



H. Richard Earnest

March 26, 1936 - October 22, 2016

H. Richard Earnest, 80, a former Rush County resident, passed away October 22, 2016 in Bloomington where he had resided since 2014. Richard was born March 26, 1936 in Rush County to Howard R. & Helen M. (Addison) Earnest. He was a 1954 graduate of Rushville High School and attended Purdue University. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. He married Claudia Romerill on June 15, 1978 and she survives. Richard lived his early life in Rush County and spent several years in Indianapolis, LaPorte, Evansville, Wisconsin & Campbellsburg, KY.

Richard worked in the Insurance industry many years and served in many capacities within the industry. His true passion was music and he spent most of his life either performing or directing music/theater. He was a 40 year member of the SPEBSQSA-Barbershop Harmony Society, he had directed numerous Men's & Women's Choruses, was selected to the Hartsmen Chorus, performed lead in Fiddler on the Roof with the Area Community Theater, performed in many competition Quartets and performed on the Ed Sullivan Show with the Purdue Glee Club. Richard enjoyed carpentry, driving tractors, camping & singing around a good fire with friends.

He is survived by his wife, Claudia, of Bloomington, a son, Jeff Earnest of Tuscon, AZ, daughters, Lisa Earnest and Leanne McArthy both of Indianapolis, brothers, Allen Chad (Elesa) Earnest of MS. and Marvin Keith (Jill) Earnest of S.C., a sister, Wanda Arlene Cross of GA and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Rick.

Services will be held at 3 PM Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville with Pastor Gary Holt presiding. Friends are welcome to visit at the mortuary from 1:30 until time of service on Wednesday. Burial will be in the Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the SPEBSQSA-Barbershop Harmony Society @ 110 7th Ave. North, Nashville, TN. 37203.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-3914
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<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *H. Richard Earnest*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *What can a son say about his father?
My dad was superman to me. He couldn't fly, or jump real high. But
any time I needed him he was there for me. Even times when I
didn't know he was there. I love my father more than words can say.
And it hurts everyday knowing I can't talk with him.
But I know he is in heaven signing with angels or telling jokes.
I love you Dad.*

Jeffrey Earnest - November 02, 2016 at 11:13 AM



“ *Tim, Ali, Drew, Jack and Lauren Laitas
purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the
family of H. Richard Earnest.*



Tim, Ali, Drew, Jack and Lauren Laitas - October 25, 2016 at
04:43 PM

GT

“ I received a telephone call from Dick in 1979 while I was a singing member of the Northern Gateway Chorus, Stevens Point, Wi. Dick and I were both barbershop singers at the time and he asked me whether there were any strong singers in the Stevens Point area. He, being a lead singer, and myself, a tenor, were searching for a bass and baritone to create a quartet. Little did I know that we soon joined forces with Dave Peplinski(bass) and Mike Porrey(baritone) naming our quartet "Command Performance".

In 6 months, we qualified for International Competition held in Salt Lake City, Ut. and finished a very respectable 22nd. 6 months later, we took first place in the Land of Lakes District Competition and became the District Champion Quartet.

Dick was the finest lead I have ever sung with in my many ears as a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society. He vocal talents will be greatly missed.

gary thiel - October 25, 2016 at 10:04 AM

JE

I used to love listening to you guys growing up.

Jeffrey Earnest - November 02, 2016 at 11:14 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of H. Richard Earnest.



October 24, 2016 at 05:57 PM

BB

“ *Brad Bledsoe purchased the Pretty Please for the family of H. Richard Earnest.*



Brad Bledsoe - October 24, 2016 at 12:25 PM

EA

“ *My husband and I were good friends of Howard and Helen. We felt we knew their children through their loving mentions of them We were privileged to listen to recordings of Richard's wonderful voice which resembled Howard's so much. My thoughts and sympathy are with the family now.*

Eleanor Arnold

Eleanor Arnold - October 24, 2016 at 07:05 AM

AL

“ *Mr. Earnest was a funny and generous man. I was blessed to have known him. I pray for peace and comfort for all the Earnest family.*

*All my love,
Ali Laitas and family*

Ali Laitas - October 23, 2016 at 04:54 PM