



Richard Arroyo

January 6, 1975 - November 13, 2023

Richard Arroyo, 48, of Carmel, Indiana, passed away on Monday, November 13, 2023 in Aurora, Illinois.

Richard was born on January 6, 1975, at Copley Memorial Hospital to David Arroyo Torres and Rosa Delia Burciaga. He was raised in Aurora and attended St. Therese School, Marmion Military Academy, and the University of Illinois. In 2001 his career in IT led him to start a new life in Indiana. His love of learning led him back to school, and he received a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies from the University of Indianapolis in 2006. His love of his country led him to enlisting and proudly serving in the Indiana National Guard.

In 2006 Richard became a father to his twin sons, Peter and Joseph, followed by daughter Madeleine (Maddie) in 2007. Richard loved being a dad. Nothing made him happier than cooking for his children and being asked for seconds. He coached rec basketball and softball for his children's teams, always working on new drills and plays - his favorite being the "Eagle!" He had the best Halloween decorations on the block and loved helping his children make the perfect costume every year.

He had so many interests and passions that will live on in his children. He loved the IndyCar races, the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Cubs, and especially the John Elway-era Denver Broncos. He was an avid music fan

with eclectic taste, listening to his favorite songs on repeat around the fire on his back porch. He was eternally curious. As an undergraduate at University of Illinois, he studied anthropology and conducted field work with his professors during the summer near the Cahokia Mounds. He wanted to know how things worked and that he could fix them, tinkering with everything from cars, to small engines, to computers. Richard had a light and energy within him that was felt by anyone who came within ten feet of him. He had an uncanny ability to make people, even those he had just met, feel welcomed and loved.

In 1998 Richard found purpose and fellowship in the Freemasonry. Initiated in Illinois as an Entered Apprentice on November 12, 1998, he progressed to Fellow Craft on January 14, 1999, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on January 28, 1999. Moving from Illinois to Indiana in 2018, his passion for Masonry culminated in his role as Worshipful Master of Carmel Lodge #421 from December of 2002 through 2023, where he led with grace. Richard joined the Knights of Pythias on September 23rd, 2018, along with his brothers, David Jr. and Orlando. He served as Chancellor Commander from January 2019 through July of 2019 and held the title of Past Chancellor since July 12th of 2019. Richard was a proud member of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan and loved to wear his Fez to all Knights of Pythias events. He was also a member of the following organizations: National Sojourners Indianapolis - Fort Harrison chapter 66, and was a first vice principal; the Masonic Sahara Grotto (where he got another Fez); Grand Guardian Council of Indiana of Job's Daughters, Bethel #66, Grand Outer guard, Bethel #68 Grand Inner Guard, Associate Bethel Guardian; The Knights of Columbus; and the Ancient and Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot, Indiana Synod #1.

He was a member of St Alphonsus Church in Zionsville, IN.

Survivors include his mother, Rosa Delia Burciaga, his former wife and mother to his children, Anne Regnier-Arroyo; his three children, Joseph Michael, Peter James, and Madeleine Mercedes; his three brothers, Alex Arroyo (Chad), David Arroyo, Jr., and Orlando Arroyo (Melissa); many nieces and nephews; and many others that were loved by him. He was preceded in death by his father, David Arroyo Torres.

Richard enjoyed participating in the many charitable activities hosted and sponsored by the above listed organizations. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family and socializing with people. He was a natural born leader with so much unrealized potential, but gave all he could, all of the time.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Morning Prayers

NOV **20**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

NOV **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Therese Church
271 North Farnsworth Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-898-5422

Burial

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Arroyo



Daleiden Mortuary - November 17, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Arroyo.



November 18, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ Kyndell C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Arroyo.

Kyndell C. - November 18, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Arroyo.



November 18, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Arroyo.*



November 18, 2023 at 05:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Arroyo.*



November 17, 2023 at 08:30 PM



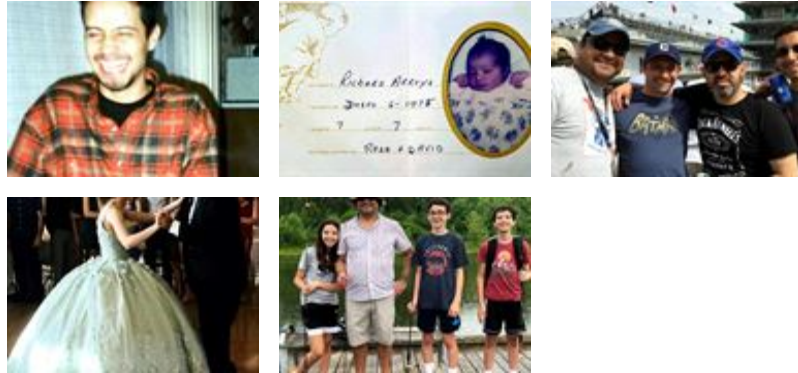
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Arroyo.*



November 17, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - November 17, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Arroyo.



November 16, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Arroyo.



November 15, 2023 at 05:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Arroyo.* ”



November 15, 2023 at 04:39 PM

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“ With profound sorrow, the Brothers of Carmel Lodge #421, mourn the passing of our dear Brother, Richard "Rich" Arroyo. Rich was a beacon of strength and humor within our lodge, and his warmth and compassion touched us all.

As 2023 Worshipful Master (head of our lodge), Rich led with grace. His dedication to Freemasonry and its values were evident. In times of trouble or challenge, he showed immense courage, inspiring us with his resilience.

To his family, we extend our deepest sympathies. Your loss is ours too. Rich's memory will forever be a guiding light in our hearts.

Farewell, dear Brother Rich. Your legacy lives on in the lives you touched.

With brotherly love,

Carmel Lodge #421

<https://carmel421.com/remembering-richard-rich-arroyo-pm/>



Carmel Lodge 421 - November 15, 2023 at 12:33 PM

TF

“ *The Entire Rodriguez Family purchased the Garden Cross for the family of Richard Arroyo.*



The Entire Rodriguez Family - November 15, 2023 at 10:48 AM

WG

“ *1 file added to the album Richard Arroyo*



Wilfredo Geronimo - November 15, 2023 at 10:43 AM

“ *In Loving Memory*

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved friend and brother, Richard Arroyo. He was a beacon of loyalty, love, and unwavering support in our lives, and his absence leaves an indescribable void.

Richard Arroyo was not just a friend; he was a brother to us all. His infectious laughter, genuine kindness, and compassionate nature touched the lives of everyone he encountered. He had an incredible ability to uplift those around him, and his presence brought joy and comfort to countless souls.

As a loyal friend, Richard Arroyo was always there for us through thick and thin. He celebrated our triumphs and shared in our sorrows, offering a listening ear and a comforting embrace. He was the person we could always rely on, the one who stood by our side no matter the circumstances. His loyalty knew no bounds, and his unwavering support was a testament to the depth of his character.

Richard Arroyo's love for life was infectious. He had an adventurous spirit and a zest for exploring the world around him. Whether embarking on a spontaneous road trip or simply enjoying the beauty of nature, he cherished every moment and taught us to do the same. His vibrant energy and zest for life will forever remain in our hearts.

We will forever cherish the memories we shared with Richard Arroyo. The late-night conversations, the laughter-filled gatherings, and the countless adventures we embarked on together. His spirit will continue to live on through the stories we share, reminding us of the incredible person he was and his impact on our lives.

Though we mourn the loss of our dear friend and brother, we take solace in knowing that he is at peace now. He will forever be remembered as a loyal best friend, a compassionate brother, and a

shining light in our lives.

May his soul find eternal rest, and may we find comfort in the memories we hold dear. Farewell, dear friend. You will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Wilfredo A. Geronimo

Wilfredo Geronimo - November 15, 2023 at 10:37 AM

TB

“ *Rest in peace Brother.*

Thomas J Breitwieser - November 14, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MH

“ *Rest in peace my Brother.*

Matt Hawkins - November 14, 2023 at 09:21 PM

PR

“ *Richard, Brother. We made a connection when you come to the sacred Lakota ceremony with me and my nephew John. Ever since I had respect and love for you. I will miss you my friend. I Always treasured our friendship, and Look forward to seeing you on the other side. Sending my love to you and your family. Aho , Mitakuye Oyocin. So mote it be.*

Paul Ritenour - November 14, 2023 at 07:18 PM

AA

“ *I was shocked hearing the sad news of Richard's passing. He was a source of joy and humor at the lodge. I will always miss him. my heart breaks for his family.*

Ayad



Ayad Ali - November 14, 2023 at 07:02 PM