



## Richard L. Sheeley

November 25, 1946 - May 9, 2018

Richard Sheeley, 71, of Anna, died at 4:12 PM, Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born November 25, 1946 in Memphis, TN, the son of Glenn and Mary Francis (Clutts) Sheeley. He married Cathy Lewis on January 8, 1972.

Richard graduated AJCHS in 1964. After high school he served his country in the Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968. He continued his education after the service and graduated from SIU with a Bachelors in Social Welfare. He later received his Master's in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Richard went to work for Choate Mental Health and retired from there with 25 years of service. After retirement he went to work at the Gazette Democrat for over 13 years. He was a proud member of Carroll P. Foster VFW Post #3455. During Richard's free time he enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing. He and Cathy also enjoyed their passion of caring for many rescue dogs and cats through the years.

Richard is survived by his wife, Cathy of Anna; mother, Mary Francis Sheeley of Anna; brother, John (Barbara) Sheeley of Clinton Township, MI; brothers-in-law, Dan Lewis (Sylvia) (Soileau) of Jonesboro and CJ Lewis of Preston, CT; many nieces, nephews and cousins; numerous canine companions and feline friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Glenn D.; brother, William Reed and sister, Linda Sue.

A memorial gathering will be held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the Carroll P. Foster VFW Post #3455 in Anna with Military Rites accorded at 5:30pm.

Memorials may be made to Carroll P. Foster VFW Post #3455. Envelopes will be available at Crain Funeral Home and the VFW.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro are in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

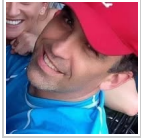
Carroll P. Foster VFW Post #3455  
Anna, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. Sheeley*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss.*

*I was fortunate enough to meet Richard through Bill. We would drive up and hunt on the land. Using the pop up camper that was there. Boots frozen to the floor. Richard would always come out to guide us to where the deer were and make sure we were ok. Driving us to Deer Camps and taking us to the VFW when Bill got his first deer there. Then sit around a fire at the camp.*

*Also the squirrel camps when we'd all put a dollar in to shoot clays. We'd always have something out at camp to make Richard shake his head. One year I brought a Air Rifle charged off a scuba tank. Richard walked up and looked at the tank. The bar had wine, whiskey, and gin on it for after hours. Richard just shook his head. LOL. But he did get a kick out of the air rifle. And shooting the Colt Anaconda I brought up. Had a lot of fun up on his land with him.*

*He was always nice and always willing to help anyone and would give you the shirt off his back. An exceptional man.*

Richard Merrick - December 10, 2019 at 02:26 AM



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



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May 23, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *So very very sorry to hear of Richard's passing Cathy. I know that you know that I love you both dearly. Cheryl Gee Rhine*

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**Cheryl Rhine** - May 16, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ *Lord when all my work is done bless my life and grant me one Old friend at least one old friend, thanks for Richard an old friend.*

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**Larry Cross** - May 15, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ *Kendall and I loved getting to Richard when we worked at Choate Mental Health. He was always positive, so friendly and kind. He was a very respected leader. So sorry for your loss.  
Kendall & Charlotte Echols*

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**kendall Echols** - May 14, 2018 at 09:16 PM



*So sorry to hear of Richard's passing. He truly was one of the kindest people I know. You and Richard were a perfect fit for each other. R.I.P. Richard.*

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**Christine Bridges** - May 17, 2018 at 10:43 AM

LB

*I'm not sure what to say except that for 50 some yrs, I have always loved Richard as the Marine Brother he was. The Corps Hymn has a line that goes," and when he gets to Heaven he will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." I know my friend and Brother is there doing the job of Duty, Honor, Country. Hang tough Cathy. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Larry E Brimm - May 17, 2018 at 10:24 PM

RB

*“ MaryFrancis . and John so very sorry to learn of your loss of your loss of Richard. You are in our prayers. Rita & Loyd*

Rita Downs Barnes - May 12, 2018 at 11:32 PM

CH

*“ Cathy, I was saddened to read about the death of Richard. I remember the earlier years when Frankie brought me to Anna and introduced me to his friends, one of whom was Richard. I remember how nice he was to a stranger. May the good Lord be with you through this hard time.*

*Carol E (Williams) Hileman*

Carol E Hileman - May 12, 2018 at 08:29 PM

RM

*“ So sorry to learn of Richard's passing. There are so many good memories from our high school days. Ronnie (Sandy) Miller*



Ronnie Miller - May 12, 2018 at 12:06 PM

MS

“ Dear Cathy, I am so sorry. Richard was such a good guy and always willing to help others any way he could. He will be very missed by many!! Hugs to you my dear friend. Maribeth Smith

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**Maribeth Smith** - May 12, 2018 at 09:59 AM

LB

“ No one can prepare for a loss. It comes like a swift wind. Take comfort in knowing you have another angel to watch over you. Richard....a great man who will be truly missed by many. If you knew him, you loved him. He will live in many of our hearts and minds as all who knew him will cherish the fond memories. Just know I am here for you Cathy and do not hesitate to reach out. May my friendship, sympathy, and sincere condolences comfort you.



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**Lou Boswell** - May 11, 2018 at 08:45 PM

MM

“ Richard was more than a friend. He was a teacher, guide and a good listener. He taught my sons the code of the river and what it meant help others. I hope him and Jim West will continue to keep an eye on us all.

*Semper Fidelis my friend my brother*

*Mike*

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**Mike McFadden** - May 11, 2018 at 02:14 PM

CR

“ Cheryl Rion lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Sheeley



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Cheryl Rion - May 11, 2018 at 10:18 AM

DE

“ Dear Cathy, Family & Friends of Richard Sheeley,  
May every consolation and blessing be granted to each of you in  
your deep sorrow.  
My condolences and sincere sympathy,  
David 'Herb' Estes

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David 'Herb' Estes - May 11, 2018 at 08:12 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for  
the family of Richard L. Sheeley.



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May 10, 2018 at 09:41 PM

TT

“ My dearest sympathy Cathy I just learned of Richards illness 2  
weeks ago and didn't want to believe it. He was a good friend,  
excellent boss and I didn't know of anyone who didn't like him. I  
always Kidd him that a hot dog was his idea of a steak. My prayers  
and thoughts are with you and don't hesitate to call me for anything.  
Tom Tripp

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Tom Tripp - May 10, 2018 at 06:04 PM

TB

*Sincerest sympathy Cathy and all Richard's loved ones. May loving memories sustain you at this difficult time. Hugs and prayers.*

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**Tom and Karen Betts** - May 10, 2018 at 06:26 PM

CO

*Cathy, very sorry to hear about Richard. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Connie and Steve Boyd*

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**connie** - May 11, 2018 at 08:49 AM

MD

*My sympathies to Rich's family I am so sorry to hear of this. .I have lived across the street in Anna from his mother since 1976. Rich was also my administrator at Choate Mental Health Center for 5 years. I will miss him. He was a such a nice person.*

*Marianne Dillow*

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**Marianne Dillow** - May 11, 2018 at 09:30 AM

DD

*My deepest sympathy, Cathy. SO very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Debbie English Durst*

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**Debra Durst** - May 11, 2018 at 09:34 AM

NM

*I have lost a very dear friend whos friendship cannot be replaced. We will miss him on the golf course where he could always be counted on for pertinent comments on my play. The Lingle Creek Camp will never be the same but we wlii remember and smile as we all sing The Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald one song he always asked for. Rest in peace buddy.*

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**Nick McFadden** - May 11, 2018 at 04:05 PM

DM

*Our deepest condolences to Cathy, John, Barb and the family and friends who will miss Richard. Although never having the privilege to meet him, we know John and Barb...and from some of the remarks, the brothers were a lot alike and therefore I know the grief is deep at this moment for a great man.....praying God's grace and mercy now and in the days ahead.*

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**Deborah McFalls** - May 11, 2018 at 04:51 PM

PC

*I was saddened to learn of Richard's passing. I have many wonderful memories of Scouting adventures and High School activities. Richard will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you and the Sheely family.  
Patrick Coffman*

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**Patrick Coffman** - May 12, 2018 at 01:34 PM

GS

*Cathy... I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm sure you have good memories to keep you going. He was liked by all.*

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**Ginny Cates Mears Stephenson** - May 13, 2018 at 08:31 PM

BD

*Cathy I'm so sorry to hear about Richard he was a special guy.I know you will miss him dearly.Its not easy to let them go.I still miss my Richard everyday.Call me if I can do anything .Hugs and Prayers.*

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**Brenda Day** - May 14, 2018 at 12:04 AM