



## Richard Alan Curtis

April 14, 1947 - March 22, 2017

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Born April 14, 1947 in Sterling, IL. to Guy and Dorothy Curtis, Richard left this world on March 22, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, David, and three grandchildren, Carolyn, Michael, and Rita. Those who are left to mourn his passing include his older brother, Danny Bethard of DeKalb, IL., three children, Richard Curtis II of Rockfalls, IL., Aundrea Tackett of Conway, AR., and Stacy Williams of Jefferson, AR. He also was the proud grandfather of 7 grandchildren: Jonathon, Adam, Christina, Katie-Marie, Madison, Bailey, and Autumn Paige and 1 great granddaughter, Emileigh.

Richard grew up in the Sterling/Rockfalls area and graduated from Rockfalls High School in 1965. He loved his country and proudly served in the United States Army from 1966-1989 as an Aircraft Fire Control Repairer including two tours in Vietnam with the 162nd Assault Helicopter Company as a crew chief and door gunner. He was a lifetime member of the VFW.

He retired to Weirsdale, Florida where his parents had relocated. He traveled the world and loved taking pictures of the people and places he visited. He loved to go fishing and bowling. He never met a stranger and could talk to

someone for hours. He loved lists and his list of favorite songs was well known at the local watering holes.

Richard's presence will be missed by those who knew and loved him. His memorial service will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 10:30am Tuesday, April 4th. In lieu of flowers please make donations to your local VFW post.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Richard, I will never forget your optimistic outlook, and your love of people. You were a great uncle, and I will miss you forever.*



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**Freddy** - April 03, 2017 at 08:03 PM

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“ *RIP Dick*



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**Carol Naftzger Lemay** - April 02, 2017 at 01:31 PM

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“ *Richard u will be missed much fly high and keep shining down on his* 



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**Casie (blondie)** - April 02, 2017 at 08:16 AM

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“ *We love you and deeply will cherish the memories we all had and still learning! Rest in peace!*



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**Aundrea Curtis Tackett and Johnny Tackett** - April 01, 2017 at 11:39 AM

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“ *My sincerest prayers and condolences to Richard's "Dick" Curtis' entire family. As a fellow RFHS classmate, and U.S. Veteran, I honor him for his service to our nation, and the memories we shared together during our youth.*

*Dennis Frey  
RFHS Class of 65  
U.S. Navy 1964-1969*

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**Dennis D. Frey** - April 01, 2017 at 07:06 AM