



Richard W. Krecl (Bolivar)

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Richard William Krecl, age 60, departed this life October 31, 2014 at Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility in Bolivar, Missouri, after a lingering illness.

Richard was born on the 4th of July, 1954, in Brooklyn, New York, the fourth of seven sons born to Joseph and Kathleen Tulloch Krecl. The family moved to Westbury, Long Island, New York, where Richard received his education. He enjoyed and excelled in a number of sports and was affectionately called “Moose” by his football fans. He graduated from W. Tresper Clarke High School in 1973.

For twenty one years, from 1976 to 1997, Richard was a conductor on the Long Island Rail Road. He received a number of commendations for outstanding service rendered above and beyond customary performance responsibilities. Several coworkers faithfully shared the gospel with Richard which resulted in his acceptance of the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior in December, 1986. An early retirement was taken in 1997, and Richard moved to Springfield, Missouri to attend Bible College where he met his future wife, Malinda Malaise Lewright. The couple graduated in May 2002, and was married July 14, 2002 at West Division Street Baptist Church, in Springfield, Missouri.

Richard and his bride lived in the Dallas, Texas area from 2002 to 2010, while training, preparing, and raising support for vocational, missionary ministry. Richard served under two pastors while in Texas, R.D. Wade, of First Baptist in Meadowview, and Steve Foster of New Heights Baptist in Wylie. The couple received additional training and facilitation through their mission board, International Board of Jewish missions, in Hixson, Tennessee.

Richard’s illness eventually prevented continuation of anticipated goals, and the couple moved to southwest Missouri to be nearer family. They joined Wilson Creek Baptist Church of Brookline, Missouri, Randall Moody, pastor, and were lovingly ministered to there.



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He is survived by his wife of twelve years, Malinda Lewright Krecl; stepson, Derrick Lewright, and wife, Amber; grandchildren, Hayden, Samuel, and Emilia Lewright, all of Bolivar; five brothers, Bob Krecl, of Hawaii, Jim Krecl, and wife Kris, of New York, Joe Krecl, of Hawaii, Dave Krecl, and wife Catherine, of New York, Lee Krecl, of Colorado; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents; and his brother, John Krecl, third born sibling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the International Board of Jewish Missions, P.O. Box 1386, Hixson, Tennessee, 37343.






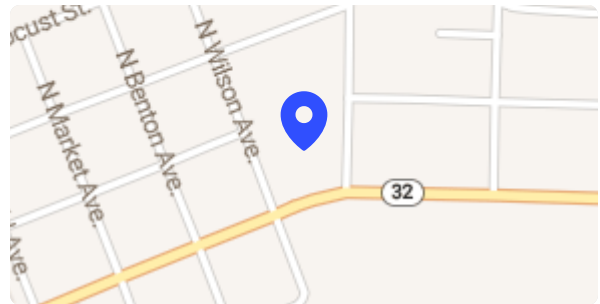
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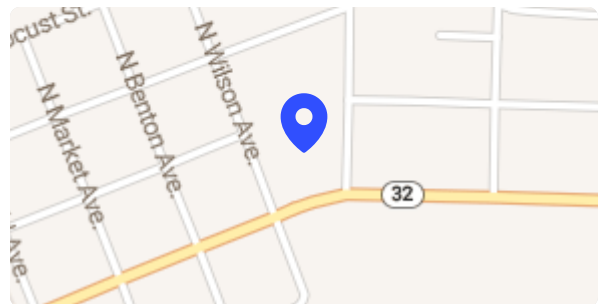
Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, November 4, 2014
-  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar**
407 East Broadway, Bolivar MO 65613



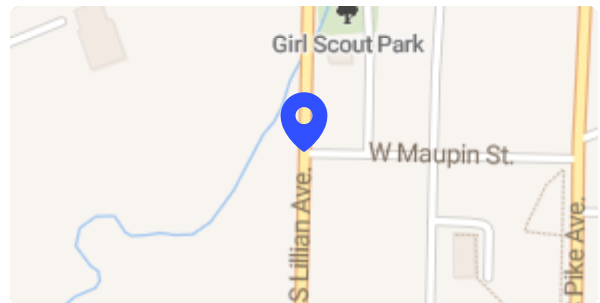
Service

-  **Wednesday**, November 5, 2014
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar**
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Cemetery Details

-  **Greenwood Cemetery**
W. Maupin St, Bolivar MO 65613





Tribute Wall

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Donald Buckley posted:

Thinking of Rich tonight. He was a good friend, a good soul, a true comrade. We had a lot of fun together in high school and his kindness always shone bright. May you continue to rest in peace, brother. Donald Buckley.

February 1 at 9:48 PM



Jim McGowan lit a candle in honor of Richard.

I had many many laughs and many many good times with Richie Krecl. Eventually we went our separate ways but I will never forget you . Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Rest in peace Krel

November 6 at 4:36 PM



Jim McGowan lit a candle in honor of Richard.

November 6 at 4:23 PM



Cheri Murrell lit a candle in honor of Richard.

I am so sorry to hear of Richie's passing. I remember him fondly from high school. He was a year ahead of me, but I would always see him in the halls, at foot ball games and wrestling matches. He was one of the nice guys who always had a smile. My prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

November 4 at 8:38 AM



Pat Brace lit a candle in honor of Richard.

November 3 at 12:34 PM





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PB

Pat Brace posted:

My condolences to the entire Krecl family and all friends. Richie was a wonderful person and #70 will live on in the fond thoughts and memories and in the hearts of so many.

November 3 at 12:33 PM

DM

Dennis Mccoy posted:

One of the Gatsby Greats! - He was a fun-lover.. a celebrated member of the undefeated Gatsby Champion Flag Football Team. He was a great athlete and defensive football player.. he could be very serious and would take heat from his friends and turn it into a comedy routine ~ All his friends really loved him. He had his own distinctive style; I always thought of him as a creative and talented comedic genius. After our first undefeated season in 1973, we had a celebration at Gatsby's, Rich and a few of the other linemen dressed up as the Supremes and performed for the crowd. It was a great show! I will always cherish those fun days and his memory. He was loved by many and will be missed by many. He will never be forgotten - Rest In Peace Richie Krecl

November 3 at 12:24 PM

SM

Steve Malone posted:

God ,I loved that guy,happy he found his way..but I drank and played football with Richie and thats the way I'm gonna remember him....always happy...easy to have fun with....BIG SMILES..R.I.P. my brother..xxo

November 3 at 10:30 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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