



Richard Douglas Krafzig

July 26, 1965 - March 28, 2020

Richard Douglas Krafzig, 54, of Manassas Park, Virginia, passed away on March 28, 2020.

He was born on July 26, 1965, in Missouri to Daniel and Greta Krafzig.

Rich grew up in Fairfax, Virginia and attended Robinson High School where he participated in many athletic activities, namely football and wrestling. He then attended Washington Bible College in Maryland where he met Elizabeth, who would become his wife a few years later. They got married on February 18, 1995 and lived in Maryland where they had their first two children, Zackery and Abigail. They moved to Virginia in 2000 and had their other two children, Amelia and Stephanie, soon after.

Rich suffered through many trials in his life including a battle of health for most of his adult life. He was diagnosed with kidney failure and went through a kidney transplant in 2013. From that point, he visited a hospital frequently enough that the family would celebrate if it had been a full year (some seasons a full month) since his last visit. In his life, he experienced four heart attacks, one stroke, skin cancer, tongue cancer, and diabetes. Through every one of these, he clung to his faith in God. Together with Elizabeth, they raised their children in the church and Rich always pointed to the hope the family has in their Savior, even only days before his passing.

Rich found his joy in his family and fought for them no matter how difficult it was. He turned to Philippians 4:11-13, "Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Richard is preceded in death by his father, Daniel James "Jim" Krafsig, brother Joel Krafsig, and his wife Elizabeth.

Survivors include his children, Zackery Andrew, Abigail Louise, Amelia Joanne, and Stephanie Elizabeth Krafsig; his mother, Greta Magill Krafsig; Brothers, Steve, Dan, and Dave Krafsig; and sisters, Cindy Bergeron and Jill Krafsig.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, to be determined, and burial will be private.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com.

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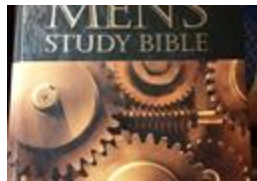


“ I came to Robinson Junior year from Tidewater, Virginia. Rich was one of the first to welcome me in the common area when he noticed "The New Kid" in Subscool Five. We became friends but were never close. I was a yearbook and newspaper photographer, while he was a football player. I took some great photos of him playing.

We reconnected on Facebook a couple of years ago when we were both sick. I coded twice between Thanksgiving, 2018, and New Years' 2019 from liver failure due to Sarin and oil fire exposure during Desert Storm.

We both had Diabetes and shared our lists of medications. I only had a gallon-size Zip-Lock bag of meds. I think he may have had more.

He was my Rock and we spoke often about our Christian Faith. I am sorry we didn't communicate much over the last year. I will miss you greatly my Friend.



Michael Connolly - November 25, 2020 at 09:31 AM

CB


You took some great photos of my brother.

Cindy M Bergeron - March 15 at 01:10 PM

RG

“ You have ascended to Heaven and are sitting at the right hand of the Lord now and released from the physical pain you were in. Rich was a compassionate man who cared very much for others and loved his family. My thoughts are very much with Rich's family and friends. It was a privilege to know him and I will miss him. Sincerely,
Richard Gadwah

Richard Gadwah - April 05, 2020 at 07:37 PM


Rosemarie
Kayes

“ Im so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.



Rosemarie Kayes - April 04, 2020 at 11:54 AM

GI

“ My high school friend. I sat near him in the class photo so I could find myself. We walked to the field together. A true gentleman. He will be sorely missed a dearly remembered. May God grant peace to his dear family. In Jesus name. Amen.



Gina Marie Hetrick Irving - April 03, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Richard Douglas Krafzig.*



April 03, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *I wish I could be there with my dear nieces and nephew. Just know that my thoughts and love are with each of you. I love you much.*
Aunt Jo-Anne

Jo-Anne Crandell - April 02, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Richard Douglas Krafzig.*



April 02, 2020 at 06:16 PM