone that he was a graduate and we were given a tour of a new building. He took me into the library which he said looked exactly the same as when he was there. I think he graduated from there in 1973. Saw is class picture on the wall where they have all the pictures of classes hanging. He mentioned that he always enjoyed going to the campus as it was on a hill with a great view of downtown Cincinnati. He mentioned that because he didn't drive and that bus service between Middletown and Cincinnati didn't exist or wasn't good, the last time he was at the college was 20 years ago when I took him. He had been planning to move to the

Clearwater area of Florida in 2015 and he asked me if I would come and moved him down as he didn't have much to take. I agreed, Probably in the late Spring. He has another friend there, Randy Green, and they were talking about getting separate apartments in a senior citizen high rise in downtown Clearwater.

I talked to Jim the week before he died. On Wednesday, September 17th I was on Facebook and just happened to click on his page. (You can find his FB page under James Ricardson. I took a profile pic for him when I was there and uploaded it for him) A local Middletown friend and former co-worker had written that he had lost a dear friend and co-worker James Richardson. I was in shock. When I visited Jim I had a problem with a tooth so went downstairs to the Dentist and met Judy, the receptionist. I called her first thing on Thursday morning. When I told her who I was she said she was glad I had called as she didn't know how to reach me. She told me what had happened. I was shocked and saddened. He seemed fine when I was there in July.

Jim would mention from time to time how much he appreciated the help of his nephew, Greg and Greg's girlfriend, Tani.

I was able to contact Randy and a Middletown friend of Jim's who now lives in Roanoke, Virginia and they were both shocked and saddened at his sudden passing.

I extend my sincere sympathy to Jim's family.

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