



## Richard W. Downey

March 19, 1981 - August 29, 2011

Richard William Downey of Grasonville died on August 29, 2011, at the age of 30.

Born in Washington, D.C. on March 19, 1981, he was son to John Francis Downey and Faye Ellen Thompson Downey. Richard was a 1999 graduate of Queen Anne's County High School, where he played lacrosse and football. Richard worked as an operations manager for Probuild Construction Materials in Catonsville, MD.

Richard enjoyed spending much of his time with his family, friends and celebrating life. He also enjoyed fishing, crabbing and hunting.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brothers, Chris Downey of Centreville and Michael Downey of Stevensville; sister-in-laws Stephanie Downey and Sarah Downey; nephew and niece, Simon and Claire Downey; maternal grandmother, Iva Ellen Thompson of Selbyville, DE; and paternal grandfather, William Simon Downey of Lanham, MD.

A visitation where friends may call will be held on Friday, September 2, 2011 from 5:00 until 8:00 pm at the Kent Island United Methodist Church.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am at the church on Saturday,

September 3, 2011.

Richard will be greatly missed.

Burial will follow at the Stevensville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard W. Downey*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard W. Downey*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *[www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIEVXbfrRYE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIEVXbfrRYE)##imported-begin##kitty#  
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September 30, 2011 at 08:26 PM



“ To the Downey Family: We do not know your family personally, but after reading all of those wonderful tributes to your son, we know he must have been a wonderful young man. We never know what God has in store for us, but must face each new day with love, peace and prayer. God will give you the strength to face each new day and will surely be by your side. May your son rest in peace and many prayers are with you at this time. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville, Md.##imported-begin##Lynda Palmatary##imported-end##

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September 05, 2011 at 10:32 PM



“ I'm in absolute shock. My heart goes out to all the family. Richard was such a great guy and may he rest in peace!##imported-begin##melissa##imported-end##

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September 05, 2011 at 01:55 PM



“ Since i found out i have not stopped crying or stopped thinking about it. i am so heartbroken and couldnt even begin to think how his family feels. im so sorry for his family to have to deal with the loss of an amazing person like Richard, there are very few people in this world who are that kind loving generous all together a special soul. i believe he was sent here by god to touch and help as many people as he has already done and put an impact on all there lives. now he has gone home to watch over his family and friends as there guardian angel. He was special and his parents should be proud of themselves for creating and raising a son as wonderful and special as he was. The love there family shares for eachother is priceless. just know he is always by your side and in your heart and someday you will be together and nothing and nobody can take that from you again.rip richard its not goodbye its see you later.##imported-begin##Tricia glennon##imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 03:27 PM



“ What's up BROTHER, I hope your not to busy this afternoon as we all celebrate your time hear on Earth. Gonna miss you in so many ways, I wish we had more time, I know I had big plans, and think you shared that thought. Put a good word in, your friend. Derick.##imported-begin##Derick Clutchey##imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 11:49 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Downey family. Richard was a good man and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##The Ebers##imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 09:34 AM



“ My deepest sympathy. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts & prayers.##imported-begin##Kathryn Tauber##imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 09:30 AM



“ Faye and John I read it in the newspaper late last night and was shock to see some one that was my best friend from high school son had passed. Faye and John I can not imagine what you are going through and I am so sorry I pray for you both and all others that loved him.Faye if you need anything please e mail me.Love to all of you and MY Deepest Sympathy.##imported-begin##Susan Wilson Schryer##imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 09:19 AM



“ Richard, you will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Chuck Campbell##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 10:03 PM



“ Dear Chris, Stephanie and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please let us know if we can do anything.  
Monica and John Sewell##imported-begin##Monica Sewell##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 07:52 PM



“ My prayers are with the Downey family and Richard’s endless amount of friends as they celebrate his life and say good bye this weekend. Richard, you have given us so many wonderful memories that will be cherished forever. You are one of a kind and I hope you know how very much you were loved.

“Remember me and smile, for it’s better to forget than remember me and cry.”##imported-begin##Melody Wagenfer##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 07:51 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this terrible time of loss. I am so sad that you have to endure the terrible pain of loosing a child, sibling, uncle and grandchild  
Lynn - Rockford, Il##imported-begin##Lynn Downey Peterson##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 05:43 PM



“ Richard will be missed.....##imported-begin##Richard Melton##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 03:54 PM



“ Your were truly special and I was blessed to have known you.##imported-begin##Theresa Berumen-Field##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 03:20 PM



“ I would like to offer my most heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of Richard Downey. He was such a kind and happy soul, and to remember him even from years ago brings a smile to my face. His charisma was second to none, and it was impossible not to smile in his presence. I know he will be missed terribly.##imported-begin##Jennifer Leach Mathis##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 10:15 AM



“ I am not surprised by the numerous expressions of love Richard's life has evoked by us all. I pray that these precious memories be a guide by which to live out our days. May God bless you and your family during this time and always.##imported-begin##RaMeicha, QACHS '99##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 09:40 AM



“ Richard was the kind of friend we all need and hope for. Someone who you could lose touch with for a few weeks, or even months, but when you saw him the conversation began like it had never ended. Richard treated everyone like they were one of his best friends. He made everyone feel welcomed and loved. He had a genuinely kind and giving heart, he was funny and sweet, and he always knew how to have a good time. We are heartbroken over Richard's death and will continue to pray for his family and all those who loved him.##imported-begin##Mike & Amanda Luongo##imported-end##

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September 02, 2011 at 08:18 AM



“ Richard, you were such a fun loving, positive, and all around great guy. You were an amazing friend, son, uncle, brother & much much more. You will be missed so much but I know that Heaven has just gained an incredible angel to watch down upon us. I'm sure you are up there now making everyone smile with that contagious smile and personality. We have all had some great times with each other and for that we will carry those happy memories with us and celebrate the life of a wonderful guy. We all miss you already...till we meet again...love ya buddy!##imported-begin##Cliff & Danielle Lowe##imported-end##

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September 01, 2011 at 09:02 PM



“ Rich will be missed greatly all over K.I. I loved dealing with him as a customer of mine during work hours and even more at the Jetty. Gonna miss one of the good guys that are hard to come by. Rest In Peace Buddy, See you later##imported-begin##Randy Long##imported-end##

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September 01, 2011 at 05:41 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. May prayer help sustain you and your family through your grief and while prayer does not eliminate the pain, it can make it easier to bear.##imported-begin##Jeanette Harris##imported-end##

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September 01, 2011 at 05:08 PM



“ Downey's (especially Faye) - You all have been such a great part of my life. Without you Faye, Billy & I would have never gotten all those catering jobs out of our Kitchen. While working we talked and got to know each other like sisters.

*I just do not know what to say. My thoughts have been with you since I spoke with you on Monday morning. My heart is aching for you. Richard was so unique. Handsome, well spoken, so much personality and always smiling. He will be missed by all who came into contact with him. I love you all. You are constantly in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Kathy Comegys##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2011 at 01:13 PM



“ Chris

*I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.*

*Jean##imported-begin##Jean Edwards##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2011 at 11:46 AM



“ *My thoughts are with the great Downey family. I am so sorry for your loss. Richard's legacy is one of unabashed kindness to everyone he came into contact with. The most popular guy in the room that made time for everyone, no matter their skin color, age, social or socioeconomic status. He made countless people feel special to know him during his short time on earth. We should all strive to accomplish in life what came so naturally to Richard. Love everyone without any prejudices. He was a great man. I love you and will miss you greatly my friend.##imported-begin##Mitch Stanton##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2011 at 11:17 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts for the Downey Family, you raised such a beautiful man, he will be missed and never forgotten. My family feels proud to have known such an adorable person, his heart was as kind as his smile.##imported-begin##Debbie and Paul Shiley##imported-end##

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September 01, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ Richard, I love you man. When I first moved to the shore, you, Mike and Chris were my first friends in life. We became more like brothers, than friends..knotting up each other's heads one minute, next minute giggling frogs or setting things on fire. Yes, we did some stupid stuff together...memories I will never forget. I know Mrs. Faye and Mr. John had to get tired of seeing my face. I was over there so much that my own home became a second home. Everywhere the Downey family went, I was there. Even though we grew apart over the years, that love is always still there. My relationship with you is one of the most important in my lifetime and will never be forgotten. You gave me what I really never had before I met you...friendship and brotherhood. Every time we ran into each other that love was still there. We would always talk about getting together. I guess I always thought there was time for that. I would have loved to have introduced you to my beautiful daughter, Hailey. I will always love you man. Thank you to the Downey family for everything. You all have given me more than you'll ever know. I love you all.##imported-begin##Eddie Chester##imported-end##

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September 01, 2011 at 10:23 AM



“ *To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. —Thomas Campbell*

*I may not have been in Richard's inner circle of closest friends, but with Richard it didn't make a difference; he treated everyone with the same high regard. It was always a pleasure to bump into him when out & about; we would pick up where we left off and feel like no time had lapsed since our last meeting. He welcomed so many people into his life and left a lasting impression on all their hearts. His love for his family and friends was immense.*

*Richard, they broke the mold when they made you; you wore your heart on your sleeve and never knew a stranger. When I think of you I think: big hug, bigger smile and the biggest heart. One sweet day we will meet again and I look forward to being greeted by your enchanting smile and signature hug and kiss on the cheek. May your beautiful soul rest in eternal peace, my dear friend.*

*To family and friends I extend my sincerest condolences. May you find comfort and strength in the endless memories of such an honorable son, brother, nephew, cousin, uncle and friend...##imported-begin##Amanda Kulabonish##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2011 at 09:27 AM



“ Our sympathies to your family, Richard was one of the most pleasant young men I have had the pleasure to meet. He was great at his job, and always provided the best customer service, always a pleasure to do business with, and that beautiful smile!! Running into Rich in the community was always a great pleasure as well, most of the time with his family. He would always welcome you with great respect and friendship, and that wonderful smile too. To the parents, Richard is a man of great Character, Respect and Dignity,, (don't forget that wonderful smile). You should be very proud !!! As a mother of young men, My deepest sympathies and PRAYERS.##imported-begin##Carolyn Butler##imported-end##

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September 01, 2011 at 08:09 AM



“ To all of Richard's family our heartfelt sympathy. We pray that Jesus will walk you through this very sad time in your lives. Our daughter Rebekah (always up for one of Faye's coffees) speaks very highly of Faye and her family. She so enjoyed getting to know Richard (her big bro as she called him). Love from Rodney & Colleen Bernoth Toowoomba Australia##imported-begin##Rodney & Colleen Bernoth##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 11:20 PM



“ To a friend that left us way way way to soon. Richard you were a great guy that was full of life and joy. One of the only people that I can say lit up a room when entered. No matter what kind of mood I was in when I was greeted by you my mood changed instantly to happy thats the brightness, and feeling you brought everywhere you went. God definatley took one of the top 10 this time, and many of us ask why. Why god did take such a great man, friend, and family member from all of us so soon. Although we all know in our hearts that he will be in the best place anyone could possibly be. In our minds it just wont click that this is the right thing. It feels so wrong, and I myself am in such disbelief, and will be for a long time to come. I assure everyone that does not know Richard that the entrance to heaven will be alot brighter now with an angel like Richard inside the pearly gates. To Richards family I send all my sympathy as I know the pain that you are feeling and the grief that you are going through. Richard you will be missed more than words can express. Much love from Casey and Ashley###imported-begin##Casey Gertz##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 09:54 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family, friends and all those who loved you which in reality leaves few who didn't. It's hard to look outside every day and know I'm not going see that amazing smile and boyant personality grace me at any time of day, walking across the street. You welcomed Nicholas and I into the neighborhood and not only became a great neighbor but over time a wonderful friend. Although I know you are in a better place and god must have had a special calling for you but the selfish side of me asks "why Richard???" ...you have blessed me with your friendship, giving and optimistic attitude and for that I am a better person. We will miss you but I do know I will see you again one day my friend...unitl then rest easy and I will look up at that shining star when I need those chats because I know you will always be with us... We love you.  
- Christine and Nick###imported-begin##Christine Butschky###imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 09:25 PM



“ Richard, you are a dear friend, whom I will miss very much! I remember you always smiling, carrying on with the guys and making your presence known! I imagine this overwhelming feeling of emptiness will show itself more often than any of us would like, I will keep in memory your face, your smile, your sincerity for everyone you've crossed paths with and especially your sense of humor! Im sorry you were taken from us so soon, you will be missed and loved always! My condolences to his surviving family and friends!###imported-begin##jamie richarts###imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 08:42 PM



“ Rich you was a real true friend and always said happy no matter what. Now you'll be happy forever with everyone else we miss..... Gonna miss ya bro.....!##imported-begin##Brandon E.Fisher##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 08:21 PM



“ Words can not express the loss of such a beautiful soul. Your smile and charm will live on through all of us. Heaven has gained a precious angel. Until we meet again, rest easy my friend. Love you.##imported-begin##Shea Martin##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 07:22 PM



“ Richard you will be missed. Love from all of us on the Eastern Shore.##imported-begin##Kline Interior/ Frank E Daffin##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 06:43 PM



“ You will be missed by many. It was always a pleasure seeing you behind the counter all those yrs. You made going to work in the morning so much easier after always seeing a smile from you.##imported-begin##Rick Kline##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 06:36 PM



“ Richard was one of those people who you were always happy to see and who was always happy to see you, no matter how long it had been in between. I can't think of him without immediately thinking of all the amazing friends and family he was so close to, my thoughts are with all of you. Another life taken way too soon, makes my heart sad.##imported-begin##Brittany Dunkleberger (Dunks)##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 05:17 PM



“ I miss you already. Love you##imported-begin##Michele##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 03:59 PM



“ Richard! Richard! Richard! Imma hurt you! U left us behind! Man I know when you get to heaven you will light up the place. Kiss and Hug my mom for me and let her know who you are! Greet her just how you would greet me! Awwwwwh Richard we were just together at the reunion and you really made me feel special and you also let me know just how important our friendship was. There will never be another like you. I remember us standing there talking and Mike calling you on the phone and how you told me that it was him and how you loved your lil brother. A wonderful Guy gone way too soon! You were apart of my life and you showed me just what the meaning of enjoying life was. Richard I love you and will miss you soooo much! You played a Big Part in the history of the Wonder, Unique and Exciting Class of 1999! Class of 1999 Til the Death of Me!##imported-begin##Shanta Johnson##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 03:52 PM



“ You were a one of a kind person, and will be deeply missed by ALL! I'm glad i was blessed with the opportunity to be called a friend of yours. A piece of you will always live in/thru me. God Bless and I love you! Till we meet again my friend!!###imported-begin##Justin Carlo Ferguson (Ferg)###imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 03:36 PM

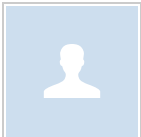


“ You will never be forgotten. I am glad you were apart of my journey in life. As I walk into the seasons of my life I will remember the wonderful memories shared with you.

*I wish for peace and clarity for the Downey family!###imported-begin##Leslie Zell###imported-end##*

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August 31, 2011 at 03:26 PM



“ Although I havent been intouch with Richard i. The recent years, I do have alot of memories in our younger years.. We lived in Grasonvill, Fox Run, my lil brother Justin was always terrorizing us and his brothers. We've done a few mischievious things ourselves like tying neighbors door knobs to bumbers of thier cars and knocking and running. LOL. I will always remember those days as that is when I first moved to the Eastern Shore and him and his brothers were my first friends. I will always remember that beautiful, full of life "colgate" smile!! Rest In Peace my friend. My condolences go out to the Downeys and anyone else who he has touched###imported-begin##Crystal Fishel- Crystal Wick###imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 10:51 AM



“ I wasn't a close, personal friend of Richards but I talked to him regularly because we did business together (I'm a drywall contractor) and he could always be counted on to be upbeat and smiling, a real pleasure to deal with. Richard was one of the most likable people you could ever meet and I was very saddened to learn of his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and the enormous group of people who counted themselves friends of Richard. I have been reading his facebook page and the posts are a testament to the type of person Richard was, as he obviously touched alot of people. He was a great guy and will be missed by us all. It was a pleasure knowing you Richard. May you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Scott Marquardt##imported-end##

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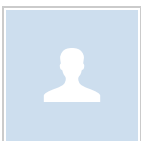
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“ Richard will be missed. He always would take time out to say hello when my wife and I would run into him. It's just a shame and our hearts hurt for his family and friends. What a nice young man he is. May the Lord take care of you now. Rest in Peace Richard, you will be missed.##imported-begin##Rob and Carole Robertson##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 10:02 AM



“ My heart goes out to Richard's family. I am so sorry for your loss. Richard is a great guy. I worked with him at Rew and we kept in touch after he left. He is a sweetheart and he will be missed very, very much.##imported-begin##Cheryl Oursler##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 08:10 AM



“ I have so many awesome memories of being at the "Downey House" and being a part of a wonderful group of friends. I will continue to keep these memories close to my heart and remember Richard as a great friend with a never ending smile.##imported-begin##marti mcginty##imported-end##

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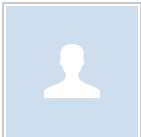
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“ This just shouldn't be....my heart is breaking in a million pieces. I don't even have the words to express how I feel. Richard was a great friend and brother...not just to Mike and Chris, but Mark, Jason, Joey, the list goes on and on. We are all going to miss him here, but he will live on through happy memories and pictures!##imported-begin##Kristin Schindler##imported-end##

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August 30, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ Richard was one of my son's best friends growing up. Playing on the same sports teams with Eddie, and with his own brother, Michael. I will remember Richard as the kid that was forever smiling and I always admired the fact that he loved his brothers and they always seemed to get along so well. Especially to Faye and John, Chris and Michael, and their wives, and Simon and Claire, but as well as grandparents, Uncle Billy and Aunt Carol, and everyone that was involved in Richard's life... I pray for the Lord to bring you peace and to be near your broken hearts as you grieve for Richard. You all take care. God bless.##imported-begin##Dawn Loetz##imported-end##

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August 30, 2011 at 10:06 AM