



Richard Edward Giusti

July 15, 1958 - August 20, 2024

Richard Edward Giusti, 66, of Friendswood, Texas, died on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, following a prolonged illness. He was born on July 15, 1958, to Millie Kesel Giusti and Benedict Paul Giusti in Galveston, Texas. Rick attended college at Rice University and the University of Houston, where he received a BS degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked for 34 years (1983-2017) as an engineer and programmer contracted to NASA, where he met Kathleen Poe, whom he married in 2004. He worked at Johnson Space Center's Building 5 flight training facility where he created and refined the computer models used to train astronauts and flight controllers for the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station programs. Rick's career was marked by admiration and respect from his coworkers and recognition for excellence by the astronauts, as he was awarded the Silver Snoopy Award by the Astronaut Office for outstanding achievement related to flight success.

Rick had 36 nieces and nephews. He was a fun uncle, who tossed them in the air when they were small and became a friend and role model as they grew older.

Reading was a passion for Rick, and he loved science fiction, fantasy and medieval history. He was an ardent fan of the Renaissance Festival, and he attended the local RenFest multiple times each year dressed in his best armor, which included chain mail he crafted himself.

At the time of his death him and his wife Kathy were preparing to move to Dubois.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Poe Giusti, his sisters Sandra Atkinson (Denis), Beverly Rose, Barbara Doran (Chuck), Paulette Maddox (Bobby), Marilyn Cernosek (Tony), Cathy Perry (Jerry), Gigi Rose (Gary), Debbie Morgan, Janet Elledge (Paul) and Carolyn Bernard (Karl); brothers-in-law John Poe, Jr., and David Poe (Peggy); sister-in-law Barbara Poe Graves (Neil); many cherished friends; and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Millie Kesel Giusti and Benedict Paul Giusti (Galveston), his in-laws, Marian Ruth Poe and John William Poe (Dubois), and his brother, Benedict Paul Giusti, Jr. (Houston).

Services will be held on Friday, September 13, 2024, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper. Visitation will begin at 11 AM with a funeral service at 1 PM. Burial will be at Hill Church cemetery in Dubois, Indiana, immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hill Church Cemetery Fund, 805 Hochgesang Ave., Jasper, Indiana 47546.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

Emanuel Hill Cemetery

Dubois, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North
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Jasper, IN 47546
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Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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