



Dr. Richard W. Rudolph

January 26, 1939 - January 13, 2025

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Dr. Richard W. Rudolph, age 85, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 6:52 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Rich was born in Ireland, Indiana, on January 26, 1939, to Lenas and Marian (Leinenbach) Rudolph. He married Janice Schmidt on August 20, 1963, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

Rich was a 1957 graduate of Ireland High School. He then attended Purdue University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine.

He was a United States Army Veteran serving in the Army Veterinary Corps from 1965-1967.

He operated Jasper Pet Clinic for 30 years and then worked for Farbest for 10 years.

Rich was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church, the Ireland Lions Club

for over 50 years, and he served on the Dubois County Health Board.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Rudolph, Jasper, IN, four daughters, Susan (Steven) Quintana, Pojoaque, NM, Lynne (Bruce) Meyer, Emerald Isle, NC, Cheryl (Chad) Davis, Columbus, OH, Karen (Matt Jenkins) Rudolph, Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada, five grandchildren, Matthew Quintana, Benjamin Meyer, Grace Meyer, Gracie Davis, Sara (Ryan) Payne, two great grandchildren, Roland and Mabel Payne, one sister, Mary Jane (Ron) Eckert, Jasper, IN, one brother, Dave (Angie) Rudolph, Ireland, IN.

Preceding him in death is one brother, John Rudolph.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Dr. Richard W. Rudolph will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Shiloh Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 1:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before service from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Precious Blood Catholic Church on Monday. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military gravesite rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dubois County Community Food Bank, Jasper Regional Wellness Center or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

4060 W. Shiloh Rd.
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1385 W 6th St
Jasper, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1385 W 6th St
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Dr. Rudolph was a wonderful veterinarian, always kept our family pets healthy throughout the years. John was a great man and friend. He will be dearly missed. Our deepest sympathies go to the family.

Scott Wehr - February 25, 2025 at 07:09 PM

BW

“ Praying for you all and sending love.

Brenda Wooten - January 24, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy & prayers to family and friends! 🙏

James Birkle - January 23, 2025 at 12:19 PM

SN

“ Dr. Rudolph was my first employer. When I was in high school Jan Rudolph volunteered to be a mock job interviewer for a class. At the end of our initial meeting she asked me if I wanted to interview for an actual position at the Jasper Pet Clinic. This mock interview changed my life direction and led me to a caring profession as a pediatric cancer nurse. I am grateful to the Rudolph's for being a second family to me from the age of 16-19. Dr. Rudolph was a caring and funny person. The stories of days at the Pet Clinic will live on as will Dr. Rudolph's mark on the world.

Stacy Nance - January 18, 2025 at 01:01 PM

LS

“ Went to school with Rich. He was always friendly to me and everybody and was a great vet to our dogs. Louis Schwenk

Louis Schwenk - January 18, 2025 at 07:45 AM

RH

“ Oh my!...what a great veterinarian!
One Christmas morning he came to the farm because a cow was having trouble calving. It was a REALLY cold morning, probably around 15° in the barn, he couldn't save the calf but spent over an hour saving the life of the cow. You really couldn't believe how good natured he was about it!!! By the time he was done with the surgery, he was shirtless, sweating and a mess! One Christmas morning!!! So many great conversations with this kind man!💕💕 RIP!

Randy Hemmer - January 17, 2025 at 07:48 PM

SM

“ My sincere condolences, Susan and family. I have fond memories of your dad in NM when he came to visit. People never die until they're forgotten. Keep his memory alive as solace to you now and in the future.

Susan Miera - January 17, 2025 at 05:14 PM

CD

“ Rich and I would talk several times throughout the year. He often called me on the days Pepsico released their quarterly financial performance... since I worked for Frito-Lay, which is owned by Pepsico. I loved these calls and our discussions of stocks, family, and many other topics. Later in life, due to a new role Rich took on, he became extremely knowledgeable about food safety regulations and food quality specifications. Since my role at Frito-Lay was also in the quality and food safety area, again we had wonderful discussions and story sharing. We would talk for an hour or so and I enjoyed every minute of our time chatting. Two years ago, my wife Gwen and I were back in Jasper. Mary Jane invited us to stop by and see them. Rich and Jan stopped by too and we all had a wonderful time visiting and catching up on family and our grandchildren. I will miss those calls from Rich, but am so thankful, he thought enough of me, to reach out and I was able to stay connected to my cousin. Gwen and I send our deepest sympathies to you all. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Chip and Gwen Dudine

Chip Dudine - January 16, 2025 at 10:27 AM

CM

“ Dr Rudolph was a wonderful vet and a kind and gentle man. He took care of my pets for years. He will be missed.



Carol Miley - January 16, 2025 at 10:11 AM

DE

“ Condolences to the family in your loss. Without a doubt, he touched all of you and left the world a better place.

Don Cleveland & Teresa Allgood, EI - January 16, 2025 at 09:11 AM

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“ Ireland High Class Of 1957 lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard W. Rudolph



Ireland High Class of 1957 - January 16, 2025 at 03:59 AM

MS

“ Mark J Schulte lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard W. Rudolph



Mark J Schulte - January 15, 2025 at 07:58 PM

SW

“ My heart goes out to you all!! So so sorry for your loss.
Sherri V Ward
Morehead City, NC



Sherri Ward - January 15, 2025 at 07:56 PM

TK

“ My heart goes out to you all. Doc loved his girls and Jan and was always so proud of them.

tom kunk - January 15, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JK

“ *What a good man. He and Jan were always so good to me whether it be through Scouting or just friendship. He also was a great Vet for our cats. He'll be remembered with fond thoughts always. Please accept my sympathy and condolences.*



Joan Eckerle Knies - January 15, 2025 at 02:05 PM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss. I only knew Dr. Rudolph through his vet work for many years, but he was always so good to my cats, and helpful and calming to me in bad times. I'll never forget him.*

Stephanie Stark - January 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM

CJ

“ *Chirs, Kim, Maddy, & Abby Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard W. Rudolph*



Chirs, Kim, Maddy, & Abby Jones - January 15, 2025 at 12:00 PM

PB

Susan, I am so sorry to hear this. Losing a parent is so difficult. The best thing I found was to talk or write about them. Writing poetry and sharing it was great. Grieve however you wish and as long as you need to. There is no date of having to be finished or how to do it. Remember all those you met at USHMM, school, etc. are with you so you are not alone. Love, prayers, Pam Blevins

pam Blevins - January 15, 2025 at 04:47 PM