



## Richard A. Kwas

September 16, 1945 - October 3, 2011

KWAS, RICHARD A. age 66, of Shelby Twp. passed away on Oct. 3, 2011 at his residence. He was born September 16, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan. Loving companion and partner of Charlotte K. Galant. Dear father of Amy DarrenGreene. Loving grandfather of Joshua Greene. Dear brother of Mary Virga, Linda Bittner and Andrew Lisa Kwas. Richard was a Veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Funeral Services 10:30 am Thursday at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica. Visitation 3:00 - 8:00 pm Wednesday. In lieu of flowers memorials suggested to Any Veterans Organization or The Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

PD

“ I Googled Richard's name as I was writing about my best friends in my autobiography and I included my friendship with Richard in my writing. Richard and I attended University of Detroit undergraduate school back in the early sixties. We remained friends for many years and I moved my family to Texas for health reasons. I remember Richard as a good person, kind heart. I know he served in the Viet Nam war and upon his return, I noticed that his experience in that war seemed to affect a change in his personality. I didn't question him, but I know how that war affected to many good souls who fought that war.

*I am saddened to learn Richard has passed. My heart goes out to his family.*

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**Peter Grumbos DDS** - January 27, 2024 at 04:50 PM

SH

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**Stephanie Humanic** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Stephanie Humanic** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To Char and Richard's family: I am so sorry to hear about Richard's passing on Oct. 3, 2011. It was back in July of 1998 that I met Char and Richard on a trip to Canada with friend Sherry. We had a great time and I found Char and Richard to be very compatible and fun; we all had a lot of laughs and a good time. I consider it a pleasure to have known and traveled with both Richard and Char. Both of you are such nice people. My deepest sympathy to all.

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**Joan Brinich** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Rich and I dated steadily for three years in high school and college. He was one of the finest young men I ever knew. He was honest, dependable, loyal, hard working, and fun. He loved his family, and he was a good son for his widowed mother. He was an athlete, a leader, a good student, and he worked evenings to pay for his own expenses. Another side of his personality that many people didn't see was his love for poetry. I still have a large volume of poems he gave me, and I enjoy using it every year, reading poems to my students. I know he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

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**Sheron Lunsford Malhiot** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Rich called me out of the blue, to sell me forms. I gave him a try and here it is, 20 plus years later. I've changed companies twice but always stuck with Rich, no matter the pressures put upon me to change to a local vendor. Rich was an institution himself, and I will miss hearing his voice. His honesty and forthrightness meant so much to me, and it was those characteristics that lead me to always recommend Rich to all my peers, currently Credit Unions. My sympathies to his family. Know that Rich touched many lives that you may never know about directly, but his was a strong influence upon my own and I honor him for that.

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**Tom Ha** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Rich was a good Friend. I will roo the Tigers and Spartans on to victory for him. He will be greatly missed. With Deepest Sympathy to Char and is Family. Phil and Pat Campion

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**Phil Campion** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Rich was a close friend to my deceased husband, Richard, and our family for many many years. We will never forget the good times we spent together with the Kwas family. We shared a lot of laughs and broke a lot of bread together, especially when our families were young. I guess you could say our families shared Riches, literally and figuratively. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Pat Mara** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I have known Rich for over 23 years. At first he was a customer and then a friend. Every couple of months or so we would meet for breakfast. He was always inquisitive wanting to know the newest and greatest. Rich loved his job and never considered it work. Rich was corny and lovable. He would start his voice message with something like "It is a great day in Michigan the sun is shining and it is beautiful out". This was the type of warmth and caring that was his personality. He retired but never quit caring about the business. I knew Rich had health issues but I had hoped the fuse was a lot longer. I will miss you my friend. You were a wonderful person and a great American.

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**George Axtell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I was sadden to hear of Rich's passing! He was not only a long term vendor of our company, Centra Credit Union, but more importantly a close friend. I will truly miss his sense of humor and the colorful stories. He truly had a zest for living life! Char my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family! He loved his family very much! Know that I would be there if possible. Still in my thoughts, Celisa Griffin

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**Celisa Griffin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Rich my friend was the total pro. Honest and fair; without question. Postive and fun; everytime. Creative and knowledgeable; for sure. Rich was a joy to deal with over the 15 years he was kind enough to work with me. Rich defines how many of us would like to present ourselves as salesmen; smart, positive and trustworthy. I will miss him dearly.

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**Richard Miller** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I have had the pleasure of working with Rich for the past 23 years and he was an outstanding man. I am very saddened to hear of his passing, you will be missed

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**Theresa McConnell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Rich was our Gemini vendor for years. Always very professional and a delight to work with. I never had the chance to meet him in person, but will always remember his voice.

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**Penny** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear today about our friend and vendor, Rich. I simply cannot think of the man but what I don't get a smile on my face. Years and years ago, he called my organization out of the blue trying to talk me into placing an order for a form. I asked him “Why should I trust you, you are clear across the United States?”. He told me simply, give me one order, and I'll prove to you that you can trust me. Well, that was at least 25 years ago and we've been customers of Rich's ever since. He was quite the man, one I personally, will never forget. I will miss his boisterous loud voice, his laugh, his stories, and mostly, Rich himself. There will never be another Rich! To his family, our deepest condolences.

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**Teresa Engel Miller** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Rich, A neighbor and friend who I knew most of our earlier years. Till he went off to college in Detroit. My knowledge of his personality is he became the father figure after his father died earlier on. It made him grow up quickly. He was a wonderful person. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He stood up for what was right. He was a protector of his immediate family. He was our shot putt man at East Detroit High. He was a great athlete and played football at college too. He possessed a great understanding of what was important in life. And I share with you my belief that God has welcomed Rich back with open arms for a job well done. Dan Ratajski

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**Daniel Ratajski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We were in Viet Nam together and "Kwas" nobody had a first name always had a good sense of humor and was enjoyable to be around. There were a couple close calls where we very happy to survive and had some great laughs. I am truly sorry to read of his passing and express my condolences to the family.

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**Brian Stahl** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM