



Richard Allen Milam

March 4, 1944 - May 15, 2020

Former Mayor of St. Albans, Richard Allen Milam, 76, of St. Albans passed away Friday, May 15, 2020 at Dunbar Center, Dunbar.

He was born in Charleston to the late Cameron Abe and Ruth Ann Nelson Milam. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Charles Milam.

Richard was retired from the State of West Virginia with the Department of Highways and also Site Blauvelt Engineers Inc., Charleston. After his retirement he became the Mayor of St. Albans from 2001 to 2005 and also worked for the Kanawha County Commission.

He was a graduate of St. Albans High School, class of 1962. He was a member of the Chargers Car Club, Jaycees, Civitans, Lions Club, The Coal River Group, Volunteered at Christ Kitchen, he worked with Project Graduation for over 25 years, Historical Society, Riverfest, served on the St. Albans Alumni committee.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Jane Preston Milam; daughters, Kelli J. Milam of St. Albans and Kristi Milam Williams (Richie) of Charleston; sister, Virgie Ashworth of Beckley; brother, Robert Milam (Margaret) of St. Albans; sister-in-law, Peggy Milam of Michigan. Also surviving are 8 nieces, nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

Unfortunately, due to the recent COVID-19 Pandemic, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. A private service will be held for the family at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans. We appreciate your understanding during this time.

You may visit Richard's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Milam family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Tribute Wall

RK

“ Due to an unexplainable circumstance I just found Richard's obituary in the Sunday paper dated Sunday, May 17, 2020. The date still did not dawn on me until I mentioned May 17 to my wife. Since this is April 10, 2021, I was shocked I found this paper. Richard was special to me in many ways. He was the DOH inspector on a bridge job I was working on I-77. During the year-long job we became close and fast friends. I was the union steward on the job and had cause to speak with him daily. Not only were our topics lively but informative. Richard would take a grade stake and carve my union position into the hardwood stake. As I climbed the ladder in the Union, Richard carved a new stake for me. I proudly have these on display in my home. I am saddened by his passing.

Richard W. Knapp

Richard W. Knapp - April 10, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Milam.



May 28, 2020 at 12:47 PM

RW

“ I want to offer my condolences to Richard Milan’s wife and family. From my perspective Richard was one of St. Albans very special citizens. I met Richard at Christ’s Kitchen in it’s inception in the 1980 ‘s he and the club he belonged to help me with getting the kitchen to grow. The same when I went up to see how the Coal River Group was doing once again I ran into Richard, again as one of our mayors, our city has lost a wonderful citizen in this town, and so as the County.
I pray that his blessing for this Town will be picked up by other similar citizens.
Rev Gilbert Watkins

Rev Gilbert Watkins - May 24, 2020 at 08:35 PM

FA

“ Friends at the City of St. Albans purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Richard Allen Milam.



Friends at the City of St. Albans - May 20, 2020 at 08:49 AM

JB

“ Richard was an important and supportive member of the Coal River Group. That is how I came to know him. Always pleasant and a big contributor to the cause of making the Coal River and St Albans a better place to live. A good man who will be missed
John Barry

John Barry - May 19, 2020 at 08:12 PM

BP

“ Jane, and girls. So sorry for your loss. I worked with Richard at Christ Kitchen. He was always funny, and a very caring soul.



Betty Painter - May 19, 2020 at 11:32 AM

BB

“ We were so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. His compassion for the less fortunate, his love of life and his willingness to serve along with that wonderful sense of humor will be missed in this town for years to come. We share in your family's grief and pray for God's strength to get you through this most difficult time.
Most sincerely, Bill and Susan Bryan

bill bryan - May 19, 2020 at 11:07 AM

LA

“ Lawrence and Sissie Athey purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Richard Allen Milam.



Lawrence and Sissie Athey - May 19, 2020 at 10:35 AM

CB

“ Connie-Tinsley Bolen lit a candle in memory of Richard Allen Milam



Connie-Tinsley Bolen - May 18, 2020 at 09:59 AM

CB

Praying for your family. So sorry for your loss. Virgie Ashworth, and Jane Milam (I worked with you at Thomas Hospital) love you both.

Connie-Tinsley Bolen - May 18, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Milam.*



May 17, 2020 at 09:15 PM

RA

“ *Sorry for your loss will be praying for your family worked with Richard for several years at Boone County DOH.*



Rex Angel - May 17, 2020 at 07:59 PM

LS

“ *Janie I am so sorry to here about Richard you and all of the family are in my prayers.*

Lisa Smith - May 17, 2020 at 07:02 PM

TD

“ Richard was an outstanding guy and a true pleasure to work with on highway projects, as he understood how to help get a project finished quickly with quality. He will be sincerely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sincerely, Todd and Carrie Dunmire



Todd Dunmire - May 17, 2020 at 04:42 PM

NP

“ Have know Richard for many years a true sweet guy. So active in many things in St. Albans. He will always be remembered. Prayers for his family.

Norma Price - May 17, 2020 at 04:04 PM

FI

“ Dear Jane and family, I just learned of Rich's passing. Am so sorry to hear this. I have very fond memories for our time in the Jaycee organization, in Civitan's and working at Christ's Kitchen. He had a giant heart. He was truly a good guy.
FYI - David Ingram passed away in his sleep last July 1, 2019 so I can appreciate your loss. It is very difficult but your family and friends will help.
Love and prayers, Fran Ingram, Chicagoland, Ill.

Fran Ingram - May 17, 2020 at 02:59 PM

CP

“ Remember Rich from Charger's car cub days. Great guy who helped others.

Cookie Van Pet - May 17, 2020 at 02:48 PM

MB

“ *St. Albans has lost a wonderful friend. The class of 1962 has lost a great graduate! I do not know anyone who didn't like or love Richard. I did not know his father, but he had the kind, caring personality that his other Ruth had as well as her sense of humor. Richard was my Senior prom date and we sure had a great time and lots of fun. He remained a good friend of mine and i am deeply saddened by his passing. To Janie, Kelly, Kristi and Robert, I extend my sincere sympathy. I will always remember Richard fondly. Truly, we have lost someone who was honest, dependable, and friendly. He will be missed by many. RIP Richard.*

Mickie Burrows - May 17, 2020 at 02:34 PM

JN

“ *Jane and family, so sorry for your loss. Richard was a people person and just an all around good guy. It will be so sad when Barb and I visit West Virginia to not be able to see Richard anymore. Love to you all.*

John Nitz - May 17, 2020 at 12:50 PM

BN

“ *Jane, we go back so far it's hard to put one memory. I cherish you meeting Richard at my home back in 1962, and being apart of your lives every since. My love, and gear felt sadness .*

Barbara Nitz - May 17, 2020 at 12:36 PM

BS

“ *I've known Richard since our days at the chargers car club. I have many wonderful memories of him and his sincere love of people. I'll miss you my friend. Buddy Sneed*

buddy sneed - May 17, 2020 at 11:46 AM

DB

“ A fine man enjoyed our time together at the WVDOH. He always had a story to tell that kept us laughing, will miss the man and our time together.

Dale Blount - May 17, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Memories of the Milam family flood my mind. Richard was an example of where “a pillar of the community “ was made! He was known and loved by many! Prayers of peace and comfort go out for Janie and the rest of the family. He will be sorely missed!

Henrietta Hank Gladwell - May 17, 2020 at 09:04 AM

CO

“ Jane, I'm so sorry to hear of Richard's passing! I enjoyed the time we all worked together at Riverfest! Loving thoughts & prayers to you & your family! Connie Thompson

Connie - May 17, 2020 at 01:48 AM



“ Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Milam.



May 16, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JJ

“ My thoughts are with the Milan family Jerry Jones class of 62

Jerry Jones - May 16, 2020 at 05:07 PM

MB

“ Jane and family, Rich was one of my favorite people and long time friend. I could write a book about the memories and such fun we had. Sorry for your loss. Love to all, Margaret Robinson Buttrick



Margaret Robinson Buttrick - May 16, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MW

“ Too many memories to share! My heart is breaking, Jane.

Myra Cousins Woolwine - May 16, 2020 at 03:53 PM

Neil Richardson

“ Richard (and Jane) have been active members of the St. Albans Historical Society for over 20 years. Richard has been vice president for over 12 years and loved his town.

Neil Richardson - May 16, 2020 at 03:51 PM

AF

“ Sincere condolences, Jane, Kelly, Kristi and family. So very sorry for your loss.

Arvyl Hypes and family - May 16, 2020 at 12:21 PM