



Richard R. Appelt

June 29, 1940 - May 8, 2023

Richard Roland Appelt, 82, a long-time resident of Lake Villa, IL passed away peacefully at home on Monday, May 8th, 2023.

Richard was born in Martin, North Dakota to Emmanuel and Pearl (Woodring) Appelt. He attended the Harvey Grade School and graduated from the Harvey High School in 1958. Richard served in the U.S. Navy from 1958-1962. He continued in the Navy Reserves until 1964. Richard had various jobs throughout his life. He retired from Abbott after 38 years of service.

Richard met Elaine (Johnson) Appelt when they were 11 years old. They were friends throughout the school years and later married on March 7, 1970, in Fargo, North Dakota. They were married for 50 wonderful years. Elaine passed away on March 27, 2020. Richard loved spending time and sharing stories with his family and friends. He loved his trees, garden, and bushes. You would always find him outside from sun up to sun down planting something. He will be known for his kindness and support to everyone he knew. Richard was a member of the St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst, IL.

Richard will be remembered by his three children Shonda (Richard) Doty, Mark (Meaghan) Appelt, Ryan (Lisa) Appelt and his grandchildren Niva, Avina, Mikaela, Draven, Legion, Avin, Amya, Ayla, and Alyn. He will also be remembered by his brother Robert Appelt and Sister-In-Law, Julia Appelt as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmanuel and Pearl Appelt; his In-Laws Melvin and Mabel Johnson; Sister and Brother-in-Law, Geraldine and John Dethloff; Brother, Ralph Appelt; Sisters-in-Law and Brother-in-Laws Doris and Kermit Engebretson and Martha and Duanne Westermann.

A Celebration of Life for Richard and Elaine Appelt will be held at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL on Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 4:00-8:00 pm with a service at 7:00 pm. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Hospital <https://www.stjude.org/donate> or your local VFW.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard R. Appelt*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Rich was always smiling, always a pleasure to talk with. Him and Elaine were the best neighbors, I missed having coffee with Elaine and now I'll miss seeing Rich out in the yard.*

Condolences to their family, they both rest together now.

Karen Ignoffo - May 11, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ *Taxcountants Family. purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Richard R. Appelt.*

Taxcountants Family. - May 11, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ *Richard and Elaine were 2 of the most amazing people I have ever known. They were like second parents to us when we were little . I get comfort thinking they are now up with my dad all laughing, drinking a beer and having a great time. I am so sorry for your terrible loses Shonda, Mark and Ryan and we are here if you need anything. 💜*



Jennifer Hauldren - May 11, 2023 at 08:03 AM



Yes, Jennifer you need to add Richard to your next party next to Dad! Wonderful people ❤️❤️

Nancy Hession - May 12, 2023 at 02:49 PM



Richard and Elaine you will be missed ❤️❤️

Nancy Hession - May 12, 2023 at 02:49 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Hauldren - May 11, 2023 at 07:58 AM

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“ Richard and I have been friends for 61 yrs. We had alot of goods times through that span, some I cannot put in this message. Rich, I wish you good travels in this next step of life. Know that you will be missed by many forever.....Wayne C. HM3 USNAVY retired

Wayne C. - May 10, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rlchard R. Appelt.



May 10, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rlchard R. Appelt.



May 10, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rlchard R. Appelt.



May 10, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Richard R. Appelt.*



May 10, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard R. Appelt.*



May 09, 2023 at 05:30 PM