



Richard Anthony Buccigrossi

April 2, 1945 - June 16, 2023

Richard Anthony Buccigrossi, loving husband, father, teacher, and community member, passed away June 16, 2023 at age 78.

Richard was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on April 2, 1945 to the late Umberto and Clementina (LeDonne) Buccigrossi. During his childhood, Richard learned to be outgoing and amiable helping his father in Jerry's Shoe Repair shop, but forged his own path when he discovered electrical engineering and computers. He earned both a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from University of Pittsburgh (only dropping his stack of punch cards carrying his computer program once). While developing cutting-edge telecommunication systems at Bell Communications Research, he earned a Masters Degree in Computer Science Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey in 1989. He later retired from software engineering to start a full second career as a high school teacher, sharing his love of Mathematics and Computer Science with any teenager who would listen.

Beyond his successful career, Richard had a spark of energy and enthusiasm for life. His hobbies were eclectic and social: country and western dancing, clogging, Scouting with his kids, playing guitar, singing, tennis, running, skiing, and hiking. But above all, Richard strove to be a good person: active in the church and community, generous with his time, and always happy to help

others in need.

Left to cherish Richard's memory are his wife of 32 years, Rita; sons, Tom Buccigrossi and his wife Marianne; Robert Buccigrossi and his wife Jennifer; Jason Whitman and his wife Brittany; and daughter Jessica Shearer and her husband Austen; grandchildren Dylan, Carly, Sarah, Lucy, Alice, and Elaina.

In addition to his parents, Richard was predeceased by his sister, Mary Lou.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Thursday, June 22, 2023 at the First Baptist Church of Ellenton, 1707 36th Ave E, Palmetto, FL 34221, at 6:00 PM. Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at www.MFHcares.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 6:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Ellenton
1707 36th Avenue E.
Palmetto, FL 34221

Tribute Wall

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“ *Much sadness, but also much to celebrate! Richard was a most influential cousin. Being 7 years my senior, his brilliant mind and humorous nature provided the best role model one could hope for. His enthusiasm with his early engineering studies inspired me to pursue a similar career path, for which I am forever grateful. I can vividly remember going on a local field trip , with Richard, in the early 1960's. A cool dark basement, in the Universities engineering building, housed a massive mainframe computer. A thick 1 inch cable connected the mainframe to a smallish box that you could hold in your hand. The box sported a numeric keypad, and a row of several nixie display tubes across its top (look them up). He proudly showed me how you could enter simple math problems on the keypad, and get an answer on the display within only a few seconds! What a great human being! I will truly miss him.*

Jim Buccigrossi

Jim Buccigrossi - June 25, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Anthony Buccigrossi.*



June 20, 2023 at 10:42 PM