



Richard Lee Bixler

June 11, 1944 - July 8, 2024

Richard Lee Bixler, was born June 11, 1945 in Sarasota, FL to Carl Hawley Bixler and Elizabeth (Albritton) Bixler, the first of their four children. He grew up in Sarasota, was a member of FFA and graduated from Sarasota High School in 1962. Richard was baptized into Christ's family at Friendship Baptist Church in Sarasota as an adult.

He met Anita, the love of his life, through friends. and They married on January 24, 1970, at First United Methodist in Sarasota. Richard worked for Winn-Dixie Borden Dairy and then Velda Farms, while Anita was a homemaker once their children were born. They were blessed with three children, daughter Lei Ann; son, Richard Troy; daughter, Patricia "Tricia" Louise. Richard's love for his family, outlandish jokes and love for The Andy Griffith Show will never be forgotten.

As he trusted, Richard's risen Savior called him home on July 8 at the age of 79, while surrounded by his family.

Survivors include daughter, Lei Ann (Chuck) Ahl of Sarasota; sons, Troy (Shelley) Bixler of Sarasota and Christopher Maxson (Amber) of St Louis; grandchildren Lance, Logan, Zoe and Luke Ahl, Robert McPeeks and Valerie Bixler of Sarasota; Alyssa, Zachary and Jacoby Maxson of St. Louis; great-granddaughter Sophia Bixler; sister JoAnn (Pete Waller), sisters-in-law Cheryl

Bixler and Alice Bixler and many nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, wife Anita, daughter Tricia Maxson, brothers Morgan and David Bixler and nephew David Lee Bixler.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 3 at 11 a.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church, 2185 Wood Street, Sarasota, FL 34237/

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Concordia Lutheran Church
2185 Wood Street
Sarasota, FL 34237

Tribute Wall



“ Richard lovingly known to me as Papa will be greatly missed and celebrated. I will hold every memory of you very close for years to come. Thank you for treating me as family and letting me and Zoe make your days hectic with all of our shenanigans. Even though I'm not family I know you will look out for me up there just as if i were!



Reegan Johnson - August 02, 2024 at 07:22 PM



“ The Yonker's Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Bixler.

The Yonker's Family - July 25, 2024 at 10:47 AM



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



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“ Condolences to the family. I work with Richard at Winn-Dixie. Several different stores is a great guy.

mark hinkley - July 13, 2024 at 06:12 PM