



## Richard Zeman

April 2, 1930 - June 19, 2009

Richard James Zeman passed away on June 19, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. Richard was born April 2, 1930 in Berwyn, IL to Blanche and James Zeman. As he grew, he developed into somewhat of an entrepreneur, cleaning neighbor's fish ponds, delivering local newspapers and washing store windows. He went to Northwestern University, where he put himself through school by working as a baby photographer. His first marriage ended in divorce, but was blessed with the births of Nancy and James. He remarried, and he and his wife Diane were blessed with the arrival of Kristine. He began his career at Hotpoint in Chicago, and then he was transferred to Louisville, KY to GE's Refrigeration Department. Dick joined GE's Central Air Conditioning group, where he was involved in the move of that operation to Tyler, TX. After the Trane Co. acquired GE's air conditioning operation, Dick accepted a position in St. Louis, MO as Vice President of Logistics. When Dick retired in 1991, his boss said of him that he helped nurture many people's careers, was a professional and a gentleman, and was well respected by all who came into contact with him. After he retired, he performed consulting services for Trane, including international consulting. Dick and Diane moved back to Louisville, and then to Atlanta to be closer to their daughter. Dick was a consummate handyman, who enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling. In addition to his wife, Diane, Richard leaves his children Nancy Baumgarten of Vancouver, WA and her husband Werner, Jim Dixon of Nashville, TN, Kristine Zeman of Alpharetta, GA and sister and

brother-in-law Ruth and Paul Wheeler and grandchildren Karl Baumgarten, Krista Baumgarten, Steffanie Dixon, and Avery Zeman. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to either Northbrook United Methodist Church, Roswell, GA or Hospice Atlanta or organization of choice. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 2:00pm at Northbrook United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street  
Chicago, IL

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northbrook United Methodist Church  
11225 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Zeman*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Diane & Kris,*

*What a wonderful gentleman you were blessed with. If not for Mr Z's guidance, I wouldn't be who I am. I thoroughly enjoyed working for him. I will never forget his spunk & zest for life. May God bless and keep you during this time and always.##imported-begin##Lynn Harty##imported-end##*

June 26, 2009 at 03:01 PM



“ *Diane: I have played bridge with you and Pat Mclendon let me know of your sad loss. I am so sorry to hear of the passing away of your husband. My deepest sympathy to you and yours. Nancy Gray##imported-begin##Nancy Gray##imported-end##*

June 23, 2009 at 04:07 PM



“ *Diane,*

*Memories abound of the good times with Dick. We know you, Kris and Avery will treasure these in the days to come and know you will be in our prayers. From Louisville to Tyler to St. Louis our lives were enriched by him. His was certainly a great life well lived.##imported-begin##Don & Mary Ann Hall##imported-end##*

June 23, 2009 at 12:26 PM



“ *Diane,  
Please except my sincere condolences. Dick was such a fine  
person and was a real pleasure to have known him. You and your  
family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Suzanne  
Selby##imported-end##*

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June 23, 2009 at 12:06 PM



“ *Dear Kris and family:*

*Wanted to say again how much we love you and care for you. You  
have been such a dear friend to me all these many years that I want  
to be with you in this time. We love you and we're praying for your.*

*Paul Brown##imported-begin##Paul R. Brown##imported-end##*

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June 22, 2009 at 05:02 PM



“ *Our love and Deepest Sympathy.##imported-begin##Don & Donna  
Cook##imported-end##*

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June 22, 2009 at 02:16 PM



“ *Diane, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Lee  
and Lori Force##imported-begin##Lee Force##imported-end##*

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June 22, 2009 at 01:20 PM



“ *Diane & Kristine,  
I am so sorry to hear this news. I know he was the rock of your family and that he loved all of you and Avery so much. I have fond memories of him through Kris' and my Emory years together. You are both in my thoughts and in my prayers.##imported-begin##Steven Sage##imported-end##*

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June 22, 2009 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dear Diane:  
I will unable to attend to to distance, but my heart and wishes are with you.  
Warm regards,  
Lester Force##imported-begin##Lester Force##imported-end##*

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June 22, 2009 at 09:01 AM



“ *Dear Diane,  
We have prayed our hearts out for a better conclusion, but there was another plan. We now hope you will take the next step of your life, in the same quality way that Dick lived his. We are all better of, as you know, for knowing him. You have our deepest condolences, and our total support in this moment of loss, and grief. We will be unable to attend, so please accept our hope that we can be of service to you somewhere in the future.  
You remain in our thoughts and prayers.  
Joe & Kathy Hughes##imported-begin##Joe Hughes##imported-end##*

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June 22, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ Diane,  
My heart aches for you, for I know you are grieving. But I also feel sure that you are grateful that Dick is no longer suffering. He was such a fine person, and there are many who will miss him. My prayer is that God will comfort you and give you peace.  
Gwen###imported-begin##Gwn Kee###imported-end##

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June 21, 2009 at 09:17 PM



“ In this difficult time, reflect on all the joy your dad in watching first you and then Avery grow. He loved taking care of you all when he was able. He fought hard to have more years with you. Find peace in the thought he is finally out of pain. You are in my thoughts and prays.  
Mary###imported-begin##Mary Pienton###imported-end##

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June 21, 2009 at 08:30 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this difficult time. He was such a warm-hearted and loving man, and all who knew him have been touched in some special way by him. He will be missed, but is now Home in God's loving embrace. With love from the Parrott Family: Michele, Allen, Travis and Lauren###imported-begin##Michele and Allen Parrott###imported-end##

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June 21, 2009 at 06:38 PM



“ It was our pleasure to know Dick and be included among his friends. We always appreciated his advice, wisdom and acceptance of all. We will miss him but are glad to have him in our memories.  
Jeff & Randy###imported-begin##Jeff Ayers & Randy Fulford###imported-end##

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June 21, 2009 at 05:14 PM



“ Dear Diane,

*Suzanne Tefft just told me of Dick's passing, and my heart goes out to you. When I lost my precious Robert in 2000, you, Dick and everyone in North Farm were so very supportive.....I only wish I were there to help you out in some way.*

*Dick is at peace now, and Robert will be there to welcome him home.*

*Love to you, you are in my thoughts.*

*Carol Boyter##imported-begin##Carol (Lowenberg)  
Boyter##imported-end##*

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June 21, 2009 at 10:12 AM



“ Diane, I always enjoyed Richard's brief "peeks" into our bridge games and his always cheerful disposition. I will miss him and will continue my prayers for you and your family. With love,  
Jane##imported-begin##Jane Brown##imported-end##

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June 20, 2009 at 09:05 PM



“ *Pleasant know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all, during this difficult time. Dick will be sorely missed and our prayers are with him, as he is welcomed into the loving arms of our Heavenly Father.*

*With our deepest sympathy and love,*

*Jack and Beverly Hughey and family##imported-begin##Beverly Hughey##imported-end##*

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June 20, 2009 at 05:50 PM



“ *What a beloved husband, father, and Papa Richard was. He's now with the Father who loves us all.##imported-begin##Betty Bowling##imported-end##*

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June 20, 2009 at 11:55 AM