



## Richard Alan Sapper, II

May 31, 1975 - September 30, 2020

Richard "Alan" Sapper, II, age 45, of Merrillville, formerly of Hobart, passed away on September 30, 2020. He was a graduate of Trinity Lutheran School Class of 1989; Hobart High School Class of 1993; and Indiana University Class of 1997. Alan received his Master's Degree from University of Phoenix in 2010. He was a manager for Work One in Hammond, Gary, Morocco, and Rensselaer, a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hobart. In Scouting Alan was an Eagle Scout; District Chairman, Prairie Dunes; Cubmaster and Founder of Pack 1517 of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Hobart; Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 69, Hobart and Merit Badge Counselor, Pathway to Adventure Council.

He was preceded in death by his first wife-Christy Sapper (nee Todd); grandparents-John Sapper, Norman and Audrey Streit; uncle-Thomas Parry; cousin-Nicole Kraynik (nee Bradford). Alan is survived by his wife-Heather; children-Richard "Richie" III and Nicholas "Nicky" Sapper; parents-Richard and Evelyn Sapper; grandmother-Fran Sapper; sister-Jennifer (Bil) Mack; brother-Fred (Kristin) Sapper; nieces and nephews-Tre', Tori, Jacob, Taeler, Jada, Alexia and Adelyn; mother-in-law-Susan Jongsma; sister-in-law-April (Brian) Condiff. He is also survived by many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Visitation for Alan will be October 6, 2020 from 2-8 pm with the Scout Color Guard and Breaking of the Arrow Ceremony at 7 pm, at Burns Funeral Home,

701 East 7th Street, Hobart, Pastor Nathan Kramer and Pastor Gary Nagy officiating. Funeral service will be Wednesday, October 7th at 11:00 a.m., DIRECTLY at Trinity Lutheran Church, 900 Luther Drive, Hobart. Interment Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso.

In lieu of flowers, due to family health conditions, plants are welcome or memorials can be made to Cub Scout Pack 1517 of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hobart (900 Luther Drive); tuition assistance for Trinity students at Trinity Lutheran School, Hobart (891 South Linda Street); or to family (attention Evelyn Sapper) c/o Trinity Lutheran Church for Alan's boys education. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

1505 E. Morthland Drive  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Scout Color Guard and Breaking of the Arrow Ceremony

OCT 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
900 Luther Drive  
Hobart, IN 46342

# Tribute Wall



“ *There are so many memories I can share, you weren't only our big brother, but our first friend, confidant, and definitely our “go to guy” it still doesn't feel real. I keep hoping that I will get a response from the text and Facebook messages I have sent to you, and your just in Michigan and have shitty cell phone reception. I love you big brother. Please watch over all of us.*



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**Jennifer Mack** - October 17, 2020 at 11:18 PM

BB

“ *From the Bell Family , Our hearts go out to Al 's children and family. We will remember him as an outstanding young man to a faithful friend and leader.*

*Robert Bell Family*

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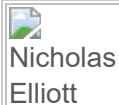
**Bob Bell** - October 07, 2020 at 02:45 PM

RA

“ So sad, so tragic. Our sincere condolences to your family. Prayers ascending for God's peace, comfort and understanding for your family in your time of need. Alan will be missed by all but not forgotten, especially those who saw him grow from a little boy into a man. It hits close to home for Annette, Heather and i since our son was taken by a train also. He was a very special person who will always be close and dear to our hearts. God's peace Rick, Evelyn, Jenny, Freddie and all the Sapper family.  
Ron and Annette Allen

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**Ron/Annette Allen** - October 07, 2020 at 01:45 PM



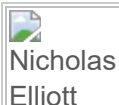
Nicholas Elliott

“ Nicholas Elliott purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Richard Alan Sapper,  
II.



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**Nicholas Elliott** - October 06, 2020 at 03:15 PM



Nicholas Elliott

“ Rich I am completely lost for words. Your spirit of giving to WorkOne, the community, your boys, the Scouts without ANY thought to your comfort and your ego truly made those around you yearn to do more. I knew you as Rich from working with you and Al from the scouts. Your devotion to your boys and the scouts was an amazing testament to the world that we needed to give a damn about things that matter. You fought for the little man and woman. Always. We are better because you gifted us with your passion, wit and stories of leather pants from your European metal tour. I won't miss the Slayer but I will miss the conversations

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**Nicholas Elliott** - October 06, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Richard now that you've Gone Home. Thank you very much for all of your service to Scouts BSA. Your spirit, memory, legacy and honor will live on forever. Thoughts, prayers and condolences to his family, friends and all who loved him.*

Seth Distler - October 06, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Sapper, II.*



October 06, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Sapper, II.*



October 06, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Sapper, II.*



October 06, 2020 at 08:00 AM

JB

“ Rich...you are one of the COOLEST dudes I know. It was such a blessing for me to have gotten to know you for all these years and to get to call you FRIEND. I am just in shock realizing how your absence is going to impact my life. Coming to work won't be the same. Going to community meetings won't be the same. Sharing crazy thoughts & ideas on how to make NWI (even the world) a better place won't be the same. For now each will be done without you/missing you. Minus the Rich-isms. Yes...the world has lost a wonderful and innovative perspective (on things) with your loss. But at the same time, is all the better because we got to spend time with those wonderful and innovative perspectives of yours. Thanks for visiting amongst us and leaving such a wonderful legacy: your ideas, your contributions, your love, and those beautiful boys who you are just CRAZY about! Godspeed, my friend. Miss you. Love you.

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**Jena Bellezza** - October 06, 2020 at 05:21 AM

CN

“ I remember first meeting Al at Stoney Run when the cubscouts were camping and my twin grandsons who are now 11years old expressed an interest in scouting.He told my niece who had a son in his den that we could come out as well even though the twins were not officially scouts yet.He was such a kind and patient man and had a true interest in the boys and you could see the love he had for his own boys. He was willing to help out anyone who was having trouble with their tents. He led a night hike that was so fun even for a grandma like me. Such a kind soul; he will be greatly missed.

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**Carol Nicholls** - October 05, 2020 at 06:28 PM

TI

“ *The staff of the Center of Workforce Innovations purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Alan Sapper, II.*



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**The staff of the Center of Workforce Innovations** - October 05, 2020 at 04:51 PM

JU

“ *I met Rich Sapper on my first day of training in the Hammond office. He showed me around the building and where to park etc. He was full of positive energy. A huge loss to the community. We need more people like him. Way more. Rest in peace Rich.*

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**Justin** - October 05, 2020 at 02:42 PM

LS

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the family. What a great, kind-hearted, feel-good kind of guy. I will miss our accidental hallway chats as we so often encountered each other on our way to our various meetings. I appreciate you.*

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**Laura Smith-Wynn** - October 05, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Sapper, II.*



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October 05, 2020 at 12:49 PM

PB

“ *Prairie Dunes District, BSA purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Alan Sapper, II.*



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**Prairie Dunes District, BSA** - October 05, 2020 at 12:00 PM

MM

“ *Meme Muhammad lit a candle in memory of Richard Alan Sapper, II*



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**Meme Muhammad** - October 04, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Sapper, II.*



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October 04, 2020 at 12:25 PM

JW

“ *Sending prayers to all his family and friends he will be deeply missed.*

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**Julie Woods** - October 03, 2020 at 09:35 PM

DC

“ *DEB CARROL lit a candle in memory of Richard Alan Sapper, II*



DEB CARROL - October 03, 2020 at 04:11 PM

TK

“ *Deepest sympathy to all of the Sapper family I am sure he will be deeply missed.*

Terry Kegebein - October 03, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CG

“ *You touched my son Tyler Garner life in so many ways. He and I will always remember that. We will miss you. Prayers to the family.*



Christine Garner - October 03, 2020 at 09:40 AM

FA

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Fred Ault - October 03, 2020 at 02:04 AM

LG

“ *Rich, you are loved by soooo many! You have left a legacy for your boys and a void that cannot be filled. Rest easy, friend. Until we meet again. xoxo Lisette*

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**lisette guillen** - October 02, 2020 at 10:47 PM