



Richard F Billingham

October 25, 1945 - February 7, 2018

Richard "Richie" Frank Billingham , age 72, born October 25, 1945 in Orlando, Florida, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, February 7, at Florida Hospital Altamonte.

Richie attended school at Winter Park High School and Georgia Southern until he was drafted into the United States Army as Military Police/ Vietnam.

Richie was a quiet patient man with a dry wit and a heart of gold, and loved more than anything spending time with his family. He also enjoyed fishing and could spend all day just waiting to catch that "big one". He was a wonderful, loving, and caring husband to Suzanne Nave Billingham, father to Richie Billingham, Jr., and Amy Billingham Wilson (Jerry) and "Pop Pop" to Trevor, Sadie, and Cooper Wilson. He also is survived by Jack Billingham (Jolene) and Judy Billingham Crawford (Duncan) and several other nieces and nephews, and loving family and friends.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Richie will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 ~ 1:00 pm at Faith Outreach Church in Oviedo, Florida.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Faith Outreach Church
4600 Gabriella Lane
Oviedo, FL 32765

Tribute Wall

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“ *The entire Billingham family was a central part of my life in Winter Park, from the age of ten onward. Richie and I were teammates on the 'Indians' for a couple of years, the perennial last place team. But that wasn't because of Richie and me.... we did our best. Richie's mom and my mom corresponded for decades, long after we moved away from Winter Park. My WPHS letter jacket somehow got passed down to Richie (by my mom) after I graduated. I never remembered to ask her why that happened; but I remember her saying that Mrs. Billingham said he loved the jacket. Richie's mom delivered my brother and me out to the Winter Park Little League soon after we arrived in town (I assume that Jackie and Richie were in the car that day, though I've never asked). Richie's dad was a co-conspirator once, when I got a speeding ticket. Jackie saw it happen, so I knew that his dad knew about it. I asked Mr. Billingham to NOT TELL my dad about it, and, as far as I know, he kept his word. I look at that photo of Richie and I think: My god he's handsome..... what happened to Jackie?*

There should be a Billingham Avenue in Winter Park. It would run from Harper Shepherd Field, along the edge of Rollins College, past Lake Virginia, on out to the Little League fields.

For Jackie, my hero for fifty years, and all of you Billinghams.... I'm sorry for your great loss. It has been an amazing family.

Neil Haldeman

Neil Haldeman - February 20, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard F Billingham.*



February 14, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ *Dear Jackie and family, please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. Having recently lost my brother, Wayne, I share your pain. Will always remember Richie as a hard-throwing, righthanded pitcher on our 1958 Championship WP Little League All-Star Baseball Team. We won the District and Regional Championships only to lose 7-6 to State Champion, Deland at Saint Petersburg. Richie’s determination coupled with his relaxed demeanor set a great example for his teammates. Richie and I also shared the fact that we often were in “competition” with older and “bigger” brothers! It wasn’t all that easy but it was great fun! Jackie, a special thanks for Umpiring our Little League games, and by doing so, making them realistically memorable. All the best. Randy Moore.*

Randy Moore - February 12, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *Dearest Suzy and family, I am heartbroken to hear of your loss! Richie was a wonderful, gentle man, with an infectious laugh!! I know he and Herbie are fishing and fussing over who caught the biggest fish!! I pray our Lord gives you strength during this difficult time and know he is at rest in the loving arms of his Savior! God Bless you all!!*

Peggy Irby - February 10, 2018 at 09:25 AM

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“ Amy, Jerry, Richie and family....we are so very sorry for your loss. We are praying for you all and that God will surround you with the peace, love and comfort that only He can provide. Please let us know if you need anything. Love, Rhonda, Ray and Family (Budhan Clan)

Rhonda - February 09, 2018 at 06:14 PM