



Richard Thomas Mullineaux

July 30, 1952 - May 26, 2019

Richard Thomas Mullineaux, age 66, of Floyd Knobs, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2019, at his home surrounded by his loving family and close friends.

Mr. Mullineaux was a member of Lincoln Hills Christian Church in Corydon. He devoted much of his time helping disabled persons. At his church, Richard served on the Board for Disability Ministry, which provides group housing for people with brain disabilities.

Richard was a Senior Partner with the law firm of Kightlinger & Gray, LLC, in New Albany. He served on the firm's management committee for 15 years. Throughout his legal career, he demonstrated a passion for mentoring young lawyers. In addition, he taught for several years at the Indiana Trial Advocacy College and was a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. In 2010, Richard was presented the Indiana State Bar Association Civility Award.

He was devoted to his community and was a member of the New Albany Elks Club and One Southern Indiana.

Born on July 30, 1952, in Corpus Christi, Texas, he was the son of Thomas Louis and Marytru Scharf Mullineaux, both of whom preceded him in death. On October 21, 1995, at their residence in Floyd Knobs, Indiana, he married Carole R. Randall, and she survives. Survivors also include three daughters: Jennifer Ashley (Edwin) Stutzman of New Albany; Brianne Mullineaux Adams of Rocky Point, North Carolina; and Candace Mullineaux (Brian) Caldwell of Oxford, Alabama; one son, Nicolas Lanzillo of Portland, Oregon; one sister, MariLu (Chet) Linderman of Georgetown; and nine grandchildren: Adeline Stutzman, Noah Stutzman, Max Stutzman, Ian Stutzman, Aydan Arreola, Dane Adams, Bryson Adams, Madalyn Mullineaux Ferry, and Harry Caldwell.

Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by one son, Max Thomas Mullineaux. Funeral services for Richard Thomas Mullineaux will be conducted at Lincoln Hills Christian Church, Corydon, on Friday, May 31, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. with Webster Oglesby officiating. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2019, at Lincoln Hills Christian Church in Corydon.

Interment will follow at Kraft Graceland Cemetery, New Albany.

Memorials may be given to Trial Advocacy Skills College, or Disability Ministry.

Family and friends may express their condolences at www.spurgeonfh.com

Cemetery Details

Kraft Graceland Cemetery

2778 Charlestown Road
New Albany, IN 47150

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lincoln Hills Christian Church
1130 Dale Avenue
Corydon, IN 47112

Service

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Tribute Wall

TI

“ My late wife Joan Fullam Irick practiced law with Richard for many years. Although I did not know him as well as my wife I always enjoyed spending time with Richard at various events. He was kind, thoughtful and obviously a very good lawyer.
My family is very sorry for your loss.
Tom Irick

tom irick - June 13, 2019 at 10:06 AM

SH

“ We were shocked and saddened to learn of Dick's passing. Many years ago I had the pleasure of practicing law with Dick in the old Orbison O'Connor Mac Gregor and Mattox law firm. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Spencer and Jane Harmon

Spencer Harmon - May 31, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.



May 30, 2019 at 09:36 PM

RS

“ Dick talked me into leaving Kightlinger & Gray's Indianapolis office and moving south. He and Molly Nord were the only lawyers in the office but he had just hired this young law school graduate - Scott Tyler - that was studying for the bar. Dick just had a natural way of convincing you that he was right. It was easy to understand, frankly, why he was so persuasive with juries. But, what I remember most about Dick was that he always had time to teach you what you didn't learn in law school. Ask a question about a judge or a lawyer or about a jury's potential reaction to a set of facts, he would have the most poignant and insightful answers. He always saw beyond the trees. And, he was gracious enough to share his thoughts even when we weren't under the same roof. If you knew him at all, you know he engaged with his eyes, his laugh and his heart. He will be missed by all of us that knew him as a mentor, a colleague and a friend.

Rodney Scott - May 30, 2019 at 04:41 PM

BK

“ Dick offered me my first job as an attorney. He seemed to know the answer to every issue that came up, and he was an incredibly patient teacher and mentor. He always had time for a question or just to chat. Knowing that Dick was willing to invest his time and effort into helping me learn to practice law was an enormous source of confidence for me. He was a brilliant attorney, but the lessons I appreciate the most in retrospect have to do with his demeanor and the way he treated people. He was always respectful, gracious and kind. I hope that one day I can be half as good of a mentor for someone else that he was for me.

Brittany Whobrey Karoly - May 30, 2019 at 02:47 PM

II

“ I have many many memories of Dick, both personal and professional. He touched me and my family in so many ways.

My family moved to Hedden Court in New Albany in 1955. Dick lived across the street. He was 3 years old and I was 1. My Mom said that Dick was the first person she met in New Albany when he came over on his tricycle to say hello. One of the many examples of his warm and welcoming personality.

I started as a Mediator in 1994. I owe MAJOR thanks to both Dick and Sam Day for giving me a try....without them I would not be where I am today.

Professionally, Dick was one, if not the best, attorneys I have had the pleasure to work with. Also - he mentored many young - now seasoned - attorneys - including my wife...

Personally, Dick was everyone's friend. He was always glad to see me and more than a few times called me "brother."

Having had the chance to interact professionally and personally with both Dick and Sam Day - I cannot imagine the loss to the Kightlinger & Gray family.

Finally, to Dick's family- words cannot properly express the sympathy felt for your (all of our) loss...

Like Kirsten Day said, I can see Sam welcoming Dick into the pearly gates - and both of them having a heavenly cocktail and looking back over lives well lived.

Thank you my friend for having come into my life....

Irvin H. Sonne, III - May 30, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.*



May 30, 2019 at 10:45 AM

EC

“ *This is a very sad day. I had the pleasure of knowing Dick and working with him on several projects for almost 20 years. A good man in every sense of the word. He will be sorely missed.*

Ed Cambra

Ed Cambra - May 29, 2019 at 09:55 PM

KS

“ *Dick was one of the kindest souls we have met. He is kind , patient and always had a smile when we'd see him out. That was usually picking up "Togo" orders. We always joked it was our way of cooking. Dick will be missed by many but has left such a role model to his children and grandchildren .*

kirby sullivan - May 29, 2019 at 09:25 PM

FL

“ *From The Linderman's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.*



From The Linderman's - May 29, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.*



May 29, 2019 at 05:00 PM

AS

“ Dick was such a kind, gentle and generous man. I recall many pleasant times at his home when Ashley, Brianne, Candace and Max were young. Blessings and peace to his family.

Ann Streckfus - May 29, 2019 at 04:31 PM

CB

“ Clendening, Johnson & Bohrer purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.



Clendening, Johnson & Bohrer - May 29, 2019 at 02:48 PM

RR

“ I only knew Dick professionally, but that was probably enough because the qualities he exhibited as a lawyer (civility, honesty, integrity, intelligence) had to be even more evident in his personal life. My prayers go out to the family, his friends, colleagues and the legal community in general.

Ross Rudolph

Ross Rudolph - May 29, 2019 at 02:48 PM

IS

“ Irvin and Diane Sonne purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.



Irvin and Diane Sonne - May 29, 2019 at 10:48 AM

JG

“ I met Dick in 1983 when I was a summer associate. I left New Albany 33 years ago to practice elsewhere, but Dick was my only go-to attorney in New Albany. Even though I didn't reach out to him often he always remembered my name and was at the ready to assist me when I did reach out.

My condolences to his family.

John Garner - May 29, 2019 at 09:21 AM

GR

“ On May 20, 1994, I received a phone call from Dick, the day before our wedding. He called me at the New Albany Country Club where our family was playing golf to celebrate the upcoming wedding and offered me a job with Kightlinger & Gray. At the time, there were 6 lawyers in a New Albany branch office Dick was running. Two of those, along with Dick, are now deceased. The job offer allowed me to move near my family instead of Indianapolis or Terre Haute. Legal jobs in New Albany at the time were hard to find.

Dick would step in front of a train for a teammate every time. I saw this throughout my time with him. On one specific occasion in 1997, he took over a case shortly before trial that I had worked for two years. He saved me and we tried the case to a draw. I was too green to try the case on my own at that time and needed his help. He did it without question.

Over the years he was a great teacher of trial practice. I tried cases with him and against him. I hope I picked up a little bit from him along the way. He was the best pure trial lawyer I ever saw.

Dick was a role model as a father. I was able to learn from him and others that being a good dad could go hand in hand with being a good lawyer. He was absolutely devoted to his daughters. Obviously, anybody that ever saw him with his son, Max, got a quick lesson in a father's patience, humility and absolute love.

I am very thankful that I had the opportunity to pray with him and say goodbye recently. I was able to thank him for all he had done for me. It was the least I could do for the man who gave me my start.

This community will miss him greatly, and so will I.

Greg Reger

Greg Reger - May 29, 2019 at 07:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.



May 29, 2019 at 03:21 AM

PB

“ I was blessed to work with Dick. When I try to think of one word to describe him, the word that comes to my mind is compassionate. To honor his memory, let us all strive to be compassionate to others. Peace to all who knew and loved him.

Patty Ballard - May 28, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.



May 28, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.



May 28, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Mullineaux.



May 28, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ Dick was unfailingly polite and civil. Even though we were on opposite sides of the courtroom most of the time, in some pitched battles, he would never lose his composure. He was the best defense attorney I've ever seen. When all of those fights were over, he never failed to have a kind or thoughtful word. I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. I think he probably shaped an entire generation of lawyers in this community, either by mentoring them directly or by taking his opponents like me to school in the courtroom.

Dick, I will miss you. You left behind a legacy of admiration and respect. You have mine as well.

Matthew Schad - May 28, 2019 at 07:20 AM

ST

“ As a young attorney, I was fortunate to have not one but two of the finest mentors in Dick Mullineaux and Sam Day. We lost both far too young and at a time when they were among the best trial attorneys in the state. Dick hired me out of law school and taught me so much about the technical aspects of trial work that I use to this day. It was, however, the lessons he provided simply by his example that I prize the most. Dick was a gentleman inside and outside the courtroom, had a great sense of humor, and will be greatly missed by our legal community.

Scott Tyler - May 27, 2019 at 07:37 PM

KD

“ Dick was one of the best men I have ever known. He sent me a birthday text every year. He sent me a text every year on my dad's death anniversary. I'd like to think they are up in heaven together. I like to imagine that my dad is welcoming him right now, and together they will continue to watch over us and help us through the good times and the bad.

Dick never asked for anything, but he gave everything he had to everyone he loved.

We are all better for knowing him.

The world lost a very bright light, but we have all gained a guardian angel, and I sure hope to see him again someday, on the other side.

Love you forever, Dick.

Kirsten Day



Kirsten Day - May 27, 2019 at 03:56 PM