



Richard Allen Meindl

January 23, 1956 - June 6, 2023

Richard Allen Meindl, 67, passed away at Riverside Hospital on Tuesday June 6th, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents Dorothy and John Meindl.

Rick was a lifelong Columbus resident and Buckeye fan. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Capital University in 1978. While at Capital he displayed notable athletic prowess, competing in both football and track & field. He was an Athletic All-American in 1976 and '78, and won the coveted Berea Boots Award in 1977. Rick was inducted into the Capital Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. His school record for the discus remains unbroken.

Rick was an accomplished lead guitar player and could often be found sitting in on a blues jam at the Dolphin Lounge or tearing up a Pink Floyd solo with his former band Falcon Great. Remaining a dedicated musician throughout his life, he often performed songs on his guitar for fellow in-patients during his time in hospice care.

He is survived by his children Matthew Meindl and Lauren (Ryan) Adams; grandchildren Clayton Adams and Russell Adams; ex-wife Nina Meindl; siblings Carolyn Toth, William (Helen) Meindl and James (Gail) Meindl.

Tribute Wall



“ Rick and my dad (Jeff) were members of Falcon Great. I remember when I was a little kid I thought his guitar was too small for him and I made sure to let him know! Great memories growing up in the house next door and being able to watch the band play. I'm sure he and my dad are playing (and partying) together again. Much love to the Meindle family during this tough time. - Ally Miller

Ally Sun - June 15, 2023 at 08:44 PM

KL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was an incredibly kind person. I have wonderful memories of watching Rick, Jeff, Paul, & Bryan playing together in Falcon Great. Rest in peace friend. - Karen (Miller) Lillemoen.

Karen Lillemoen - June 14, 2023 at 04:48 PM

ME

“ So sorry for your loss! I remember Rick in High School, and what a nice, friendly, warm person he was. May he rest peace, and his memory be a blessing!

Melissa - June 13, 2023 at 10:25 AM

DJ

Rick was always very friendly and such a good team mate at Capital. I will remember his kind ways and great smile. Rest in Peace old friend!

Don Janssen - June 14, 2023 at 10:11 AM

JN

Rick was one of the best classmates at Capital. He was a good humor man! It brought so many smiles to me. I also knew him at Eastmoor during track meets. Rest in Peace, my friend.

James Noice - June 14, 2023 at 12:57 PM

FS

Remember Rick at EHS on the track team. He was always encouraging the teammates who wasn't as talented as some others. He was one of the hardest working people that have ever known. I loved being his team mate. It was was a pleasure to get to know him .

Floyd shilling - June 14, 2023 at 02:24 PM

JR

Great picture of Rick!! That is the guy I trained and competed with throwing the discus in the early to mid-1980's. He was a great athlete and an even nicer person!! Always had that smile on his face and a kind word for everyone! Wish I would have stayed in touch with him better...for his family and loved ones, he made the world a better, Kinder place because he was here! He was a really good man and this worlds loss is heaven's gain! I am so sorry for your loss!! Jim Reardon

Jim Reardon - June 15, 2023 at 04:12 PM

RC

Was stunned to learn of Rick's passing, way too young. Rick & I worked together several years for the Sell, Inc. grocery broker in Dublin. He was our lead person for the Big Bear stores at the time. Always enjoyed his sense of humor.

Rick Coffing - July 21, 2023 at 05:21 PM