



Richard J. Parrish

March 26, 1945 - July 4, 2025

Richard J. Parrish was born on March 26, 1945, in Decatur, IL to Richard and Helen (Spain) Parrish. He grew up in Browns Mills, New Jersey and Pirmasens, Germany, where his father was stationed, and attended Wayne State University in Detroit, MI where he earned his Master of Economics. In his younger years, Richard was a Broadway dancer and a summer theater performer.

From 1964-1967, Richard served in the Army and was stationed in Hanau, Germany where he was a Spec 5 Legal Clerk. It was there that he met his future wife, Mary Freda.

On July 30, 1966, Richard married Mary Parrish at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, MI. After his military service and education were completed, Richard worked as a Corporate Economist, most recently for InterNorth before his resignation in 1989. He then spent his time consulting and computer programming. For the past 25 years, Richard and Mary lived in Omaha, NE, but they loved to travel the world together. Richard's favorite country to visit was Italy.

In addition to traveling, Richard also enjoyed computer programming and consulting, was a participant at the Omaha Bridge Studio, and was devoted to Opera Omaha. Richard will be remembered for his kindness, generosity,

excellent manners, and for being a sharp dresser. He was very intelligent and had an appreciation for the arts.

Richard fought ill health for many years after suffering a debilitating operation, eventually leading to his death on July 4, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Richard Parrish and his brothers, Jerry and Don Parrish. He is survived by his wife, Mary Parrish; brother, John Parrish; best friend, Jerry Larson; and beloved dog, Max.

Richard will be missed by family and friends, and they are invited to celebrate his life at a visitation from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, NE.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Opera Omaha.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ Dear Mary, Richard will be missed. He had a great wit and I always enjoyed his tongue-in-cheek comments! Sending healing energy for you and all those who love you both, Deana

Deana Liddy - July 11, 2025 at 05:04 PM

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“ Oh Mary! Keith and I are so sad to learn of this. I recall many delightful and insightful conversations with Richard. His verve and style were enchanting and it makes me smile just to think of him. I also loved his irreverence as much as his polish, and it was a joy to discuss the Arts with him (and with you!). We hope to have a moment with you on Friday and you are in our every good thought and prayers until then and thereafter. Kate Knudsen

Kathleen Knudsen - July 10, 2025 at 12:20 PM

JL

“ Dear Mary, That is such a wonderful Memorial for Richard. Richard was every bit of that and more. Richard taught me some things that have served me well for many years now. Most of all is to be kind. To know Richard was to Love him. I still have a ways to go to even be close to the man Richard was. Growing up I was a troubled kid with an anger problem and Richard always understood me the way I was. Oh I got a grip on my anger problem many years ago but I was far from perfect and on our last couple visits I let Richard know how truly grateful I was for his friendship and kindness he showed me and my wife. I will always think of Richard when I feel any kind of negativity coming on and I will be fine. Richard truly made me relax. I will value his friendship until I take my last breath. Perfect no, kind yes. I am grateful. May kindness prevail.

Jerry Larsen - July 08, 2025 at 09:31 PM