



Richard Wright

September 20, 1946 - March 1, 2009

Richard Wright, Jr., age 62, of Chester Springs, PA, died Sunday evening, March 1, 2009 of natural causes in his home. Born in Phoenixville, PA he was son of the late William R. and Beatrice Wright. Mr. Wright lived in Chester County most of his life. He was owner/operator of Richard Wright Antiques. His original shop was located in Spring City, PA and was relocated to Birchrunville in 1982. Mr. Wright was well known throughout the world for his knowledge in antiques, especially antique dolls. He was a guest appraiser on the PBS Antiques Roadshow the past 11 years. Mr. Wright is survived by Glenn Stevens, his companion of 11 years. He is also survived by his loyal employees of many years and an extended family of loving friends. Friends will be received from 3-7PM, Wednesday at the Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA. A memorial service will be held this spring and announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in his name to the Gamma MU Foundation, 1975 East Sunrise Blvd., Suite 624, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304. Condolences may be made online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I watch Antiques Road show all the time. It's a shame that he passed so young. He is greatly missed. My condolences to Richard's family. He was a good man.

Daryn Hanson - August 11, 2021 at 01:15 AM

RW

“ Richard was my Uncle that I never met. It saddens me that we never met and I just learned of his existence today. Hopefully someday we will. RIP Uncle Richard.

Richard "Rick" Wright
Rockwood, TN

Rick Wright - September 30, 2018 at 02:57 PM

BC

“ Just found out that Richard had passed , we are saddened , we dealt with Richard from Java island Indonesia for several yrs in the early 90s ,ALWAYS PLEASANT and in business ALWAYS did exactly what he said....sad we are to hear this , and just be getting this news, but wanted to post even though late...

Bob & Mie In Crutchfield - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DJ

“ Please extend my heartfelt sympathies to Glenn Stevens, the Richard's Family and to all of his dedicated employees in his passing. He was truly the master in Dolls & Antiques. His void will be a loss to us all. Respectfully, /s/Dr. Clinton C. Mugurussa Santa Rosa, California

Dr. Clinton C. Mugurussa - judgemugurussa@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ *As Richard's birthday comes near. I think of him and truly miss his snicker and snide comments. You never know or understand something's until it is too late. I miss Richard alot. I miss the opportunities of talking to him and letting him know that I really appreciated everything he did for me. Especially. But that time has passed and I never took that time to truly express those feelings. But Richard I will miss you at this time of year, always.*

Carla Carpenter-Mitchell - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

EL

“ *We just heard about Richard's death. We knew his parents and we bought many dolls and antiques from Richard through the years, although not for sometime. We had been in communication by email and wondered why we had not heard anything. Now, unfortunately we grieve too. We will miss him and we send our sympathy to his partner and family.*

ELizabeth D'Angelo and ELizabeth Barboni - lizda1@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TW

“ *I was saddened to hear of Richard's passing. I meet Richard in 1986 when I first moved to Pa. He was truly one of a kind. Everytime I hear "Time in a Bottle", I will think of you my friend. Tina & Sean Donnelly Adamstown, Pa.*

Tina & Sean Donnelly - works@dejazzd.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CT

“ *My heart is broken. Richard was a bright star, that shined brightly were ever he was. I will miss him dearly. I will treasure the wonderful memories I have of him. Love Always, Chantel*

Chantel Gomes - treasurehunters67@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

M6

“ I was so sad to hear about Richard's passing. I am a friend from many years ago. Richard was at my wedding. We had great times together when my husband and I were in PA. Richard had a really playful and mischievous side. He played some great pranks on me. I wonder if he kept the old Ypsilanti water tower postcard I sent. He got such a kick out of it and kept it for years. I kept in touch by watching my old friend on the Roadshow. I was really proud to have known Richard. My condolences to his family. Marcia Mycko

Marcia Mycko - 61hippie@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RR

“ Richard, we will always remember the pleasure of having known you, even casually, of viewing the rare lovely items you always had at shows and the several prized items purchased from you. Yes, always enjoyed seeing you on "Roadshow". The entire doll world will mourn you. We will miss seeing you and Glenn at Vallejo, NADDA, and UFDC. Bless you wherever you are. Glenn, am sure you were a loving friend to Richard, and we will miss seeing also. Always enjoyed our chats with you while Richard was occupied with a client. If you ever find yourself in the Bay area please call, would love to see you. Peace Robert and Betty Ann Leigh

Robert Leigh - rtleigh@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

NN

“ Dear Glenn, I'm sorry for our loss. Richard was quite the character and we'll certainly miss him at the doll shows. Miss him and grieve for only short-time and then go on to wake-up and see the sun and the rainbows, as that's what he'd wish and want for you....

Nancy B. - nancy.baldwin@us.henkel.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CW

“ Dear Glenn, family, and friends, It is with much sadness that I received my April Antique Doll Collector with the lovely tribute to Richard. It was my pleasure to have met him many times at doll shows, particularly at Nancy Jo in Vallejo, where his booth was always beautiful and he was "holding court" with dealers and customers. He always had time for doll people, even those who couldn't afford his beautiful dolls, but admired them and wanted to learn. He was also quite a character, and always had lots of interesting stories going. I know you must miss him terribly, and I wanted you to know that there are doll people out here in the S.F. Bay Area who will miss him, too. I wish you peace. Sincerely, Cindy

Cindy Young - williamrobison@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AL

“ It's hard to explain my deep sorrow to hear about our loss of Richard. I had seen him for many years on the Roadshow and when I started collecting dolls and spotted him at the Atlantique City show it was like seeing a TV star. So I took up the nerve to go over and talk to him and my first impression was "This guy is the last person I'd expect to be a doll dealer he is way too cool - with the earring in the ear. His whole persona said rock and roll. (I could of sworn he had a little rum in that coke he was sipping) Needless to say I brought a doll from him and the next thing I knew I was emailing him for quick appraisals (always offering to pay) which he never took a dime and always answered me back. I would brag about the fact that I knew him personally everytime I'd see him on the show. Funny thing is with all the hundreds of people that probably crossed his path he might not even remember me but that's ok he always made me feel like he was my personal appraiser. And for that I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to met him and share, though briefly, the love of dolls. The other dealers have big shoes to fill!! My prayers to Glenn and family

Alithia Barrett - leeleebb1@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AA

“ Dear Richard, I remember so many years ago when we first met. I remember our sweet quiet times, I remember your smile. You will remain in my heart as an unforgettable fragrance that stirs memory into colors and woven textures. Love for ever.... "Shy Violet"

Andrea Hlavac-Schmitt - andrea_schmitt@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ I was heartbroken to hear of Richard's passing. He was one of my biggest inspirations for becoming an art and antiques dealer and I will truly miss him! I had the great pleasure of meeting him once at a show a few years ago and I will never forget his great smile and vast knowledge of antiques and history. He is someone I can truly say I looked up to, and I will do exactly what he told me to do then: Love and respect the antiques, but don't become one! So I will go out and enjoy life as much as he did! Hugs and kisses to you, Richard!

Joe Esparza - infojoe247@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KA

“ On behalf of the Rowan Doll Club of North Carolina, we send our sympathy and thoughts at this time to Richard's family. This is a loss that will be felt far past the borders of Pennsylvania. Many of our club members met him at Doll Conventions and have memories of someone who could be trusted to sell a product that was what he said it was. We are sorry for his loss.

Kathy - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KD

“ *The doll King has left the building. What a sad concept. He will be missed by all who knew him. What a genuinely wonderful person. Gaithersburg will never be the same. Much Love, Kali Nagle & Margaret Cousins*

Kali Nagle & Margaret Cousin - dynamokali@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MT

“Wow, this is so hard. It's now 19 days since Richard has gone from this world, and I've just gotten up the courage to read here, and write here. Richard you were a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I had the unbelievable privledge of growing up in your antique shop, playing war with your dad is one of my earliest memories, and I knew that every day on my way out you were going to let me take a new marble out of the marble pot. I remember when I fell in love with my first antique doll, and how when I saw it in the "sold" room, I was so disappointed, only to receive it as a gift from my parents later on, oh the joy of that moment. I remember being terrified of that stuffed orangutan that sat in your dining room two houses ago, and being totally creeped out by the stairless steps in the upper living room, having to watch tv while my mom worked, with all those doll eyes staring at me. All those amazing Christmas parties, where you and mom dressed me up in antique dresses and I felt like a princess. Mom's princess, your princess, the shops princess. And summers spent lounging in your swimming pool rocking out to Bob Marley on the radio. My highschool graduation party, and all of those balloons with my name all over them. I have a lifetime of wonderful, warm, and some cold (Renningers in the middle of winter) memories. But where ever you were, it was a party, whether it was two people, or twenty, there was always an air of happiness, freedom, and acceptance. Thank you so much for all you have done to enhance, enrich, and enthrall me in my life. You have been there for my whole life, and it's probably going to take me the rest of my life to say goodbye. I knew how special you were as a doll/antique dealer, but that is not how I saw you. You were my friend, even when I was just 3 years old, a mentor, and so much more. The one posession I still have from my childhood is the steiff rabbit you gave me when I was around 8 yrs old. It still sleeps in my bed. Thank you so much for being the amazing person that you were, and always will be! I love you.

Moonshadow - tyesmoon@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

GG

“ I was so shocked to hear of the untimely death of Richard. I traveled from Atlanta yearly to attend the Gaithersburg Doll Show. I was unable to attend the last show & just heard from a friend of mine about Richard. He was always so polite, friendly and very helpful with questions I had. I have purchased some wonderful items from him and will always cherish my memories as well as the items I hold dear. My condolences to family & friends and fellow doll collectors. He will surely be missed.

Gail Downs - gmdowns@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

PM

“ We are extremely sorry to hear of Richard's passing as he was a special friend who will be missed by all those who were privileged to have met him. He's remembered in our prayers and thoughts.

Pat & Ken Snyder - mydeardollypat@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BJ

“ From the early 1970's on, as the child of antique dealers I grew up in the antique world and was taken to Richard's shop often, at times every day from Philadelphia. As my mother Louise says, sometimes when he got a big collection in we would go everyday to buy new dolls from him. There are so many stories and those are what we will hold dear now. The amount of knowledge that Richard retained is mind-boggling, if ever there was something we couldn't figure out we'd say, "Call Richard, he'll know." He was always glad to share anything he knew. When we saw him in December at Gaithersburg I had my then 18 month old son with me, I told Richard that now that I have him, I can't imagine allowing a little one to run around in a shop like his, he then said "Well, you did." And that was just the way of the man. I can't comprehend your loss and I send my deepest regrets to Glenn, Gemma and those closest to Richard. Saying he is and will be missed isn't nearly enough to describe the truth. God's Speed Richard.

Brigid McHugh Jones - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KK

“ My first memory of the shop was in 1974, I was about 10 yrs. old. It is still my standard of what an antique shop should be! Mr. Wright took pity on me bugging my parents for a "small doll" and he gave a snowbaby with a broken arm I thought it was gold!! got a kick seeing Richard on the roadshow telling my family I knew him when. I am sorry for your loss.

Kimberley Overman - Kanghsi@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LT

“ I was so shocked to read about the passing of Richard. How well I remember him from so many doll shows and especially when Atlantic City was the best show of all!! Many wonderful dolls I purchased from him and if I had had the money I would have bought the ones I stared at with reverence at AC. Glen, I did not know you, but my deepest condolences to you. The lose of the one we love is the greastest loss of all.

Linda Young - tomsr2002@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

GM

“ So sorry to hear of Richard's untimely death. Richard was a warm and loving man. Glenn, my deepest sympathy and condolences to you on your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Gary Mallon - mallong@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RR

“ Glenn, Richard will truly be missed, Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours though and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

Rosemarie Schrump - Romarie40@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SD

“ I have known Richard for many years and have always been grateful for his kind help when I was just getting started in the doll world. We used to joke about our common birthday, as I am almost exactly ten years older. This is a terrible loss to all of us in the doll world. There was no one else like Richard, and he is going to be terribly missed. Since I am in California, Iwill be thinking of him during the service. Sheila June Needle

Sheila June Needle - dollwitch@cox.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MD

“ Our condolences to Glen and family members. Richard will be remembered forever in the antique doll world. Mike and Gloria Duddlesten, Texarkana, TX

Mike and Gloria Duddlesten - dollstx@cableone.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MC

“ Richard will be sadly missed especially in the doll world. Marjorie and I always enjoyed our conversations with Richard and we will miss his dry humour. Sincerely Marjorie & Doug Marchant, Trillium House Doll Hospital

Marchants Ontario Canada - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RR

“ I met Richard in the 1980s when I was a UFDC Officer. I have many wonderful memories of Richard over the years. He will be missed by me, the UFDC and the doll world. No one will ever replace Richard in our hearts. My condolences are sent to Glenn Stevens. Rita Johnston, UFDC Presdident 1991-1993

Rita Johnston - rjohndoll@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

EZ

“ you were the main man in this world my friend! everytime i had a question you always had time to answer!!! you were the lifeblood of the doll world! you would want it to GO on but you cannot be replaced!! MISS YOU BROTHER!! ELLIOT ZIRLIN & FAMILY

elliott zirlin - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BJ

“ We are so saddened by this loss of Richard, my dear friend, too soon. We will miss him more than I can say. My rock through it all, he always had the answer to everything and brought so much joy and knowledge to us all whether it was about dolls or just life!

Barbara & John Cimino - jb.cimino@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KD

“ How saddened the entire doll world will be to lose such a wonderful and kind man. His easy manner and his special way of sharing his great knowledge of antique dolls will be missed by thousands. Thank you Richard for all you gave of yourself and your knowledge. Karen D'Onofrio A Century of Dolls Inc. New York

Karen D'onofrio - donofrio4@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AA

“ I will never forget our friendship, his caring for my daughter susanna while she went to school in pennsylvania...his knowledge of dolls, his laughter, his upbeat attitude, his love for flowers, trees and nature, he will be missed..he touched many lives and I will always remember this giant of a man....love is in my heart for those he left behind...

arlene adler and susanna adler - adlersattic@earthlink.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AA

“ Mori and I are very deeply sorry for the loss of Richard, it is a short time ago we were all laughing together, we will miss him and we will keep a good remembering of our best friend in the doll world we are sad.... our condolences to Glenn Stevens, Mori & Annelies

Annelies & Mori Nohrudi - alnohrudi@charter.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RW

“ Dear Glenn, Jenna, and Staff, My heart goes out to each of you at the loss of our dear Richard. Nothing will ever be the same in the doll world. It was my great joy to have shared a 25 year friendship with him, he taught so many of us. God bless and keep each of you. In love and sympathy, Rosalie Whyel

Rosalie Whyel - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ Richard was a dear man who always had the time to answer a question or give you an opinion. He helped us and many others with his expansive knowledge. He was a gentle giant in the doll world and his passing will leave a huge whole for many. Glen, our love and prayers are with you.

Sharon & Ed Kolibaba - Sharon@honeyandshars.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MH

“ I am very sad to hear of Richards passing. He was a friend for 25+ years and will be missed. My condolences to his family and many doll friends. Kind regards, Moira

Moira Hatton - hattonsgallery@cox.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

WB

“ I was saddened upon hearing the news that Richard had passed away. I was lucky to have known such a great person. He seemed to always enjoy life to the fullest and we always had a lot fun when we were together! I will forever cherish my memories of him. My condolences to all those he left behind.

Wendy (Saxman) Bialek - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Richard. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Glenn and Richard's loyal and loving staff. The doll world has suffered a great loss. We have too. Love, Sherryl and Cliff Shirran

Sherryl and Cliff Shirran - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ Richard, you are irreplaceable. You will be missed by so many in the doll world. I am left with great memories. Thank you my old friend. Rest in peace.

Celina Carroll - carrolldolls@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ We are very saddened by the news that Richard has passed away. He will always be remembered by my parents and myself as a "monument" in the doll world and somebody who, through the last 20+ years has been a cornerstone in helping us build our business. We send our sincere condolences to Glenn Stevens and Richard's wonderful staff and wish you all strength and courage in these difficult times. Bart, Gilbert and Gilberte

Bart, Gilbert and Gilberte, Belgium - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MT

“ Dear Richard, Kind hearted, generous and larger than life. I will miss you. You always said to me "you will make a profit on this." Nine times out of ten I did. Love you. Marlis

Marlis Tabizel - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ Glenn and friends, I have know Richard for over 30 years as a friend and collector. I have an Old Paris dinner service and a Della Robbia piece that I bought from him in the 1970's. I will miss his vast knowledge and friendship. I last spoke with Richard at the Atlantic City show. Bob Brano Philadelphia, PA

Bob Brano - bobbrano@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

NS

“ Dear Glenn, Andy and Becky, I am deeply saddened and shocked by Richard's death. I treasure the dolls and the knowledge he shared with me. His passing is a huge loss to the doll world. I will always remember his twinkling smile and his humour. I hope you all find comfort in similar memories. My best to all those who cherished his friendship. Norah Stoner

Norah Stoner - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

ZS

“ Richard was our doll world's preeminent star. As a dealer, a true professional, he treated a \$50 purchase with as much respect as a \$5000 one. We will miss him profoundly at UFDC events, and I hope that his legacy to the doll collecting world will be not only his knowledge and taste, but his patience and kindness to those who had not yet achieved his level of expertise. More than that, he was just a great guy, and cannot be replaced in our hearts. God speed, Richard.

Zoey Savale - savazoo@warwick.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RR

“ Richard was a one-of-a-kind guy who brought a huge measure of fun and sophistication to our world of dolls wherever he went. To all who were fortunate enough to have known him, he will be sorely missed.

R. John & Susan Wright - RJWDOLLS@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JB

“ The doll world has lost a true friend and he will be sorely missed by all that have been fortunate enough to know Richard. Some comfort can be taken in knowing that Richard lived his life exactly as he wanted and totally enjoyed his way too short time. We will miss you Richard!

Julie Blewis - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MS

“ My deep condolences for the passing of Richard. The world will miss his knowledge and love of Antique dolls. Maurine Steurer, Director Region 5, UFDC

Maurine Steurer - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ Richard will be greatly missed as he and Glenn have been super neighbors for the past five years. Our sincerest condolences go out to Glenn and Richard's family. Chuck Zilly and Bob Castle

Chuck and Bob - caszil@bellsouth.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

EU

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Elinor Champion

Elinor Champion, UFDC - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CS

“ Dear Richard, always generous, always patient. Each time I consulted him from Argentina, he was there for me. He gladly helped without reserves. I'll never forget his kindness. I'll never forget him. God speed, Richard.

Cristina Speluzzi - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

ND

“ Richard has been a friend and a mentor for many of the members of the NADDA organization. We are all shocked and saddened to learn of his passing. Sincerely the doll world will never be quite the same without him in it. We do not remember Richard without a kind word and a smile. He was always more than happy to share his immense knowledge with everyone and anyone about all facets of antique dolls. When Richard was involved with any special event displays of antique dolls we could always expect to witness the best the doll world had to offer. Richard you will be missed. Rest in Peace Dear Friend. Our wish and hope is that in your life you knew the great respect and admiration we at NADDA have all had for you over the many years. Thank you Richard. You have Blessed all our lives with your presence on this earth. All Your friends at the National Antique Doll Dealers Association NADDA

National Antique Doll Dealers Association (NADDA) - diane@rare-dolls.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ Richard was one of a kind. He was generous, funloving, knowledgable, a joy to be around. He was a true friend. He would bring his own customers around if he thought I had something they would like. He always had a smile and a friendly word. I will miss him greatly. The doll world will not be the same without him. Sue Kallen

Sue Kallen - suelkallen@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ Richard was a true character in every way. I will greatly miss his quick wit and friendship at the bar on Fridays and Saturdays during the summer traveling with Roadshow. All the appraisers are pretty busy on Saturdays and so we really don't know what comes in to our colleagues. I always looked forward to seeing his segments once the shows aired. You never knew what he was going to say next but regardless it was always worth the wait. Glen my thoughts are with you.. let me know if there is anything I can do.. JB

John Buxton - jbuxton@arttrak.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LC

“ This was a man of so many fascets it is hard to define him we once drove all the way to texas to the National UFDC doll convention and I so enjoyed the treat of learning from him . Now as far as the party side he was the best have a lot of those memories to .It just feels like an era has ended and hope to see him again someday.

Lynda Marx - crstfo@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AS

“ Our summers on the road won't be the same without Richard. He always had a smile on his face and a gift for gab.I will miss his wonderful stories, his wealth of knowledge, and his love for life. We have lost one of the best and brightest. My heart goes out to you, Glen. You are very much in my thoughts.

Arlie Sulka - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ Glenn, we were so very sorry to hear of Richard's untimely death. He will so be missed. His endless patience, sense of humor and vast knowledge on just about "everything" was unique and always appreciated. Danny and I truly cherish those special times with Richard...his wit and warmth added so much to UFDC and every show he was connected with. Richard will be missed, but never forgotten. Barrie and Danny Shapiro The Toy Shoppe Richmond, VA

Barrie Shapiro - Barrie424@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

HG

“ I was Richard's neighbor at his Florida residence. I didn't see him very often, but on the occasions that I did, he was always very kind, friendly, and considerate. He was well liked by myself and all of his neighbors. My sincerest condolences to Glenn and to Richard's friends and family.

Heather Gogola-neighbor - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RO

“ Dear Glenn, I was so sorry to hear the news of Richard's death and I am very sorry for the loss of your partner and my good friend. there is an empty space now in our lives. If there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to ask, and I hope you come to New Orleans soon. With love and sympathy, Richard

Richard Traube - olerick@bellsouth.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ Richard was a once in a lifetime character that will certainly be remembered by everyone who knew him well . His wit and energy were boundless. Fairwell Richard .

Scott Saxman - ssaxman@moldinggraphics.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CA

“ When I met Richard fifteen years ago, he seemd to me to be like a kid in a candy store, always savoring the sweetness of life. I will remember him as a treasure that passed through mine.

caroline ashleigh - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LL

“ To attend a Doll Show and not see Richard Wright there, leaves an unbelievable Void. Richard was a friend to me and Hank for almost 25 years and we called him "the guru". But Richard was more than that. He was one of most Honest Dealers in the world. He had a big heart and shared his expertise. I adored Richard and will miss him terribly. I am so sorry for your loss, Glenn and all of Richard's family of friends. Linda Kellermann

Linda Kellermann - Lindak222@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DD

“ I am shocked and sadder to hear of Richard's passing. He will certainly be missed by all of us in the doll world. And I as a member of both UFDC and NADDA, know that both organizations will be at a loss without him. His place in our salerooms will never be filled. There will never be another Richard Wright.

Diane Costa The Toy Depot - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ My sincere condolences to Glenn, Jenna, Beth and the whole "Wright" family. I will miss my friend very much. Thank God for his presence in my life. Rest in Peace Richard you are going on to greater rewards. Love Connie

Connie Blain - ceblain1936@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

PP

“ We had alot of laughs with Richard, both in Pennsylvania and in Jamaica at BirchrunvilleSouth in the late70s. Altho I havent' seen him personally in years, it was always a thrill to see him on Antiques Roadshow. My condolences to Glenn and all Richard's family of freinds.

Patti Hess Robison - probison@mosi.org - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ To Glenn and Richards close friends, My old friend Sandy Goldberg sent me the sad news Richard has passed away. My profound condolences to all who feel the loss of his departure. If there is a heaven designed specifically for those to rejoice in what Man has rendered by hand, Richard Wright is among the most excellent of company now and, hopefully, privy at last to the illusive objects of his most ardent desires. I have not known Richard for the past 30 years but still treasure the beat up, still playable red 1960 DanElectro guitar he was so kind to let go to me for \$5.00 when Sandy and I visited his Spring City store in 1980. Though it was worth a lot more, even back then, apparently Richard Wright was never one to overlook the opportunity to make a friend instead of a buck. God bless him!

Johnny Jackson - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

VV

“ My deepest condolences to Glenn, Beth, and Jenna. Richard, my memories of you are joyous because you made my world more fun and interesting. I will miss you terribly.

Vicki Orenstein - vorenstein@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ *Richard, you made it all so much more! Thanks for the fun, we will always remember. Glen and Girls, my heart hurts for you, please accept my love and prayers. Joan Majeune and Monique Majeune, Toys in the Attic.*

Joan Majeune, Toys in the Attic - joan.majeune@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ *Dear Glenn, Richard's "doll team ladies", family and friends, We are so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. His infectious laugh and wild sense of humor always put a smile on our faces when we were ever in his company. He will truly be missed! Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. He will live on forever in your hearts and memories. Jeff Bouchard Joe Seminerion Joshard Originals*

Jeff Bouchard/Joe Seminerio - joshard@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SB

“ *Richard was great guy. I had many fun times with him when I would visit my uncle and aunt. I will miss seeing him when I go up there, an miss yelling to my uncle that Richard is on the phone!*

Spencer Barker - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AJ

“ *It is with sympathy I leave a note regarding the death of Richard. We met several years ago at a Doll Convention where he proved to be 'very astute regarding vintage dolls and fun to visit with...*

Audrey Burtrum-Stanley - jstan35852@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DM

“ Dear Glenn, My heart goes out to you and the "shop ladies" who embody the professionalism and friendliness that was Richard's business. Through three decades I knew many facets of Richard: the extraordinary man, incredibly knowledgeable, unique, but also the sharing, caring human who touched many lives--I am one. He will be missed. God bless you all as you find your path without him.
Dorothy McGonagle

Dorothy McGonagle - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LC

“ Dear Glenn and Loved Ones, Flamboyant, charismatic, sometimes outrageous, always fair, and more tenderhearted than he would admit Richard was a "rare character" and no one can take his place. A sophisticated scholar of antiques one moment then able to experience a childlike enthusiasm for a rare piece the next. Richard made it such fun. The world of doll collecting will never be quite the same.

Linda Clayton - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AA

“ Glenn: I never got to meet you but want you to know that I am so sorry for the loss of Richard. I am sure you know of the connection he and I have had in the past. I adored Richard! He was someone that I will never, ever forget. He and I shared a very special relationship, even though we were not in touch recently, and I do know that he knew how much I cared for him always. I hope you are surrounded by lots of friends and family during this trying time and if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know. Love from the Arizona Saxman family, Allison

Allison Saxman - alisax@commspeed.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

TH

“ Richard only made the world of dolls better; he was an entertaining "character" all in his own "Wright." A posthumous "thank you" for all your help and advice over the years. Sadly missed.

Thela Huffman - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LL

“ To the late Richard Wright, Thank you for your eloquence, wit and brilliance, and for your contribution to all our lives regarding the creative arts that came before us, and in its understanding and respect for beauty, craftsmanship and sensitivity. I have only a few pieces that I treasure, which came from your trove, and I shall treasure them even more, now. Lovingly and respectfully, Linda Grant-Scott

Linda Grant-Scott & Children - lindymama@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CF

“ Richard, Sail away our amazing friend. The tears we shed are tears of joy from having played with you, as we tip toed through the tulips, and frolicked through life & beyond... From you, dear friend, we learned: "Its Only Rock And Roll." Ras clot, bumbaclot...etcetera etcetera & so forth...(The King & I).

colleen, hy and all of sky farm - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AR

“ Gaithersburg Doll Show will be a sadder place without Richard . He will be missed . Anne

Anne Rivera - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ We will miss Richard very much. We had the pleasure of having him at our wedding in Acapulco and I have many FUN memories with Richard from the many trips to Acapulco and other places that I got to travel with my mom, including the good old town of Birchrunville, PA. He will be greatly missed. We are very sorry for your loss. The loss is felt by many. Andy and Shannon Ford (Nancy McCray's daughter)

Shannon Ford - sford@us-hsi.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MR

“ Hi Glenn: THERE ARE NO WORDS TO ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY DEEP SORROW. (When did you two ever see me at a loss for words?????) As Becky said, there are so many Richard stories that are near and dear to our hearts. I remember meeting him, our conversation and everything else that ever transpired between the two of us. He changed my life forever with his knowledge, personality, companionship and WIT. I thought the same thing...THE KING IS DEAD... Although it was far too short, he had a great life. We should all be so lucky...he worked hard and he played hard. He told me in Gaithersburg: "YOU'RE A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE"...HE WAS A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, TOO. I have been very ill for the last few years and finally have an outstanding dr. that is going to find out what's wrong with me and get it straightened out. He thinks I have sleep apnea and at least one other thing wrong with me. IF I FELT BETTER I WOULD HAVE COME TO THE FUNERAL. There are tears pouring down my face, so I will sign off. Love, Mimi

Mimi Salzman - rsalzman344@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DM

“ We will miss his expertise, smiling face and joie de vivre at Antiques Roadshow events--

Diane Muhlfeld - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

FZ

“ Dear friends, It is hard to say farewell to a mentor, a source of inspiration and a friend. I'll treasure the memories. Bye Richard.
Love Fransje

Fransje Kostman Zucchero - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

WK

“ Richard, we didn't talk often, but I always kept up with you. I am so proud with what you did with your life. Dear cousin, when you and Uncle Rick and Aunt Bea would come home to NC to visit Grandmother Tugwell, we had a good time going to all those "junkyards". I knew then you had a gift. Glen, I'm so sorry, and hope to talk soon.

Wanda Williford - kay27822@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KK

“ Dear Glenn, Jenna and Muriel I sit here with tears pouring down my face. I can not imagine any large doll event without Richard. I have so many wonderful memories of being in his company at parties, Hawaii doll shows, visits to his shop and doing doll shows together. We did a lot of business together and it was always fun, fair and profitable for us both. He had a wonderful life, and the doll world will be very sad without him. He is sorely missed by all his many doll friends and especially me. We all loved you, Richard. God Bless

Kay Jensen Swagerty - klj@goldrush.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SE

“ Richard how much you will be missed in this world. A true savant you are and a beautiful soul as well, yet with none of the ego you undoubtedly deserved. I miss beyond words your greeting - "Hey Kiddo!"- and that unbelievable laugh- something like a chuckle, but unique only to you, as so much is. Love you! Glenn our prayers and thoughts are with you! Let my mom and I know if there is anything you need. Love Shelley

Shelley Helzer - es.helzer@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ Dear Glenn, I was so very saddened to learn about Richard's recent death. He was such a character and a great guy - outrageous, funny, seriously knowledgeable and great fun to be with. I know he will be greatly missed by many people he came in touch with over the years - much less to say the wider television audience he entertained and educated for so many years now. He was always a great pleasure to work with. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Chris

Chris Jussel - cjussel@bestweb.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KK

“ Glenn, Jane and I are so sorry to learn of Richard's passing. We feel a special connection to both of you and know what a sad time this must be. We can't come to the visitation--I have an auction tomorrow. However, we definitely want to come for the Memorial. Let us know when you are having it. You are in our hearts and our prayers. Love Ken and Jane

ken and jane farmer - ken@kfauctions.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MD

“ My deepest condolences to Glenn and Richards family and friends. I always admired Richard and his integrity towards the Doll and Toy world. He will be greatly missed and I wish him well on the other side, as his soul continues on its path into his next life... You'll all be in my prayers. Sincerely, Michael J. Kouri editor of Doll Chatter News, Pasadena, California

Michael J. Kouri of Doll Chatter News - DollChatterNews@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JC

“ Richard's brilliance will continue to shine for all whose lives were touched by him. He will be missed.

Jeffrey Clayton - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ I feel truly blessed to have been Richard's cousin. I have so many childhood memories of the two of us. He loved to torment me with Tarantula spiders, eyeballs, and all sorts of unique things. It was all in fun (at least on his part :-). He was one of a kind, and I mean that it the best way possible. He was kind and generous and if anyone could make you laugh it was Richard. I will always feel special to have been a part of his life. Glenn, I am so happy that he had you, and you are in my thoughts and prayers. I can only imagine how difficult this is for you. I regret that I did not get to know you better, and that I did spend a lot more time with Richard. I look forward to rockin' and rollin' with him in Heaven. We will make up for lost time. Richard, you will be missed so, but through the tears I will smile at the happiness that you gave to everyone whose life you touched. Rock on! All my love forever, "Cousin" Carol

Carol and Sonny Coulbourne - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DD

“ We will miss the wonderful knowledge of dolls he so generously shared with all who loves them. And we will miss HIM, the fine person he was.

Dixie Pack - dixp9119@att.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ There are some that have had the fortune of knowing Richard for many years, and then there are some that have only known him for a few. Whether it be a longtime or a short time, the one thing that stands true, Richard was one of a kind. If you were lucky enough to know him well you knew how much he cared. His brand of humor, and eccentricity were unique and not to be replicated. The knowledge he shared in the doll-world is irreplaceable. Richard will be dearly missed.

John Riley and Philip May - jarley71@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AP

“ Richard has made a huge impact in so many collectors' lives. He will certainly be missed by everyone. My deep sympathy to his friends and family.....Ann

Ann Prosper - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ Your legacy will live in the people that you touched.

Butch Chatfield - buca44@sbcglobal.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JB

“ Thank you Richard, there is no more to say than Thank You, it says it all.

Jessie Carol Lewis - buca44@sbcglobal.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CS

“ We were so sorry to hear the news of Richard's passing. Glenn, we wish you peace in this difficult time.

Cindy Trentacosti and Chris Franck - saildocs@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MP

“ This world will be never be the same without Richard. Everyone needs to have someone like him in their lives. We were all the lucky ones to have gotten to play, love and laugh with him. Love to you, Glenn.

Michelle and Taylor Parry - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

HG

“ Glenn, What we are feeling right now is hard to put into words. Richard lived each day of his life to it's fullest. It was an honor to know him. As long as we have our memories Richard will live on in our hearts. Our love and support will always be here for you.

Helen and John Gastaldo - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AD

“ It is with deep sadness that Hank and I mourn the passing of Richard. Glenn, you are in my thoughts, and I wish I could share them with you in person. Richard was my teacher, mentor and friend. I will miss him dearly. Gemma and Beth, I know he was not just a boss and your loss is great. Audrey

Audrey & Hank Fanning - dollsetc@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LB

“ Those in the doll world will certainly miss Richard. He was an unique person and it will be hard to fill the void.

Laura Ann Bodisch, RD#1 - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JS

“ Glenn, you and I never met, but I send sincere condolences to you, your family and friends. It's just never enough time with those we love..... I met Richard back in the early 80's and really enjoyed seeing him when we worked together. Richard struck me as a fun loving, warm, honest, hardworking person with a gift of joy. I was intrigued to have met him and to have watched his talent many times thru the years on the Antiques Roadshow. He always brought a smile and a tilt to my head. My heart goes out to you.....

Joan Kistler - salesprson@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

SR

“ Every day, I will be reminded of Richard, as I see every favorite doll of mine, that came from him. I remember Richard calling me "cool" once. Well, I thought he was pretty cool too. I am deeply sad to know that I won't see Richard again. He was truly one of the brightest souls. Unforgettable, honest, kind, smart and so humorous. My sincere condolences to all of his close friends, and especially Glenn. I am so sorry for your loss.

Susan Roberts - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DD

“ Hi Glenn, I am so sorry to hear that Richard passed away! I have fond memories of you both at shows at National and Vallejo and will miss teasing Richard. May God bring you peace and heal your sorrow. Dorothy

dorothy drake - dorothy@dolls4all.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KH

“ Dear Glenn, My thoughts are with you....Richard was one of a kind, & 'the road' will not be the same without him. But wasn't it fun for all those years? I'll be lifting a glass of red wine in his memory & look forward to giving you a hug this summer. Kathleen

Kathleen Harwood - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Richard. He was such a nice guy. I really enjoyed him at the doll conventions. I have bought so many of his dolls. I am really going to miss him.

Cathy Stafford - pinkladydolls@cox.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RR

“ I was sorry to hear of Richard's passing. I have not seen him since he was a young boy coming to Carolina to spend time during the summer with his aunts and uncles. I have in my mind even today a vivid picture of him, long and lanky, walking down the path from the tobacco barns under the pecan trees very early in the morning carrying a guinea hen under his arm. I have never known anyone else who could carry catch a guinea much less carry one! But even then Richard was such a peaceful, non-threatening person that he could coax a guinea to be calm. Even then, too, he was rummaging through all the barns, closets and storage areas for things we thought useless and he thought to be treasures. Condolences to his more current family and friends.

Ruth Hines - ruthanddavid@suddenlink.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ Glenn, Family and Friends, I am truly sorry about the loss of such a wonderful, kind and friendly person. My first encounter with Richard was in an elevator ride at the Kansas City Doll Convention. Boy what a ride. Fun and entertaining. Definetly a "Richard Story". I had the pleasure of visiting his shop in PA once with my then 6 year old daughter. She was so impressed by him that he has been pretty much the only "doll dealer" in the past 5 years that she fondly remembers, talks about and loved. Thank you Richard for all of the fun and loving advice through the past few years.

Jennifer & Erik Hajkowski - jmelswick@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DL

“ Richard- Your uniqueness and generosity will forever be held in our memories. You have touched many hearts. Godspeed. Glen- Hopefully, with all the wonderful memories you've shared with Richard will help you through this very sad time. Our heartfelt sympathy. Take good care. Dee and Michael Larkin

Dee and Michael Larkin - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JF

“ Richard, It was a pleasure to have known you for so many years. Thank you for your friendship. May God welcome you home with open arms.Hugs, Joyce

Joyce Fleming - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LR

“ Richard: You entered my world and brought me my wife, the true meaning of antiques and how to live life. Many thanks for all the good times, they will never be forgotton: ITS ONLY ROCK'N'ROLL BUT WE LIKE IT. Love forever.

Leigh & Rachel - r.gotch@ntlworld.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CP

“ Glenn, our sympathy goes out to you in this very difficult period of time. You and Richard were very special and you brought Richard into our world. Not know Richard on a professional basis I missed out on his vast antiques knowledge. We will all miss him. Remember we need a picture of him to put on the website. We are here for you when you return to Florida. Love, Cliff and all of Gamma Mu

Cliff Pettit - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ My heart is full of joy and pain at Richard's untimely passing. Joy for the wonderful life he led and the millions of people he touched and pain for the loss of him in my life. Rest in peace dear friend.

joyce jonas - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RM

“ Glenn, We were so sad to hear of Richard's passing. Here is a poem I have carried with me since my mother passed away, I hope it helps you as much as it has helped me. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am in a thousand winds that blow, I am the softly falling snow. I am the gentle showers of rain, I am the fields of ripening grain. I am in the morning hush, I am in the graceful rush Of beautiful birds in circling flight, I am the star shine of the night. I am in the flowers that bloom, I am in a quiet room. I am in the birds that sing, I am in each lovely thing. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there. I did not die.

Ron Jr. & Mary Edleman - mryrsg@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LL

“ I am so sorry to learn of Mr. Wrights passing. I so enjoyed watching and learning from him when he was on the Antiques Road Show. I always thought of him as a nice "pirate" with his earrings etc. I never got the chance to meet him but was hoping to if he ever came back to the doll museum in Bellevue, WA. to give a talk or appraise dolls. My deepest sympathies to his friends and family. He will be missed!!
Mrs. Linda Queen

Linda Queen - Linda.queen2@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM