



Richard "Dick" W. Ellis

April 7, 1951 - June 30, 2024

Richard William "Dick" Ellis, age 73, of Saline, Michigan, left this sphere on June 30, 2024 after 18 months of treatment for pancreatic cancer. He was born April 7, 1951, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Byron Edward and Nancy (DaLee) Ellis. His early years were spent in Midland, Michigan with five brothers and sisters: James, Charles (Susan), Katharine Ellis-Copen, Jean Henry, and Barbara Ellis-Monro (Daniel). He attended Western Michigan University and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1973. He subsequently did graduate work in experimental psychology at Indiana University, Bloomington, where he began his career in academic computing. In a variety of roles, he helped faculty and staff across the university to integrate technology to improve teaching, learning, and research. In 1994 he met Nancy Millichap at an electronic text seminar at Princeton University; they were married in Bloomington in 1996. Dick later worked in the computing organizations of Indiana University/Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI) and the University of Michigan. He had been a resident of Saline since 2002. Retirement enabled him to pursue his lifelong passion for photography. He was a member for several years of the Ann Arbor Camera Club and the Student Digitizers Digital Photography Club at Washtenaw Community College, where he took a variety of photography classes. He was also a serious reader and had a strong interest in and knowledge of classic and contemporary cinema, as well as music of many genres. He and Nancy enjoyed travel: together they visited Ireland, Mallorca, and France; took several road trips through the South; and occasionally avoided winter with stays in Tucson, Arizona. Dogs had a special place in Dick's heart: he and Nancy had two Clumber Spaniels, Evita and, later, Jasper. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his siblings and eight nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Terry Copen, and nephew Benjamin Ellis. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Funeral Services will then be held at 12:00 P.M. with Rev. Kimberly Secrist-Ashby officiating. Following the service, a luncheon will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline. Burial will take place on Wednesday, July 10th at 3:00 P.M. in the Union Chapel Cemetery located at 8301 Union Chapel Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46240. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saline Area Social Service, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, or Bat

Conservation International. To leave a memory you have of Dick, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Union Chapel Cemetery

Union Chapel Cemetery, 8301 Union Chapel
Road
Indianapolis, IN 46240
<https://www.unionchapelcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
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Luncheon

JUL 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline
143 E. Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salinepres.org/>

Graveside Service

JUL 10. 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

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Indianapolis, IN 46240

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dick and I met at Indiana University in the early '80s - he, Steve, and I would get together evenings; we later reconnected via the net. I can only echo what others have said: Dick had a kind soul, was a deep thinker, and had a dry sense of humor. He was gracious and so interesting to talk with. Dick, I'm honored to have been one of your friends, and the world is less appealing without you.

David Menges - July 08, 2024 at 03:47 PM

GA

“ Gareth Angleton lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" W. Ellis



Gareth Angleton - July 05, 2024 at 04:07 PM

JC

“ You left us way too soon, Dick. I will never forget the good times we shared.



Judith A Copley - July 05, 2024 at 01:26 PM

JH

“ Dick was uniquely wonderful, quiet and introspective. He cared deeply and always extended a helping hand. He was my brother, and I will miss him forever more.



Jean Henry - July 03, 2024 at 11:32 PM

NM

“ 10 files added to the album *Richard Ellis pictures*



Nancy Millichap - July 03, 2024 at 07:36 PM