



Richard A. Schwenk

February 13, 1951 - May 4, 2025

Richard A. Schwenk, age 74, of Otwell, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 6:13 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at St. Vincent Burn Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rich was born in Huntingburg, Indiana, on February 13, 1951, to Rufus and Marie (Burger) Schwenk. He married Brenda Wigand. She preceded him in death on March 23, 2009.

He was a 1969 graduate from Ireland High School.

He served in the National Guard for 6 years.

Rich retired as a coal miner. He then worked for the Union and bailed hay as a farmer.

Rich was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Jasper Moose, the American Legion Post #147 and the Ireland K of C.

He enjoyed having a good time with all his friends. Rich was a wonderful man who would do anything for anyone. He never said, "no," and loved making his rounds to his family during the holidays and special events.

Rich is survived by two brothers: Donnie (Bonny) Schwenk, Jasper; and Sam (Shelly) Schwenk, Ireland; sister, Sue Schum, Ireland, two sisters-in-law: Bonnie Schwenk and Anna Mae Schwenk, and nieces and nephews: Brad, Alan, and Phil Schwenk, Annette Hedinger, Alicia Mruthyunjaya, Clint Schwenk, Eric Schum, Kimberly Schroeder, Ryan and Justin Schwenk, Lauren Baglan, Courtney Vall, Shannon Hagedorn, and Chad Schwenk.

Besides his wife, he is preceded in death by two brothers: John and Kenneth Schwenk and niece, Angie Weidenbenner.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper and to Dr. Brett Hartman and the staff at Eskonazi Burn Center in Indianapolis.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Richard A. Schwenk will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military gravesite rites.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 12:00 p.m. (Mass time) at the church on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Deepest sympathy and prayers to family & friends! Respect 🙏

James Birkle - May 11, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BS

“ There are no words that can express the sympathy we feel for your family. Instead, we hope there are memories that will comfort you. Memories of a life well lived. And a love to hold on to forever. Peace be with you from Arizona

Beverly (Burger) Schouten and Nancy Burger (Tom)

Beverly Schouten - May 07, 2025 at 05:54 PM

MB

“ So sorry about Rich. He was a nice and kind person that everyone enjoyed being around. He will be missed by many. My condolences to the Schwenk family. Marilyn burger

Marilyn Burger - May 07, 2025 at 06:49 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear about Rich. Rich was such a gentle soul we always enjoyed his company. He will surely be miss by many people.

Jerry and Sandy Braunecker

sandy braunecker - May 06, 2025 at 08:05 PM

NH

“ *My sympathy to all of the Schwenk family in this time of grief. My heart goes out to you.*

Nancy Hall - May 06, 2025 at 07:32 PM

MW

“ *So sorry to hear about Rich. He will always hold a special place in my family's hearts. Such a kind man. I never look at a McDonalds without thinking of him...as he would often say how he would stop by for an ice cream for his dogs.*

My daughter and I live out of town. Whenever we would come to visit, he would "put up with us Wigand girls" and just go with the flow.

What a gentle soul.

I will never forget his beautiful laugh.

We are so blessed to have him as part of our family.

God bless all of you.

Marla

Marla Wignad - May 06, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MK

“ *My condolences to the Schwenk family for their loss of Rich ! What a special person he was ! Sadly he will be missed!*

Marty Kress - May 06, 2025 at 10:23 AM

CA

“ Prayers and condolences to all.

Camilla Allen



Camilla Allen - May 06, 2025 at 09:12 AM

JA

“ Josh & Lynne Akalin lit a candle in memory of
Richard A. Schwenk



Josh & Lynne Akalin - May 05, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JS

“ *Julia Schutz lit a candle in memory of Richard
A. Schwenk*



Julia Schutz - May 05, 2025 at 06:16 PM

CK

“ *Cynthia Kempf lit a candle in memory of
Richard A. Schwenk*



Cynthia Kempf - May 05, 2025 at 03:30 PM