



Richard Q. Kahler

November 4, 1952 - May 13, 2016

Richard Quimby Kahler, 63, of Merrimack N.H, died May 13, 2016 of kidney failure following a long illness. He died surrounded by his wife and children at Crestwood Nursing Home in Milford, NH where he had been a resident since January 2012

Richard was born November 4, 1952 in Los Angeles, California to Dr. Rosemary Shoemaker Kahler and Dr. James Elias Kahler. He was the fourth of five children.

His siblings are: Mary Harlean Kahler Smith, Elizabeth Ann Kahler Cubberly, Dr. John Gilman Kahler, Rev. Jerome Evans Kahler and Dr. Robert James Kahler

Richard grew up in Los Angeles, California where he attended Los Angeles High School. At the age of 16 he began his studies at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA. While attending Stanford he had the opportunity to study abroad at Stanford France.

Following College he was employed by Stanford University as a Computer Programmer Specialist until he moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in 1978 to work for Honeywell Bull World Wide Information Systems as a Senior Systems Analyst.

Throughout his life he received numerous awards, including being selected at the age of 17 by the City of Los Angeles to be the first recipient of the distinguished "Fletcher Bowron Citizenship Award" because of his outstanding qualities and fine record as a citizen of Los Angeles.

Richard Married Jenette Hoop, the love of his life 39 years ago on May 20th 1977 in Vallejo California. They became engaged after only 3 weeks and were married 3 months later. In May of 1979 they went to the Mesa Arizona Temple where they were sealed together for time and all eternity. As observed by family and friends, he has continued to court her daily. He called her the love of his life and always referred to her as "My Eternal Sweetheart".

They have Five Children: Marlana Kaye Kahler, Deborah Marie Kahler Shea, Joseph Shoemaker Kahler, Matthew Elias Kahler, and Mary Rebecca Kahler Goes, 16 Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Harlean Kahler Smith and both Parents

Places he lived throughout his life include: Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Jose, CA. Also Six months in France while at Stanford Univ, Broken Arrow, OK, and Merrimack, NH

Richard will be remembered as an avid Genealogist and with a lifelong interest in astronomy. He could name every star, planet and constellation, and loved teaching about it in frequent stargazing activities with family. This will always be a special family memory and tradition carried on by his children and Grandchildren.

Richard served in his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in many capacities including, teaching Sunday school, Primary, Gospel Doctrine, Elders Quorum and as a Seminary teacher. He loved teaching. He has been referred to by many as having a gift for teaching and being a 'Master Storyteller' as he made what he was teaching come to life, almost as if he were there. He worked in the Scouting Program, Genealogy Program and other areas where needed. He served in various clerk positions including ward clerk, membership clerk, financial clerk, and executive secretary to the Bishop. He was extremely particular to detail. He was a faithful home teacher and he sincerely loved and cared about those he visited. He enjoyed attending the temple. Very special to him was his opportunity to serve as a

Temple Worker in the Boston Massachusetts Temple.

Other things he enjoyed: being in nature, autumn mountain walks with family and singing. His performance of "If I were a Rich Man" from "Fiddler on the Roof" was requested often and he left those listening smiling and clapping and singing along. He was in a barber shop quartet at one time. He also enjoyed singing songs from Handel's Messiah. "Refiner's Fire" was another often requested for him to sing. He was a very good dancer. He taught Israeli Folk Dancing. He danced with and sang to his sweet Jenny often and would always bow with outstretched arms as she asked her to dance. He was involved in the Boy Scouts of America where he achieved the rank of an Eagle Scout, and later served as a cub master. He always enjoyed playing board games with his family, spending time at the park with his kids and grandkids, reading the scriptures and sharing bible stories with them. He loved being a father and grandfather more than anything.

He will be greatly missed. He was blessed with a gift of reaching out to others to lend a helping hand on many levels throughout his life and even more recently, though his own health was failing, he served others at the nursing home. The many stories we are hearing from friends, nurses and staff at the nursing home and others are inspiring to all who knew him. He served others by reading to someone who was blind, reassuring those with anxiety and by helping to bring peace, strength and calmness to those around him, being a friend and positive influence. And always thanking the nurses for all they did to care for him was very important.

Above all was his deep faith in the Lord. He worked tirelessly at being close to his Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, loving his wife and family and making sure they knew that they were a blessing in his life.

Cemetery Details

Last Rest Cemetery

Baboosic Lake Rd.
Merrimack, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
110 Concord St.
Nashua, NH 03064

Service

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
110 Concord St.
Nashua, NH 03060

Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Q. Kahler



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - May 20, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ Richard Q. Kahler

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Richard Q. Kahler

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ The memories I have of Mr. Kahler are gentle and friendly. He always stopped and talked to me on his walks through the neighborhood. it didn't matter what we talked about, he was just so open and kind and such a beacon of light. He will be missed.

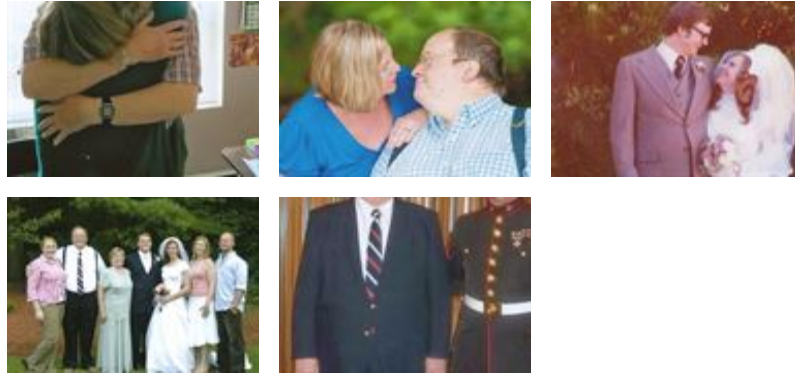
Grace DF Wilson - May 20, 2016 at 01:50 PM



Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy. All my love and prayers to you and your family. Miss you. Linda O'Connell

Linda O'Connell - May 24, 2016 at 03:37 PM

“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - May 19, 2016 at 03:13 PM

LS

“ Love, TJ and Sarah Smith purchased the *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* for the family of Richard Q. Kahler.



Love, TJ and Sarah Smith - May 18, 2016 at 06:57 PM

LF

“ Love from your Tulsa HBA family. purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Richard Q. Kahler.



Love from your Tulsa HBA family. - May 18, 2016 at 04:30 PM

BR

“ It was truly a pleasure to meet and get to know Richard while he was a resident at Crestwood. He was a wonderful friend to my mom while she was there - spent time reading the Bible to her, reading stories, making sure she made it to Bingo and other social activities, etc. My family and I appreciated him so very much and will miss him. God grant His comfort and peace to all the family.



Brenda Reed - May 18, 2016 at 12:36 PM

 Martha Paterson

“ My Uncle Richard taught me that life was to be cherished and not forbidden. He was a teenager and I was an impressionable, curious little angel. He showed me how to clean the chocolate spatula by pulling the excess off with my finger so I didn't leave evidence on my nose. How to smell the roses in my grandfather's rose garden without pricking my finger as blood would be further evidence of my mischievous presence. And that it is okay to stay up past my bedtime if I am looking at the constellations, experiencing eclipses or just sharing the night sky with others. Uncle Richard encouraged my curious thinking when I asked if the earth's sky was heaven's floor. He said quite possibility and if it is then what does heaven's sky look like? Richard served me my first buttered croissant fresh out of the oven. I think it's time for another to honor him. Love Martha Harlan Kahler-Smith Paterson, his oldest sister's, Mary, daughter. :-) ~m ~

Martha Paterson - May 18, 2016 at 08:12 AM

Mary Goes

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Mary Goes - May 18, 2016 at 12:18 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Richard Q. Kahler.



May 17, 2016 at 06:34 PM

JA

“ Our families were great friends while living in Broken Arrow. Our oldest daughters were very good friends. We had a talent event at Church. The curtain opened and here was Richard wearing a Jewish apron, the music started and Richard broke into song "If I was a poor man." Richards voice was simply GREAT! I had served together at Church with Richard and I had no idea he was such a powerful voice. We enjoyed visiting with his family over the years. You will be missed, Richard, and we love you. Jim, Barbara Andreasen and family.

Jim Andreasen - May 17, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ Dear Jenny and Family,

You have our deepest heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May your memories of Richard always bring joy to your hearts.

Laura and Mike Shea

Michael Shea - May 17, 2016 at 11:53 AM



“ The Shea, Perry, and Bell Families purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Q. Kahler.



The Shea, Perry, and Bell Families - May 17, 2016 at 10:42 AM



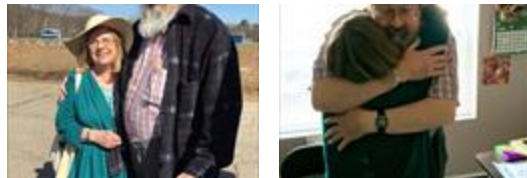
“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Q. Kahler.



May 16, 2016 at 07:03 PM



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Jenny Kahler - May 14, 2016 at 11:47 PM



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Jenny Kahler - May 14, 2016 at 11:45 PM



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Jenny Kahler - May 14, 2016 at 11:06 PM



Very sweet

Sara O'Connor Merck - May 17, 2016 at 10:41 PM

Mary Goes

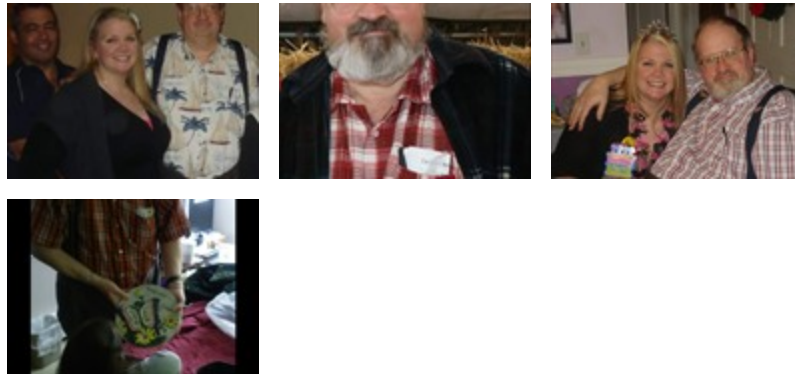
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Mary Goes - May 14, 2016 at 10:29 PM

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Mary Goes - May 14, 2016 at 10:20 PM

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“ Peter And Pattie O'Connell lit a candle in memory of Richard Q. Kahler



Peter and Pattie O'Connell - May 14, 2016 at 08:08 PM

Mary Goes



Mary Goes - May 14, 2016 at 10:00 PM