



## Richard Aker II

August 3, 1949 - August 27, 2023

Warren Richard Aker II, 74, known to family and friends as Richard, passed away on August 27th at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on August 3, 1949, in Stuttgart, Arkansas, where he grew up and graduated from Stuttgart High School in 1967. Passionate about other languages and cultures, he obtained a B.A. in German in 1971 from the University of Arkansas, and from its School of Law, he graduated with a J.D. in 1974. His interest in international travel led him to join the U.S. Information Agency in 1978, beginning a long career in the foreign service in public affairs. His international postings included Iran, Germany, Hong Kong, South Africa, Romania, and Switzerland. He concluded his career as the Director of the State Department Office of Press Relations in Washington, DC in 2010. His personal life and interests were as rich as his career. Unbeatable in historical knowledge and trivia, he represented his university at the GE College Bowl in 1969, where his team won against a four-time winner. He deeply enjoyed poetry and he loved to read non-fiction, though he always had a soft spot for ghost stories and other paranormal tales. A lover of the arts, he enjoyed visiting museums, historical sites, opera houses, and concert halls all his life; he had an extensive CD collection of classical and jazz. He was an active soul and frequently took long walks, especially during his retirement, where he enjoyed the St. Augustine beach daily. He met his wife Andrea in Germany and they were married on November 1st, 1995. Richard is survived by his loving wife, Andrea, their daughter, Rebecca, his

daughter, Cecilia, and his brother, David. He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren Richard and Katie Ruth, and his best friend, Mike. Memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, September 8, 2023 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Deacon Steve Seibert officiating.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME  
385 State Rd 207  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

# Tribute Wall



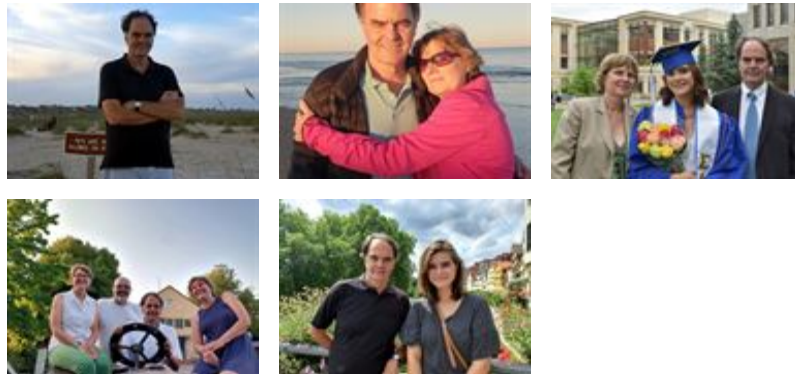
“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Aker II*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 07, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 06, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard Aker II.*



September 05, 2023 at 01:11 PM