



## Mr. Philip Louis Richart

July 12, 1942 - August 15, 2013

When Lynn Richart recalls her husband of four decades, Philip Richart, she talks about what a giving man he was before the 71-year-old died Thursday. Then the couple's only child, Larry Richart, gets on the phone. The son describes a man known to many Central Floridians as the legendary "Coach Richart" — the coach of everything from Larry Richart's Little League and basketball teams to defensive and quarterback units for University of Central Florida football to Bishop Moore High School's entire football squad. "He was very unique, in that he would inspire you at the same time as he would scare you," said Larry Richart, a University of Florida quarterback during the Gators' 1996 national championship. "He could be a yeller. Well, he was a yeller. He could intimidate you, and two minutes later he had his arm around you hugging you. ... If you talked to anyone who ever played for him, they just loved him." One of Coach Richart's prodigies is Mike Smith, head coach of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons. Smith played under Coach Richart at Father Lopez Catholic High School in Daytona Beach more than 30 years ago. When a broken arm sidelined Smith, Richart gave the injured player his first taste of coaching. In a 2011 article for Pro Football Weekly, Smith credited his high school coach with helping launch his career. The two stayed in touch and in recent years exchanged weekly emails about the Falcons.

Born in Indianapolis on July 12, 1942, Richart became the quarterback for Cathedral High School in that city during an undefeated season in the late

1950s. He was awarded a full scholarship to University of Louisville and played for that school. After graduating, he returned to Louisville to coach under Frank Camp and Lee Corso.

Best known as a coach and the director of guidance at Bishop Moore, Orlando's Catholic high school, Richart helped rebuild the football team during the late 1970s. He also coached the linebackers and quarterbacks for three seasons at UCF. He continued working at Bishop Moore as an assistant football coach and was the longtime director of guidance.

Bishop Moore Principal Scott Brogan said no school employee better embodied the goal of finding Christ in others and bringing Christ to others.

"The love Phil had for the student has been made so evident by the amount of love these students have expressed in their prayerful remembrances of their encounters with him, whether as their counselor, teacher, coach or friend," Brogan said.

During Bishop Moore homecoming games, the former coach was so inundated with fans, former students and faculty members that he hardly got to see the game. After retiring in 2008 following a heart attack and stroke, he still visited the school with his wife, who works in the testing department there.

Even though the Richart household had five televisions with football on them each game day, Lynn Richart emphasized that there was much more to her husband than football. When schoolchildren had to wait in the rain for their bus across from the Richarts' Orlando home, he took them an umbrella. He repaired their bikes. And he befriended everyone at the neighborhood Publix supermarket.

In addition to his wife and son, Richart is survived by his daughter-in-law,

Christina Dorsey Richart, and a grandson, Jack Philip Richart.

A funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, next to Bishop Moore in Orlando's College Park.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Ave  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 695-2273  
todd@degusipe.com  
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
4001 Edgewater Drive  
Orlando, FL 32804

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I met Phil in the fall of 1990 at BMCHS. A new school, new city, many challenges. After a Mass under the pines, Phil must have sensed my anxiety with these challenges. He threw his arm around me, hugged me tight, and said, "David, I'm glad you are with us."

*A caring and compassionate human...who helped shape generations of young men and women.*

*I am blessed to have known him.*

*Take good care Coach.*

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**David Boutin** - May 14, 2014 at 09:37 AM

LR

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**Lynn Richart** - August 26, 2013 at 05:43 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Philip Louis Richart.*



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August 23, 2013 at 01:06 PM

PH

“ Lynn, Larry, Christina, and Jack - I am so sorry for your loss. Phil will always be alive in all our hearts and minds. He will always be remembered by those of us who knew him and had their lives touched by him, as only Phil could. I am a lucky person to have known and loved Phil and Lynn for over 40 years. ~Phyllis Hinz

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**Phyllis Hinz** - August 23, 2013 at 08:31 AM

ER

*This is Christina and Larry's daughter Ellie Richart I never got to meet him and I know he's watching down over my family in heaven and even though I never got to know him I'm very thankful he was even here and I know he is happy In heaven with god*

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**Ellie Richart** - March 13, 2024 at 04:51 PM

CM

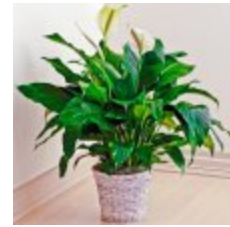
“ I was a student of Coach Richart's at Bishop Moore Catholic High School . I truly enjoyed listening to him teach psychology. He always had a smile on his face in class and later when I came back to teach with him at BM, he mentored me and ,at times, made fun of me (which I enjoyed). Then later, when my daughter was at BM, he counseled her as well as comforted me through those challenging teen years! There are not many people you can only say positive things about; but Coach was one of them! Just as he comforted and supported us here, I know he will watch over us from above. With love and peace, Cathy Wicklin -Mohr, Jamie and Danielle Mohr

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**cathy mohr** - August 22, 2013 at 09:14 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Philip Louis Richart.*



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August 22, 2013 at 12:26 PM



“ *I met Phil Richart in August, 1956 as we had our first Freshman football practice for Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. We were both quarterbacks until our coach took one look at me and told me I would be a center. For the next four years, Phil stood behind me, the quarterback and the center. We became lifelong friends. Phil's obituary and the comments from his friends and neighbors confirmed to me that Phil led his life like he played football; with great compassion, energy, dignity and respect. In 2009. we celebrated the 50 year anniversary of our championship 1959 football team and in 1960 we enjoyed our 50 year class reunion. Phil was able to attend both events in spite of some health issues. He will be greatly missed by all of his friends from Cathedral. Lynn, Larry and young Jack, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May Phil rest in peace.*

*Fran Brezette  
Cathedral High School, Class of 1960*

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**fran brezette** - August 21, 2013 at 03:56 PM

LR

“ *" Mr. Phil" was a regular visitor to the publix where I work. He ALWAYS shared a friendly greeting and a sincere smile. He often spoke of his beautiful wife who worked so hard, his son and daughter in law, and never did he overlook Jack!!! I knew when he was going to have a chance to babysit!! It seemed he couldn't get enough of the little guy!!!! No matter what was happening in the world around us, my heart smiled each time Mr Phil shared a bit of his wisdom with me. It saddens me greatly that I will no longer have the privilege of sharing time with Mr.Phil. However, as I walk in my faith, I am certain that he is now where I long to be! He is staring into the face of Jesus and if I know Mr. Phil, he is probably asking God what took so long to get him home. Never goodbye, only see you soon.*

*Peace!*

*Leigh Rivera*

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**leigh rivera** - August 21, 2013 at 01:39 PM

MJ

“ Mr. Richart, Our long-time next door neighbor, my guidance counselor, and my family's beloved friend will be truly missed. This is Mike Appleton Jr. writing on behalf of the entire Appleton family. Mr. Richart is now in God's loving arms, yet he will have forever given this family such precious memories as him driving myself and my older sister Liath to school when needed, or handing out umbrellas to all the kids waiting for the bus to pick them up for school if it happened to be raining. Speaking for myself though, my most treasured memories of this wonderful man was how I was always welcomed into his home next door ANY time I was having trouble with any subject/homework from Bishop Moore. We were blessed with many years with Mr. Richart, and they will be treasured in our hearts, but it will never feel it was enough. Our Prayers and Blessings to the entire Richart Family. <3



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Michael Appleton Jr. - August 21, 2013 at 01:34 PM



“ We are so saddened for our world, that Coach Richart is gone. We grew to appreciate Coach Richart when our son, Jeff Ostlie attended Bishop Moore from 1988 to 1992 and played for him in football and baseball. He loved his students and players and you knew it. This world needs more people like him who care and spend their energy and talent in service to others. Christ faithfully reached out to meet the needs of people wherever he went, and Coach Richart followed that example in his daily life. Thank you Coach for your life of giving from your heart, your time, and energy. Because of you, we have seen Christ more clearly.  
Dave and Wanda Ostlie

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Wanda Ostlie - August 21, 2013 at 11:53 AM

GS

“ I'm Phil's first quarterback when he coached at Chartrand High School in Indianapolis. He was a dear friend of both my family, and my wifes family. He was a great influence in my life. He not only coached me, but became my best friend during those years. He would pick me up at night and we would drive around talking about football, and go over the up coming game on Friday. I will miss him and i'm so sorry I didn't have a chance to see him again. So many good memories!! Gary Shore, Chartrand class of 1966

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**Gary Shore** - August 20, 2013 at 12:49 PM

DR

“ I was on the faculty while Phil pursued his studies at Cathedral High School , Indianapolis, IN . He was a student of mine and a talented one at that. Phil had a certain charism about him that made him a natural leader in many ways. He was highly respected by his classmates and those who were on the football teams where Phil excised great leadership. I was very happy to hear that he elected to become a teacher and coach where he mentored many students. He lived the presence of God within himself and found ways to share that presence with others. My prayers for Phil's family. Brother Douglas Roach, CSC

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**Doug Roach** - August 19, 2013 at 02:17 PM

BK

“ I was saddened to hear of such a loss. Phil always brightened my day at Bishop Moore walking through the door to visit with his smiling face each week. He was a wonderful coach and teacher and will be missed by all that had the opportunity to know him. My children had the honor of having him while they attended Bishop Moore. Lynn and family I am so sorry and I will keep you all in my prayers during this difficult time. We lost a wonderful man but Heaven sure gained to awesome person.

*Bonnie Kelly*

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**Bonnie Kelly** - August 19, 2013 at 09:28 AM

RN

“ Phil was a classmate, friend and leader at Cathedral and was also a classmate of my wife, Sharon, at St. Philip Neri in Indianapolis. We both share great respect for Phil and know he will be missed by family and all who were fortunate enough to cross his path. His brother, Father Paul and I shared military careers in the Air Force and I can attest the Richart family was a class act. Sharon and I send our prayers.

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**Robert Nester** - August 19, 2013 at 09:15 AM

MS

“ Lynn, Larry, Christina and Jack, I know your hearts are broken and nothing but time can help you heal. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Phil was a wonderful, kind and compassionate man. I will miss his frequent visits to the finance office with his warm bear hugs and cheerful smile no matter how he was feeling on any given day. I will never forget him and forever be grateful for having known him and calling him friend. Mary Spinelli

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**Mary Spinelli** - August 19, 2013 at 08:04 AM

TL

“ *Sad news indeed. Phil was one of my best friends @ U of L where we both were quarterbacks. He also stood up in my wedding, 1964. Despite not seeing each other for awhile I still consider him a very dear friend, one who will be missed. My condolences to his family.*

*Tom LaFramboise, Michigan  
U of L '64*

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**Tom LaFramboise** - August 18, 2013 at 06:15 PM

MG

“ *Phil was my guidance counselor, football coach, and later my colleague and friend. He was such a wonderful man and - even after his health problems robbed him of his health - filled with life, love and spirit.*

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**Michael Geelan** - August 18, 2013 at 11:13 AM

 Sue  
Barlow

“ *Sue Barlow lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Philip Louis Richart*



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**Sue Barlow** - August 17, 2013 at 09:09 PM

Sue  
Barlow

“ A couple of memories to share...

*Mr Richart taught American History and, for our final exam, we had to memorize the Presidents in order, through Nixon at the time. I knew them forward and backward and was totally prepared to ace the exam...oops, he forgot to put them on the test. He laughed it off...I don't think we did then, but we can now. Coach Richart loved his football team and his boys could do no wrong...however, the girls they were dating were a different story. I was dating his quarterback our junior year and I came to school with a couple of those red marks on my neck...I think he glared at me as if his boy had nothing to do with it. Those certainly were the good old days. I enjoyed seeing Phil (I can call him that now that I don't seem much younger than him now) at our 30th reunion in June 2003, but we've missed seeing him at our FLCHS annual alumni party as it's always the same weekend as his precious grandson Jack's birthday. The last couple of years through facebook we've commented on each other's posts and I've come to know his lovely wife Lynn and, through photos, their son's family. Mr Richart, Coach Richart, Phil, you will be missed by your Father Lopez Family...rest in peace Coach!!*



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**Sue Barlow** - August 17, 2013 at 09:07 PM

AF

“ I will never forget Coach Richart. He was an instrumental person in my athletic career as well as who I became as a person. He will be dearly missed as heaven has gained a wonderful angel.

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**Andy Fox** - August 17, 2013 at 04:53 PM

AW

“ Aunt Lynn, and Larry so very sorry to hear about uncle Phil. What a great person he was. I will remember him being such a good dad and husband and I always loved when you guys would come visit us in Dayton he would sit and talk to me forever about school and sports. My prayers are with you all right now and I know Uncle Phil is looking down and smiling on you guys. My prayers are with you.  
Love Amber

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**Amber Wrobel** - August 17, 2013 at 03:17 PM

BC

*We had a great time at the Cathedral reunion I will always remember it*  
Bob Currie

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**Bob currie** - August 19, 2013 at 10:05 AM