



# Richard Henry Burkhard

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**R**ichard Henry Burkhard of Selbyville, DE, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 22, 2024. He was born on August 28, 1949, in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of the late John Thomas and Charlotte Beverly (Kurtz) Hubert.

He graduated from Perry Hall High School with the class of 1964 and then went on to become a television producer. He enjoyed cooking, flying kites on the beach, masterfully playing ANY musical instrument that was placed in his hand to the delight of those around him and was always up for a road trip.

In 2003, Rich moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland after spending more than a decade on Lake Ontario in Sackets Harbor, NY. Rich founded His Praise Place | Lands End Fellowship in Ocean City, MD, serving hot meals and hope to primarily the local homeless community and J1 foreign exchange students, thousands of meals were served each year. Over the years weekly church services grew in attendance and a favorite for the community during the holiday season, was a large interactive train display for all to enjoy! This was all made possible by a generous support network of dedicated volunteers, donors and local fellow Pastors. In 2007, Rich was ordained as a Reverend and took great pride in caring for the community in many ways as a Pastor, he found much joy in officiating weddings, and he held great honor when laying those to rest.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife of 22 years, Helinore Anne (Vaught) Burkhard (2001). Richard is survived by his daughters, Meghan Burkhard and Katelynd Burkhard and his cherished granddaughter, Keira Healy. Among those mourning are many close friends, including George and Anna and their sons Georgie, Michael and Jeffrey Vitak as well as many other friends.

Dance with the waves, move with the sea.  
Let the rhythm of the water set your soul free.  
Christy Ann Martine



## Obituary

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A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 2:00pm at Showell United Methodist Church in Showell, MD

\*\*Florists - Please contact the church to set up delivery times.




## Events


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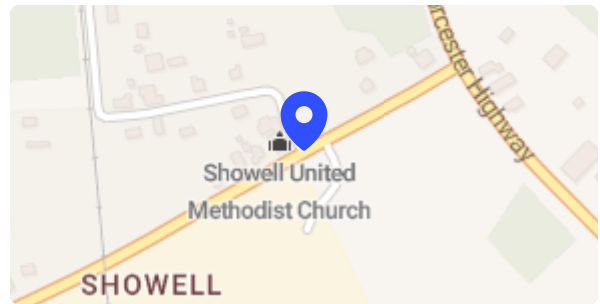
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### Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, January 27, 2024

 2:00 PM ET

 **Showell United Methodist Church**  
Pitts Road & Church Street, Showell MD 21862





## Tribute Wall

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**Nathan Musto** posted:

Rich sexually abused me when I was 12 years old in 1996. He was living in Sacketts Harbor at the time, and was part of my homeschooling group. I should have went to the police then, but I was too young to realize that he would probably do the same to someone else. It wasn't his first time, after all. For all the good he may have brought to the world, I feel a weight lifted from me knowing he's dead.

August 16 at 6:23 PM



**Anthony Keiser** posted:

Pastor Rich was by far a big presence in everyone's life's both literally and figuratively, he could tell if you were in a depressed mood and would be quick with his wit and sense of humor which would end with you laughing your head off. The beach just isn't going to be the same without him.

April 30 at 2:45 AM



**From The Richmond District Of Graybar** sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Burkhard family.



January 26 at 9:31 AM



**Sherry Sullivan** posted:

Katie and Meghan, I just wanted to tell you girls and Keira that you are in my thoughts and prayers. My first and nearly every memory of your Dad was him bringing me and everyone else in earshot tons of laughter! In fact the last Thanksgiving we all shared before he moved from Sacketts Harbor, he made us laugh so hard coffee came out of my nose and Chelsea spewed mashed potatoes! Lol! Another memory Mark has is when He and your Dad used to send Monty Python quotes through wave files to each other over the internet. It never got old! Lol! I always enjoyed listening to him play his original and favorite music. What a talent he had! He was certainly larger than life! I hope happy memories will bring you comfort and help keep him alive in your hearts. We love you very much and are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead! Love, Sherry, Mark and Chelsea

January 24 at 9:20 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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