



## William "Bill" Richey

June 3, 1954 - December 13, 2016

William "Bill" Richey, age 62, passed away Tuesday morning, December 13, 2016 in his home. Bill was born June 3, 1954 to Janet and William Richey in Sandusky, Ohio. A life-long Buckeye at heart, Bill was an avid fan of all things Ohio, including his alma mater, Capital University. He graduated with a degree in Music Education, which he put to use as a choir teacher here in Huntington at Crestview Middle School. He taught for 37 years and treasured every co-worker and student that walked the halls with him.

Bill was also a dedicated musician in his personal life. He originally chose to play the trumpet, but later switched to tuba to impress a girl. That relationship didn't last, but his love for the tuba remained. He played in the Huntington Erie Band and the Huntington University Symphonic Wind Ensemble. He was a truly gifted singer and was a 40-year member of the Trinity English Lutheran Church Chancel Choir in Fort Wayne.

He is loved and remembered by his wife, Mary Michael Richey, and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Ellen; his siblings, Terry (Mibelle) Richey, Bob (Gail) Richey, and Mary Jane (Joe) Jones; along with many other grieving relatives.

Visitation will be from 3 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. A memorial service will

take place Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Trinity English Lutheran Church. Pre-service music will begin at 3 p.m. with the service beginning at 3:30.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church for the music fund, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary

35 West Park Drive

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# Tribute Wall

NS

“*Mary, I heard of your husbands death & just wanted to let you know I've been thinking about you. I was a nurse at Peabody's when you came to work there. I wanted you to know that your husband had my oldest son in choir at Crestview MS many years ago but when we heard of his passing my son & I talked about how great a teacher he was. My son didn't have much musical talent but he still learned a lot from your husband & liked him & respected him a lot. You were in medical records at Peabody's & I always appreciated your work & kindness. Just couldn't let it go by without letting you know I am thinking about you & your family at this time. Sorry this is so late getting to you. I do hope you still get this message. Nancy Smith*

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**Nancy Smith** - January 16, 2017 at 03:03 PM

LW

“*Bill was a kind heart and a good friend. He listened when needed and loved to talk.*

*Lisa Wesco*

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**Lisa Wesco** - December 21, 2016 at 09:34 AM

AG

“*May Bill rest in peace. My condolences to Mary, Mary Ellen and Elizabeth, and may your faith comfort you in this difficult time. Bill's smile was infectious, his laughter was heartfelt, and his voice beautiful. Cherish those memories. I feel blessed to have known him and to have sung with him in Trinity Chancel Choir.*

*Angela Green*

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**Angela Green** - December 20, 2016 at 07:42 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Richey.*



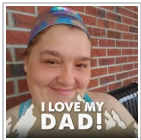
December 19, 2016 at 06:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Richey.*



December 19, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ *I was one of Mr. Richey student from 6 th grade to 8th grade in the girls choir. He was a awesome teacher and when I became an adult he was a friend . he even taught both of my girls. I am truly sorry for your loss and will be praying for his family.*

**Kristi Hampshire** - December 19, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ *Mr. Ritchie was a wonderful, funny , and caring teacher. I had the pleasure of being one of his students and he taught us so much more than music. I remember he always happy and had a kind word to at. God bless you and your family, I can only hope to be half the teacher he was.*



**Laura Burgess** - December 19, 2016 at 01:54 PM

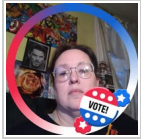


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Richey.*



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December 19, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *Jo Slone lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Richey*



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**Jo Slone** - December 19, 2016 at 11:14 AM



“ *Patti Wheeler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Richey*



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**Patti Wheeler** - December 18, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Richey.*



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December 18, 2016 at 05:45 PM

DR

“ We always considered Bill a close friend and much more than a regular patient. The staff and I WERE TRULY SADDENED to find out he had died. Bill was always such a gentleman . My wife died this summer so I can appreciate your loss. At that time hospice sent me the following which you may appreciate. "Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal" Author unknown . Verse on an old Irish tombstone.

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**Dr. JOHN REGAN** - December 17, 2016 at 11:38 AM

TU

“ The Management and Staff of USDTL purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of William "Bill" Richey.



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**The Management and Staff of USDTL** - December 16, 2016 at 01:46 PM

SE

“ Prayers and God bless Richey family. Bill was a very caring man who loved his family dearly and enjoyed the gift of music! Cherish the memories and know that there is a tuba player among the celestial choir with a huge smile on his face! So sorry for your loss.  
*Sue Ellet*

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**Sue Ellet** - December 16, 2016 at 12:53 PM

DY

“ We had the pleasure of hearing Bill's clear, beautiful voice as part of the Chancel choir at Trinity English Lutheran Church. We will miss hearing him on Sundays and in choir events. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mary, Elizabeth, and Mary Ellen.



*The Yarnelle Family..Larry, Darlene, Chris, and Katie*

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**Darlene Yarnelle** - December 16, 2016 at 12:20 PM

RB

“ Bill was such a wonderful, caring person. Love talking with him about Formula 1 since we were both fans. He will be greatly missed here, but Heaven has gained a wonderful singer for the Heavenly choir! Enjoy your great reward Bill! See you someday soon!  
*Steve & Ramonda Bickel (CMS)*

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**Ramonda Bickel** - December 16, 2016 at 11:54 AM

SJ

“ Sincerely, Jane & Jon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Richey.



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**Sincerely, Jane & Jon** - December 16, 2016 at 09:49 AM

JK

“ *The Killian family has known Bill since we moved to Huntington University in 2001. Our daughter sang in the Crestview choirs and Mr. Richey allowed her to accompany for one of the numbers which spurred her on to practice piano. They played together in the HU wind ensemble and we all sang together in Messiah. Our tenors will miss his kind spirit and beautiful voice until we see him again in heaven. Our prayers will be with the family!*

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**Joni Killian** - December 16, 2016 at 09:27 AM

UD

“ *USDTL's- Data Review Department purchased the Cheryl's Classic Bakery Tower for the family of William "Bill" Richey.*



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**USDTL's- Data Review Department** - December 16, 2016 at 08:57 AM

RR

“ *We pray that The Richey family find peace in knowing, that Bill is now with his savior. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*  
*From:*  
*USDTL's - Data Review Department*

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**Rosemarie Rios** - December 16, 2016 at 07:40 AM

TC

“ He encouraged me to sing , taught me to be myself and stand tall. He showed me how to love music and from his teaching - I haven't stopped singing. And my three daughters also sing and love music. Even my oldest got to have him as a teacher. He was the same sweet and loving teacher as when I was his student. You will be truly missed.

Tracy Cummings - December 15, 2016 at 08:56 PM

LH

“ Mr bill was very devoted to our Peabody entertainers choir group we are a small but mighty group of ladies including bills wife Mary and two daughters our Peabody entertainers had the precious privilege of singing will bill as our conductor in his last concert on earth on little did we know then that hours later bill went to sing in heaven I can see so vividly bills face as after every song he would give us that big smile and give us a thumbs up bill added so much music in my life. Peabody entertainer member  
Linda K Hyden

linda hyden - December 15, 2016 at 07:13 PM

AN

“ Condolences to Mary Ellen and Elizabeth and Mary. Very sorry for your loss. Amy and Sam Niswander

Amy Niswander - December 15, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Richey.



December 15, 2016 at 05:27 PM

Jl

“ *My sincere sympathy to Mr Richeys family. I did not know Mr Richey well, but my kids loved him! I appreciate that he took the time with them, to teach and guide them. Jim Carter*

Jim - December 15, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ *I loved Mr. Richey, he was an awesome choir teacher.*



Missy Shively - December 15, 2016 at 01:26 PM



“ *Missy Shively lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Richey*



Missy Shively - December 15, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Richey.*



December 15, 2016 at 12:24 PM

PV

“ *Phil Vehslage lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Richey*



Phil Vehslage - December 15, 2016 at 11:54 AM

MB

“ *Mr. Richey was a wonderful choir teacher. He encouraged all of us, even those of us who couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. He always made choir fun, picking current songs and fun Disney songs. He will be missed.*

Marla Brinkman - December 15, 2016 at 11:37 AM

BH

“ *Billie Harris lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Richey*



Billie Harris - December 15, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ *Mr Richey was one of my favorite teachers, he made singing (in front of people) so much fun. I remember her talked me into doing a solo song at the state competition and wouldn't let me back out of it, no excuses. He gave me confidence when I had none. He will be missed by many. Prayers for his family ♡*

Pat Morse - December 14, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ I know I had fun times in Mr. Richey's 7th & 8th grade choir class at Crestview. I always loved that we got to sing the songs from *Beauty & the Beast*, *The River* by Garth Brooks and *When You're Alone* from *Hook*. I'll never forget when he actually let girls choir sing *Heart and Soul* for a choir concert. I know that took a lot to let us sing since I think he disliked that song so much. But I will admit he got us all back by giving us *It's a Small World After All* to sing. I was honored that he ask a few of us from band to play our flutes for a few pieces during the concerts. He was a great teacher and will truly be missed. Prayers for your family.

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**Melanie & Dan Dahms** - December 14, 2016 at 04:14 PM

JT

“ Joan L Tardy lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Richey



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**Joan L Tardy** - December 14, 2016 at 03:53 PM

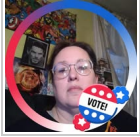
KH

“ I remember when I took Brutus to the "meet and greet" or whatever at Orschelins (knowing that Jenelle said "somebody" was already interested. I saw Mr Richey there...he was all over Brutus..and I told him about the person, wishing it could go to him instead..and he said he was the interested person...I was so thrilled...KNOWING what a great life Brutus would have...him and Mr. Richey got to be great buds...this man will be so missed...love you Mary and girls and Brutus



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**kathy harper** - December 14, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ *Mr Richey was my favorite teacher. He always believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself.* ”

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**Jo Slone** - December 14, 2016 at 02:48 PM