



Clyde B. Richardson

July 27, 1951 - March 23, 2022

Clyde B. Richardson, age 70, of Bourbonnais, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Clyde was born in July 1951 on the Southside of Chicago. A Vietnam Veteran, he proudly served his country in the Marines. A lifelong musician, he shared his love of music with all, professionally and personally. His infectious smile and friendly demeanor left lasting impressions on even those who met him briefly. Clyde was always ready with a joke or story from his illustrious life to share with anyone lucky enough to listen. His family and friends were always his first priority, and would selflessly go far out of his way for strangers and family alike. He was known as a second father to many of his children's friends.

A love story for the ages, Clyde's love and devotion for his wife of 45 years has served as inspiration to others. They enjoyed traveling together and made lifelong friends along their journeys. Clyde was an avid golfer and swimmer, finding joy on the links and in the pool. He was happiest entertaining at his family home, famously opening the pool season with his signature back flip to the cheers of his treasured grandchildren. A respected member of his personal, professional and musical communities, Clyde would share his passions with anyone within ear shot. Through his passion for music and his giving nature, he nurtured many musical careers. Clyde was deeply spiritual and shared a quiet respect with every soul he met.

He passed peacefully in the early morning, surrounded by his wife and children. It was always his fashion to arrive early, even in death he was first to the fight. Clyde was loved by many and will be missed deeply and remembered fondly by those whose lives he touched.

He was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Diane Richardson of Bourbonnais; children, Lindsay & Cameron Bigler of Savoy, William Richardson of Bourbonnais, Jayme & John Curby of Kankakee, Chris Heer of WI and Brian Heer of Lisle; four grandchildren, Madeleine Bigler, Marshall Bigler, Skylar Curby, and Brady Curby; and a large extended family.

Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *A fantastic guy and a great friend for over 20 years, Clyde was someone who was always smiling. His never wavering positive attitude made him someone you just wanted to be around. Condolences to his immediate and extended families, and to his enormous circle of friends. He will most certainly be missed.*

Dave and Marty Raulli



Dave Raulli - May 22, 2022 at 07:31 PM

CB

“ *Condolences to the family and friends. Both my children attended classes at Axes. Clyde always had time for a chat. He was kind, funny and passionate about music. I have one of his cd's that I will cherish forever. You will truly be missed.*

CB - March 30, 2022 at 07:16 PM

JC

“ To my daddy. My best friend of 35 1/2 years. Not sure how we are going to do it without you but, we have to. Seeing how many people’s lives you have touched and hearing stories we have never heard before, proves you are the man we always knew you were. Kind heart, tough exterior 😊 Love you dad. Rest easy and keep the music going 🎵 We miss you terribly already.



Jayne Curby - March 29, 2022 at 09:54 PM

AN

“ A legend.

Last year, around this time my family and I were traveling to the UK to get my dad his treatment. I had created a Go Fund me page to help us get to where we knew dad needed to go.

My family and I had never been to the UK. I told Clyde the story and how anxious but ready for this I was. He, too, was very excited for us. He encouraged me to take in as much of London and Windsor as I could. He and his wife frequently traveled there and some of the most legendary stories of his music career were UK-based.

The day before we left, he and his beautiful wife had left me a card at work. In lieu of donating to the Go Fund me, the card entailed pounds (UK currency) with some of the loveliest encouraging words for my family and I. (Clyde later confirmed that Diane is the sentimental one out of the two and she was def the one who wrote out the card LOL).

Fast forward to when we get to the UK. Mom and I went grocery shopping. We were nervous. Foreign country. We had not much money to spend aside from the cash we brought for treatment and lodging expenses. We pick up the essentials and what we think dad will like. Get to register. The lady rings us up. I reach into my purse to pay with the Richardson's family donation. The total was the EXACT AMOUNT, down to the change, of what they had donated. My mom began to bawl her eyes out. I then quickly followed (I am her daughter). The lady at the register stared at us. We told her the story and then she began to cry.

We got back to our place and told dad the story. His exact words “I can't wait to meet that man and his wife one day. You need to take me to him when we get back.”

I told Clyde the story when we returned and how badly my dad wanted to meet him. He was stoked.

He never got to in this life. But now Clyde, he can properly thank you. Where you two are there is no cancer. There is no pain. There is no sorrow or fear.

Take care of each other.

I can never thank you enough for not only how much you impacted me as a nurse.. but also as a person. You were that guy to so many.

A legend. Fly high. Until we meet again.

anonymous - March 27, 2022 at 01:15 PM

AD

“ *The Anthony DeSardi family lit a candle in memory of Clyde Richardson*”



Anthony DeSardi - March 26, 2022 at 10:43 PM

B(

“ *Richardson Family.. I am very sorry for your tremendous loss. I wish you peace and strength. I will remember Clyde being a kind and loving friend who always took the time to share a wonderful music story and fix my guitar without payment. He was generous and sentimental. His laughter, unique spirit, and big smile will be missed. Hugs, Beverly*

Beverly Gamen (Bedalow) - March 26, 2022 at 10:44 AM

KF

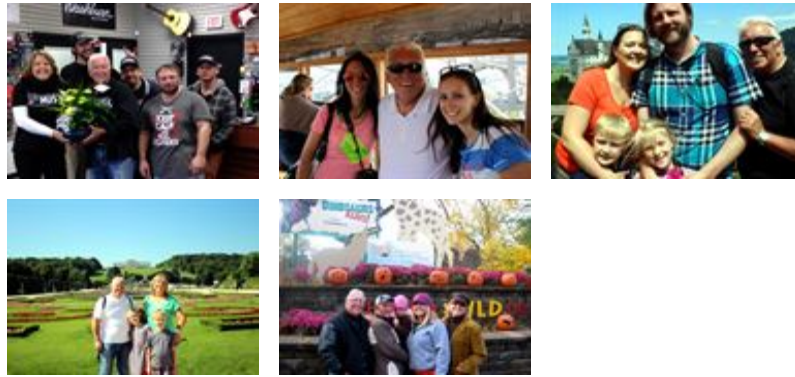
“ King Family lit a candle in memory of Clyde B. Richardson



King Family - March 25, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ 130 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 25, 2022 at 12:20 PM

UB

“ Clyde was like a brother to be... the hole he is going to leave in my heart is really big and it hurts... but I can't say it enough how grateful I am having had so many opportunities to spend time with him and his beautiful family. His love is everywhere... in Diane, his kids, grandchildren and of course in his music. Thank you for everything, my brother.



Uschi Bjornson - March 25, 2022 at 05:07 AM

CD

“ I don't know where to start, so many memories, heartwarming conversations, long walks, unforgettable holidays all over the world, lots of food, lots of music in front of the fireplace, Christmas memories, the wedding, roadtrips, Almdudler and cheesecake, always an open ear, always helpful, unbelievable stories, so much more to tell, cannot find enough words for that deep friendship. Thank you for the last hug, please play a session with my dad, your are family, will miss you so badly. Meet you in another life. Save journey❤️



Christina Drs - March 24, 2022 at 11:11 PM

EF

“ My condolences & prayers to The Richardson Family. May God give comfort for your tears. Clyde & I are '69 ACHS graduates. He was very nice, funny and enjoyable during our high school days. May he Rest In Peace.🙏



Essie Spriggs Fizer - March 24, 2022 at 10:30 PM

JM

“ Jeanne Martino lit a candle in memory of Clyde B. Richardson



Jeanne Martino - March 24, 2022 at 07:47 PM

RK

“ Randy & RoseAnna Knickerbocker lit a candle in memory of Clyde B. Richardson



Randy & RoseAnna Knickerbocker - March 24, 2022 at 05:52 PM

HS

“ Our memories of the times in Vienna, Chicago or Bourbonnais are still very much present. But most of all we remember San Diego and the visit to the beach at the del Coronado hotel. Because Clyde showed us places we did not know. Despite many visits to SD befor. We will never forget these wonderful moments.



Hans and Sylvia - March 24, 2022 at 04:54 PM

WB

“ 2 files added to the album Ward and Clyde's memories



Ward Brown - March 24, 2022 at 04:37 PM

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Ward Brown - March 24, 2022 at 04:35 PM

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Ward Brown - March 24, 2022 at 04:34 PM

LN

“ Today my heart is heavy...

You will always be in my heart uncle clyde 💙



Thank you for all the deep talks we had, the moonwalks, the dances and for travelling around the world together. Thank you for all the ice cream sandwiches I took out of the freezer when you and Diane went to bed (I never told you that 🤪) Thank you for your music, your love and memories. Thank you for always protecting me, also if I did not understand why when I was younger. Thanks for carrying all my shoppingbags from VS for us. Thank you for teaching me how to drive in the states. Thanks for listening. Thanks for the dance at my wedding. Thanks for so many things I can't even write it down. My heart is heavy right now but I know you are with us and I know you are helping my little baby girl coming to earth safe and healthy soon! 🙏 I will eat Schnitzel and drink Almdudler for you. After that...Apfelstrudel in Salzburg... I know you will still protect our family from heaven and I promise you we will hold together forever!

Prayers for our family and thanks for being a part of it 🙏

I love you and big hugs to my family in Chicago! ♡

Lina N. - March 24, 2022 at 03:33 PM

JZ

“ To the Clyde Richardson family,
We wish to extend our sympathy for the loss of Clyde. He was a terrific guy here on Earth and he'll be serenading all those in Heaven. RIP Clyde, love Joe and Beverly Zanon

Joseph Zanon - March 24, 2022 at 02:14 PM