



Richard Handtke

August 13, 1933 - November 23, 2025

Richard Aldon Handtke was born August 13, 1933 in Michigan City, Indiana and died November 23, 2025.

He is survived by loving wife Joan A. Handtke; children Susan Johnson, Roger Handtke (Karen), Kimberly Cantrell, Bruce Handtke (April), John Sansone (Tina), Kristy Leyba (Jeffrey). Richard had 13 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

He was an Eagle Scout, a lifeguard, and served eight years in the naval reserve. He became a real estate broker, and served as president of the Greater South Suburban Board of Realtors. He was in the real estate business with his wife, Joan for 35 years. His hobbies included golfing, tennis, bowling, boating, and he had some artistic talent for painting portraits. He enjoyed watching high school and college basketball, professional football, and baseball. He was a huge fan of the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs. Richard had a great love for children, and loved being an involved, playful, active father and Papa.

Friends and relatives can visit with family on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W. Lincoln Hwy, Crown Point, IN 46307. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. with Pastor Cory Wielert officiating. Interment to follow.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Carrasco Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Handtke.*



The Carrasco Family - December 05, 2025 at 03:10 PM

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“ *The Carrasco Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Handtke.*

The Carrasco Family - December 05, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Handtke.*



December 05, 2025 at 07:47 AM

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“ *Handtke Brothers and Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Handtke.*



Handtke Brothers and Families - December 04, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear this. Dick was a great guy my husband Tim thought the world of him. You are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏*

Mary Ann Hektoen - December 03, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard Handtke.*



December 02, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JL

“ *I remember that I wanted to move to a larger house. He came to my house and explained how we could do it. We followed his advice and it turned out to be the best decision we ever made. He did it out of kindness because I was his daughter's friend. I never forget his patience and kindness.*

Janet Lawrence - November 26, 2025 at 08:19 AM

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“ *Cousin & Nephew, Bryan Hadley purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard Handtke.*



Cousin & Nephew, Bryan Hadley - November 25, 2025 at
06:23 PM