



Richard Christian Andersen

August 25, 1939 - September 1, 2009

Richard Christian Andersen, of Hobart, IN formerly of Gary, IN passed away peacefully in his home September 1, 2009. He was born in Gary, IN and graduated from Horace Mann High School (Gary) in 1957. As a young man he worked with his father at the family owned Dixie Dairy. He subsequently graduated from Indiana University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. After graduation he worked as a Special Agent in the Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS. He left the IRS to work as a stockbroker before joining the US Securities and Exchange Commission in 1968 where he worked as an Investigator/Manager until his retirement in 1997. During retirement he was active as a consultant for various investment firms. Richard was a Mason, and a member of the Hobart Shrine Club and proud and passionate about the philanthropic mission of the Shriners. He also had a love of sports and in college was senior team manager for the IU basketball team under Coach Branch McCracken. He continued this interest throughout life working as an official for high school and college basketball, baseball and football. He was a member of the Gary Sportsmen Club and the Old Timers Athletic Association and the Jaycees. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Irene, his parents Jorgen S. and Helen E. Andersen and his brother Jorgen. He is survived by his daughter Kristin Andersen-Hengstler (Robert) of Valparaiso, IN; brother-in-law Stephen (Marlie) Sramek; nieces Karen Olson, Susan Postelnik and Nancy Andersen; nephews Stephen and David Sramek and great-niece Savanna Sramek. Visitation will be at the

Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart, IN on Saturday, September 5, 2009 from 10 a.m. until noon, followed by a brief memorial ceremony. Rev. David G. Nowak officiating. There will be a Masonic Service by the Portage Dunes Lodge #741 at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Richard's memory to Shriners Hospital for Children 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ I first knew \"Sweede\" Andersen, playing Babe Ruth baseball, at Horace Mann, in Gary. (this was before we played at Budd Field).

He was a tremendous pitcher, and he could throw harder than anyone.

Later he was my stockbroker, and we used to meet at his beloved Sportsman Club, at 42 and Grant, in Gary. He was always kind, and friendly, what a wonderful man.

Sorry, to hear of Irene\'s passing. I took their wedding pictures many years ago.##imported-begin##Bruce Bauldridge##imported-end##

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