



Richard Keith "Dick" Siprelle

August 24, 1942 - October 20, 2020

Richard Keith "Dick" Siprelle, 78, St. Augustine, passed away October 20, 2020. He was born in Sacramento, CA to the late William and Mary (Dale) Siprelle.

He resided in Florida most of his life having spent his formative years growing up in Keystone Heights, FL. He was a graduate of Englewood High School (1961). During his career as a mineralogist working in mineral sands mining, he lived in New Jersey, Missouri, five years abroad in Sierra Leone (West Africa), and Florida before retiring in 2004.

He enjoyed life, loved to laugh, tell a good story, creative writing, sketching, avidly reading, kayaking, hiking, traveling, the beach, ATV riding, and the simpler life spending many summers at ancestral property in Bear Gulch, MT. His wife, siblings, children, and his boxer dogs, Buster and Boomer, brought him immense joy!

Friends are invited to join his family for a Celebration of Life, overseen by Bert Bowden, to be held at 1 pm on Saturday, March 20, 2021, at Cross Creek Church, 401 Greenbriar Road, St. Johns, FL. Respectfully, the wearing of masks is mandatory.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Those wishing may make a contribution in his

memory to Cross Creek Church, or Community Hospice and Palliative Care, or The American Cancer Society.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Diane (Thompson) Siprelle; his children Elizabeth "Bethy" Rine (Phil), Gina LaForgia (Sal), Matthew Siprelle, Jennifer "Jenny" Truitt (Eric), and Rebecca "Becky" Siprelle; his sisters Mary Jo Hanson and Sue Garner (Gary); his brothers Dale Siprelle (Jeanine) and Mike Siprelle (Connie); 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Doris Brannan, and brother-in-laws, Harry Brannan and Dan Hanson.

His ashes will be interred in the Twin Bridges Cemetery, MT on July 24, 2021.

Tribute Wall



“ *miss you pa, love you!*

Jenny Siprelle Truitt - October 20, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Dick was my longest friend , We were born in the same hospital , Sacramento , CA , our fathers worked together , families moved to Florida , When my brothers were born i stayed with the Siprelle's . We went to school and double dated together , our first children were a few months apart . Our careers separated us as we worked around the country and world . finally retiring in Jacksonville . I have many fond memories of our growing up together , I'm sure Richard had more . He left us too soon My heart goes out to his family and especially Diane , Affectionately the Lewis family*

John Lewis - March 20, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *I first met Dick at a bible study we attended bright and early every Thursday morning. He had a passion for opening God's word and he was always engaged in discussions. I loved his witty comments and we became good friends. He's a man I will miss dearly and will cherish his memory. Thank you Jesus that he's with you now in the Promised Land.*

Bert Bowden - October 31, 2020 at 08:24 AM

RM

“ I only met Dick on a few occasions but really enjoyed his sense of humor. We talked about the work he did as a young man. The stories and experiences he shared with me were eye opening and funny. He was a great story teller. I know he will be missed by all. I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet him. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Reggie Montgomery - October 29, 2020 at 08:38 PM

SL

“ I didn't know Dick but his beloved wife, Diane, is my niece and thru her I know what a wonderful husband and special man he was. My heart goes out to Diane and the family on the loss of the special person in their lives. 🥺🥺❤️❤️

Susan Light - October 29, 2020 at 05:44 PM

SH

“ Dick was a trusted and valued friend. No one can tell a story the way he could, and even if you had heard it before, it still brought forth unbridled laughter. He was the ultimate entertainer. I will miss my friend, however, I'm so thankful he found Diane, and that they had many good times together. I will see you again....

Sandra Hazen - October 29, 2020 at 05:13 PM

DM

When I think of Dick I think of his white hair and bright white smile. If he was in the room you knew it. He added joy wherever he went. Those of us that met him at Christ's Church's Singles United Sunday School Class have all commented at his entrance of "Hello Christians" and are just sure that was his first, happy announcement in Heaven as well.

Deb McLaughlin - October 29, 2020 at 05:47 PM

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Steve Newman's

Dick was my brother in Christ. Dick and George came and saw me regular when I almost died of throat cancer. They came to my house, we did Bible Study, and they would pray over me for me to heal. Dick was a very Faithful friend. He told me stories, and help me keep my faith and to not give up. I will love him always and I will see in heaven again.

Love ya my Brother.

stephen Newmans - October 30, 2020 at 06:48 AM

DB

When I first met Dick I liked him immediately. He had a warmth about him, a self-deprecating humor, and a genuineness that drew others in to conversation. His love for Diane was evident..theirs is a beautiful story and I love them both.

Deb Bowden - November 16, 2020 at 08:31 AM