



Mr. Richard B. Kurzel M.D.

November 21, 1944 - July 1, 2017

Richard was born in Buffalo, New York on November 21, 1944 to Bernard and Martha [nee Barczak] Kurzel. He married Kathleen [nee Bunker] Kurzel and became a Medical Doctor.

Surviving are his wife: Kathleen; and two sons: Mark Kurzel and Carl Kurzel.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held on July 10, 2017 at Bellefontaine Chapel with interment in Bellefontaine Cemetery.....under the direction of Valhalla Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Bellefontaine Cemetery

4947 W. Florissant Ave
St Louis, MO 63115

Previous Events

Funeral Ceremony

JUL **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Before starting Medical School, Richard earned a PhD at MIT in Physical Chemistry under Professor Jeff Steinfeld. He was a hard working colleague with a broad sense of humor, including for example the drawings of Gahan Wilson.

Condolences and blessings to Richard's family and friends.

*Gene Degenkolb
Newton, Massachusetts*

Eugene Degenkolb - October 19, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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I was a year behind Richard in Professor Steinfeld's research group, and we shared an office with postdoc Itamar Burak from about 1968 to 1970. Richard was kind of a big brother, who helped me get started, shared credit in one of his publications, and provided a spark of humor every day. We lost contact after grad school, but I knew he was determined to make contributions in medicine, hoped to marry and have children. It's very special to read about the rest of his story.

Eugene Degenkolb - March 17 at 11:33 AM