



Richard Anthony Hillestad

June 10, 1971 - April 13, 2025

Richard Anthony Hillestad, age 53, peacefully passed from this life on April 13th, 2025, Palm Sunday. He is survived by his mother Eileen (Hillestad) Quigley, siblings Sondra Hillestad, Nickie Schafer, and Josh Quigley and beloved dog Freedom. He is preceded in death by father James Hillestad and stepfather Ken Quigley. He was a loving uncle to Isabelle and Aurora Hillestad, Reyana and Lilly Schafer, and newest edition Bodie Quigley.

Richard was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 10, 1971. As a child, Richard found great delight, bringing many smiles to his loved ones. Richard's teen years were best expressed with a fierce passion to create, explore and taste the avant-garde side of life. As a young man, Richard proudly served in the US Navy where he had many adventures while traveling the world. He graduated College with a master's degree in mathematics and he enjoyed teaching math to youth ranging in ages from elementary up to college. Richard lived his life to the fullest with many fascinating hobbies, was quite entertaining in the re-telling of his life stories, made extraordinary friends, loved his family dearly, was an amazing soul, had an earnest heart, a remarkable mind, valued his Christian faith and Nordic heritage, cultivated inspiration for many, and surely left this world a better place. He will be missed by all who knew him.

We now leave Richard in our Heavenly Father's Hands. May he be

surrounded by all the love, peace, joy and comforts of being reunited with family and friends in Heaven. We love you Richard to the sky and back forever.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel in Hopkins, MN, from 6pm - 8pm.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Hopkins on Friday April 25th at 10am. Following the funeral Mass will be Richard's celebration of life luncheon directly downstairs in the church social hall. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church
1310 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343

Graveside Service

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Lebanon Cemetery of Apple Valley
Pilot Knob Road & Cty Rd 42
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Tribute Wall

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“ I will always think of my friend Richard as the one with a gentle soul and a welcoming smile! He made time for anyone who needed his help and was there because he cared. All who knew him will truly think of him fondly since to know him was to love him.

Nicki McCann - April 28, 2025 at 05:56 PM

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“ Sparky lit a candle in memory of Richard Anthony Hillestad



Sparky - April 23, 2025 at 06:06 PM