



Richard Nester

November 12, 1948 - December 26, 2025

Richard “Rick” Nester, 77, passed away on December 26, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Richard was born on November 12, 1948, in Lebanon, Indiana to Milton and Sarah (Sally) Nester. He was raised in Lebanon alongside his sister, Nancy, and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1967. He earned a degree in accounting from Indiana University, which inspired a lifelong habit of cheering for the Indiana Hoosiers.

He married his lifelong love, Carol (Nesbitt), in 1972. Together they raised a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Suzanna. He volunteered for many of their activities as a coach, sponsor, prop builder, and swim meet timer.

Richard joined his family’s business, Halfacre and Nester Plumbing and Heating, full-time shortly after his college graduation. He worked alongside his parents for most of his career, helping his community through honest hard work for nearly 50 years.

Rick loved being with his wife in their beautiful gardens, which they created together. He also loved traveling and visiting his five cherished grandchildren. For the last several decades, Rick hosted his children and grandchildren each summer for weeks at the beach outside Charleston, South Carolina. There, he

provided days filled with beach-combing, bike rides, and swimming and evenings filled with sparklers, bubbles, and ice cream.

For over 30 years, Rick and Carol enjoyed spending their Friday nights with the "Friday Night Dinner Crew." He enjoyed hours of companionship and laughter with this core group of close friends. He especially loved traveling with Carol through the American West, particularly through their beloved national parks. He enjoyed hiking and picnicking with Carol alongside countless rivers, lakes, and streams out west.

He was a voracious reader and spent hours in his workshop creating furniture and objects for his family and friends.

He is survived and will be missed by Carol, his wife of 54 years, as well as his son Tyler (Meghan) Nester and his daughter Suzanna (Jeffrey) Mayhugh. His sister Nancy also survives. His five grandchildren, James, Owen, and Maia Nester and Amelia and Henry Mayhugh will miss his grandfatherly devotion, July 4th celebrations, and limitless candy supply.

A private service for his family will take place at a later time. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with his care.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ My sister, Michele and her husband, Steven Johnson used to have Nester out to their place on S 400 E to do various tasks. I remember staying with them once when Nester showed up. He took 2 silver 'L's and found the water line from the well...divining. As someone who thought he was 'book smart', I will never forget that.

Rest In Peace, sir.

Thomas A Simone - January 16 at 10:36 PM

RS

“ My condolences to Rick's family. Rick Nester and I were in Demolay along wth John Lasley and he would pick us in work truck go to meeting and almost always go to JustRite after. May they both rest in. Peace

Ron Smith - January 15 at 08:43 AM

SA

“ I worked with Rick when I was a county employee many years ago. He took the time to teach me about water wells and submersible pumps-something I needed to know in order to do my job. Seems a small favor but it was invaluable at the time. He was funny and generous with his time. His kindness, intelligence and quirky humor still make me smile. I am so very sorry for your loss. Sharon Adams

sharon adams - January 14 at 10:48 AM

NF

“ Nagy and I are so saddened to read of Rick’s passing. We had the honor of knowing Rick for many decades from the time we lived on Meridian street very close to Halfacre and Nester. We loved talking with him whenever he came to fix our heating or plumbing. He had a great sense of humor and wit and he will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt condolences to Carol and the family.

Nagy and Didi Farid - January 08 at 01:18 AM

SQ

“ I am sorry to read of Rick’s passing. He was so loyal to our family always helping when needed. Carol and he created a lovely family. I always enjoyed their beautiful flower gardens when I would drive by on Fordice Street. Prayers for acceptance and strength as his family moves forward without this special man in their lives.

Sally Lenox Quick - January 07 at 07:01 PM

GW

“ So sorry to hear. I played little league baseball with Richard back in day. Fond memories 🥺🥺🥺

gary werst - January 07 at 05:16 PM

PG

“ Our sincere condolences to Carol and the children as they navigate the loss of this very special man. Always "there for you" when needed and we enjoyed the phone calls with exchanges of political observations! Rest well.

Patty Gates - January 07 at 03:50 PM

RN

“ Condolences to Carol and Rick's family. I was in the Lebanon class of 1967 with Rick. My family moved to Lebanon a few weeks before the start of our sophomore year. Became good friends with Rick. Have many great memories of playing cards with Rick and his parents, "Boog and Cede", riding around in his awesome '66 or '67 blue Camero, and getting into situations that will remain unnamed on this post! Rick visited me at my fraternity several times at IU driving in his hot Plymouth Roadrunner, that the guys always liked to see. My parents loved Rick's visits at the Nagel house and they were always entertained by his stories. I greatly regret not staying in touch through the years. Rick will be missed by his family and lifelong friends, and all who came in contact with Rick through personal and business interactions! My prayers are with Carol and family.

Rick Nagel

Rick Nagel - January 07 at 02:06 PM

BS

“ We have known Rick for a lot of years ... HE came in Lumber Center to purchase plumbing supplies from Bill .a lot of years..... HE will certainly be missedREST IN PEACE... RICK.....



BILL STUTEVILLE - January 05 at 11:40 PM

MJ

“ We miss this good man more than we ever thought possible. While he always took care of our heating/plumbing needs, he was so much more of a friend that would have surprised some. We miss his random phone calls, his numerous visits just to "tell us a story", his kindness when things were rough, his steadfast support throughout the years. The world and his family have lost a kind soul and we will miss him to the end of time. Condolences to all - Michele & Steve Johnson

Michele Johnson - January 05 at 02:07 PM

DW

“ Sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Richard (Nick) Nester from the Wilhoite family. Rick spent many enjoyable visits with our family during his younger years and was always available to service our heating equipment along with our chit chats and laughter. Douglas and Joyce Wilhoite

Douglas Wilhoite - January 01 at 07:31 PM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear this. Prayers for all the family.

*Delbert and Marilyn Davis
Lexington, SC*

Delbert Davis Jr - January 01 at 12:20 PM

CW

“ Rick Nester rescued our basement May 1976, Mom went to Stetson to see Mark graduate. Our basement flooded, mom said call “ Nester honey”! He came immediately to help a 15 yr old whose father had just passed in Feb. He was a family friend but he took care of all my heating or plumbing needs all my life! He came every time to help me! Yes I will always remember his kind dirty hand prints on my walls! Rest in Peace my friend!

Cathy Winteregg - December 30, 2025 at 07:56 AM

CW

“ Cathy Winteregg lit a candle in memory of Richard Nester



Cathy Winteregg - December 30, 2025 at 07:51 AM

CW

“ My Condolences to Rick's wife , Carol , his entire family and friends .I graduated LGS 1967 withRick. My parents remains in Lebanon. Each time I saw hRick he akways spoke. He mist recently made post comnts on photo of several women from our class who meet month for k lunch. I challenge him to come to this luch and upset estrogone balance. He never attended I am sure all would have welconex him. He wouks not have vedn the fiest. Each of you remain in our praywts as you move throgh your grief journeys. . Carol Neaville Wright

Carol Neaville Wright - December 29, 2025 at 06:55 PM

JM

Condolences to you. Rick was always a friend and was always available when needed. I wish doctors were so available today.

John Saalwaechter MD - December 29, 2025 at 11:36 PM

DC

“*Rick was an example of how we should all simply be a kind thoughtful person to others. He was a special friend to many others and they feel very fortunate to have enjoyed his friendship through the years. He will be missed and long remembered. David Carney*

david carney - December 29, 2025 at 02:59 PM