



William David Ridgely

December 3, 1949 - August 29, 2017

William David Ridgely, age 67 of Hebron, passed away on August 29, 2017. David was born, December 3, 1949 in Gary, Indiana to parents William and Alice (Huber) Ridgely. David grew up on the West Side of Gary. He graduated from Horace Mann High School where he was active in the Drama Department and played football. As a young adult, he worked at the family business, Hobart Sports, with his father and brother Mike. He later worked at the state prison in Michigan City as a security guard. After a decade at the prison, David went on to serve as baliff for Nicholas J. Schiralli, Judge of Lake County Superior Court. Later, he worked for Franciscan Health in Crown Point. David was a lifelong student of history. He was an avid reader who amassed a large collection of first edition books on the Civil War, World Wars I and II. His interest in nature and birding led him to many state parks and nature preserves. He was a whittler, marksman, gardener, coin collector and loving pet owner for over 40 years. Of particular interest to David was Wolf Park, an educational and research facility dedicated to the conservation of wolves, in Battle Ground, IN. He was preceded in death by brother, Michael Dale Bobele. He is survived by brother, Robert Ridgely of Chicago, IL, sister, Susan Cohen of Gary, IN, and sister, Martha Faulkner of Hopkinsville, KY. He is also survived by two aunts, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN from 3- 5 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Izaak

Walton League, Diana Chapter, Shelby, IN 46377 or Wolf Park, 4004 E. 800
N. Battle Ground, IN 47920. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Half a centruy ago, William's brother, Robert, who presented himself as my friend, stole rare coins from me. He gave them to his brother for his coin collection. William knowingly accepted these stolen valuables. Neither brother ever made amends, even just verbally. The lack of ethics here warrants a larger reflection on their lives, one now dead, the other, oblivious and indifferent. In our afterlife, we are confronted with the wrongs we have perpetrated.*

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“ *So sorry for your loss! Loved David! Thoughts & prayers for you and yours!*

~Tracy (Nack) Bardin (Pensacola, FL)

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