



## Richard Charles Buske

November 15, 1946 - December 19, 2024

Richard Charles Buske

11-15-1946 to 12-19-2024

Predeceased by parents Erwin Paul Buske Sr. Doris Katherine Stillner Buske,  
and older Brother Erwin Paul Buske Jr.

Survived by Sister Susan Jane Buske Pabst and her Husband Reverend  
Randal Pabst

Nieces Katherine Pabst and Joanna Pabst Moore and husband Danny Moore  
with Daughter Emerson

Also survived by partner/husband Dennis A Johnson

28 years total-10 years legally married

Richard was born and raised in South Minneapolis-attended Howe  
Elementary and Roosevelt High School.

Raised in Lutheran religion at Holy Trinity in south Minneapolis, was a  
teenage acolyte for the church and later bookkeeper in church office.

Attended University of Minnesota in mid to late sixties. Graduating with degree in Accounting and achieved a C.P.A certification.

From 1969 to 1971 Lived and worked in NYC as a Postal Inspector. Resigned when laws changed and he was required to carry a gun.

Upon returning to MPLS, he worked in MN State Govt 1973 to 1978 at Office Of Labor under Mark Dayton. Also worked for periods of time at Department of Energy and Economic Development and Department of Trade and Economic Development.

1982 to 1993 Acting director of the Minnesota Zoo

1987 Attended GLBTQ March on Washington DC supporting ACT UP Organization

1993 Marched again with GLBTQ march on Washington DC

1994 to 2004 10 year retirement job with Project Compliance at Minneapolis Public Schools

Served as a Board Member for 9 years on Skyehill Townhome association.

2004 to 2014 Followed by 6 year retirement job freelance accounting with Meals on Wheels. During retirement years had many Long distance road trips with

Dennis. Visited all but 6 of the 50 states as well as Toronto Montreal Winnipeg Quebec City Regina and Ottawa.

Struggled with Cancer since 2017, First Non Hodkins Lymphoma brought to remission with Mayo Clinic stem Cell transplant. Followed 2 years later by

Prostate Cancer until Cancer drugs would no longer work.

Died in hospice care Dec 19th 2024

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Celebration of Life

MAR 28. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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## Reception

MAR 28. 11:15 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

MAR 28. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Tribute Wall

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“ A beloved Uncle, who brought fun and laughter to our family gatherings. I always knew he watched over us kids even though we didn't get to seem him often. He brought me as a young teen to my first Gophers football game, we walked in the crisp sunshine that day on the U of M campus and I ordered Italian food from a menu in which the items were hard for me to even comprehend. I ordered Manicotti! I felt free that day and I have never ever forgotten it. He honestly opened my eyes to the exciting happenings, things I could look forward to doing when I finished school. I think of him everytime I am enjoying fun near the lakes and at the restaurants in South Mpls. My own son now resides very near where he grew up and looks alot like him! Uncle Richard gave me these wonderful memories I will never forget him. Rest in peace dear Uncle 🙏

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Cindy L Hamack - March 01, 2025 at 01:09 PM