



Richard J. Becker

January 5, 1959 - May 27, 2020

Obituary

Madison/Brodhead – Richard J. Becker, age 61, passed away on May 27, 2020 at Agrace Hospice Center in Fitchburg after fighting a courageous 4 year battle of liver and lung cancer.

Richard was born on January 5, 1959 in Monroe, Wisconsin to Robert and Mildred (Grenzow) Becker. He graduated from Brodhead High School in 1977.

He loved all things nature. He grew beautiful flowers in his garden and loved to take his camera and take pictures of eagles and other birds and wildlife.

He was an avid fan of all Wisconsin sports teams, the Packers, the Brewers and he attended all Wisconsin Badger home games.

Richard was employed as a Histology Technician at Swedish American hospital in Rockford, IL for 7 years and Covance in Madison for 30 plus years.

He is survived by his parents, sisters, LuAnn (Daniel) Gruber and Susan (Jon) Condon, all of Beloit; several nieces and nephews; his cat, Gracie and many other relatives and friends.

In Richard's memory, memorials can be directed to these organizations on his behalf: Henry Vilas Zoo, International Crane Foundation, Olbrich Gardens or REGI (Raptor Education Group, Inc.).

Per Richard's request, there will be no funeral services. Cremation rites will be accorded and a private burial will held at a later date at the Oakley/Union Cemetery in rural Juda, WI.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Agrace Hospice Center and to Doctor John McKenna.

"Don't be sad for me. We all come to this world to be tourists. Enjoy life, go sightseeing, do good deeds. I just happen to be leaving earlier than others" (and not getting to finish all the good I wanted to do).

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

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To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Richard J. Becker, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

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“ *A Memorial Tree was ordered in memory of Richard J. Becker by Kim and Patricia Reed. Plant a Tree With heartfelt condolences Kim and Patricia Reed*

Kim and Patricia Reed - May 10, 2021 at 10:46 AM

HA

“ *I will always remember you my wonderful neighbor you would hand trick or treat candy out to us as kids growing up. I hope where ever you are now it's peaceful for you Richard. ❤️*

Hal - June 06, 2020 at 11:18 AM

BP

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Belinda Pettit - June 01, 2020 at 06:43 PM

TK

“ *To Richard's family, so sorry for your loss!*

Tami n Steve Keller - May 30, 2020 at 11:48 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to Richard’s family for their loss. Even though, after I moved to the East coast we continued a great friendship that lasted 40 years. Through the years we had our fun times and sad times, but always had a lot of laughs. When I heard of Richard’s passing I recalled a summer a few years back, when Richard visited me on Cape Cod. He was an avid nature lover and photographer so naturally he was excited to go on a whale watch, walk the beach and of course get up early to photograph a sun rise over the harbor. Even through his long battle with cancer Richard kept a positive attitude. When we spoke he loved to talk about his favorite sports teams, his garden, cars & his cats. He has had a difficult journey, but always remained positive throughout. Rest peacefully my friend.

Leslie Olson - May 30, 2020 at 09:29 AM

DS

“ Working with Richard for several years gave me the opportunity to get to know him very well. We laughed a lot, grew a lot and he made a positive impact in many individuals lives on a daily basis. He will be greatly missed.

Donna Sawyer - May 29, 2020 at 01:17 PM

JB

“ Richard was a good soul. We had reconnected on facebook several years ago. I thoroughly enjoyed his photos of nature - he had a good eye for beauty. He was kind when I lost my husband five years ago to lung cancer - and we chatted about cancer occasionally after his diagnosis. He embraced life. I hope he is finding the beauty of heaven comforting, knowing he will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers to the family - and hugs to Gracie.

Janet Green Bartz - May 28, 2020 at 04:46 PM