



Richard Charles Morrill

July 14, 1952 - August 16, 2023

July 14, 1952 Richard Charles Morrill was born in Los Angeles, CA to Robert and Bonnie Morrill, joining siblings Vivian, Bobbi, and Buddy in their home in Whittier, CA.

Richard spent his early years in Whittier and the beach communities of Southern California. He eventually moved to Las Vegas where he met and married his soulmate, Ruthie. From Las Vegas, the family moved to Strawberry, AZ then to Clovis, CA and finally settled in Visalia, CA for the last 22 years.

Their marriage was the best thing to happen to them both and they most recently celebrated 29 years of marriage June 11, 2023. An unshakeable love. No matter what they faced, they did so together with love and respect. There were times when their combined stubbornness made things harder than they should have been. As soon as they stepped back, prayed and allowed their faith to guide them, things worked out. Richard would laugh and say God was trying to get our attention.

Richard never met a stranger who didn't become a friend. He was open, caring and engaging with others. He cared deeply for those he loved and would do anything that was needed to make sure those he loved were okay. He loved cooking for family and friends and he always made enough to feed

an army. His kindness went beyond those he loved, he hated the idea that people were going hungry and taught his kids to care for others in need.

After a valiant fight with cancer, Richard passed away peacefully August 16, 2023 at Ruth Woods Open Arms Hospice Home in Visalia, CA. Special thanks to the Open Arms Staff and Kaweah Hospice Care for treating Richard with dignity and love during his transition.

This obituary would not be complete without talking about Richard's lifetime of theater that started when he was in high school. Richard was a very talented actor, amazing director and phenomenal set designer and builder. Some of the best times were working on a set together as a family. Since Richard and Ruth have not lived near family for their entire marriage, they have been blessed to have built a second family centered around the theater and entertainment over the 22 years in Visalia. This group along with their biological family support is what carried them during the last 9 months. Richard was very humbled and surprised at the outpouring of support. He did not realize the impact he had on so many people throughout his life. It is our hope that those he impacted will pay it forward in their lives.

Richard is survived by his wife, Ruthie, Four children- Jeremy (Christina), Kyndra (Tim), Mitchell and Ryan (Erika), and six grandchildren- JD, Nicole, Alexis, Jessica, Jake and Juel. Richard considered his kids and grandkids as his greatest accomplishment. He took great pride in being Dad and Grandpa, never missing an opportunity to brag about them to anyone who would listen.

Rest well my love, you will always be with me, your family and your friends. We will be okay because of the love you gave to all of us. I love you for always and forever.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial

Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

SEP **9**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Richard Charles Morrill*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 08, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Charles Morrill*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 07, 2023 at 11:42 AM

MJ

“ Where do I even begin? High school in Whitter. a bunch of crazy kids involved in theater arts with Mr. Whatley at the lead. Our senior year I was going through a very rough time and some of us ended up at Richards's house, I think a cast party, anyway I was really having a bad night. Richard came and set down next to me to talk and "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" came on the stereo. He looked at me and took my hand ad said that's my song to you. This was Richard. Kind and a very good friend. I will miss you, my friend. I'll see you on that big stage someday. Myra Cavin Juarez, Pioneer High School.

Myra juarez - September 13, 2023 at 12:56 AM

JT

“ Jennifer T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Charles Morrill.

Jennifer T. - September 09, 2023 at 11:05 PM

KW

“ Richard Morrill cast in my first ever community theater production as Whit in Of Mice and Men. It was a relatively small roll, but he only ever showed generosity and was always there to alleviate whatever anxieties I had at the time. I'll always remember that generosity and the energy he gave whenever he saw me afterwards even though I had a small part in his show. He was the reason I became braver on stage. He was an amazing man.

Kyler Williams - September 09, 2023 at 04:59 PM

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“ Kathleen (. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Charles Morrill.

Kathleen (. - September 07, 2023 at 08:27 PM

BM

“ Rich was my baby brother and what a comedian and great actor he was...from an early age I can remember him getting into trouble with mom or dad, but they could never catch him to give him his needed spanking...he will be greatly missed by all who knew him...I am sure he is holding a comedy theatre up in heaven....I love you my always baby brother!
Love from your big sis, Bobbi

Bobbi Morrill - September 07, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Charles Morrill.

September 06, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Charles Morrill.



September 06, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Richard Charles Morrill.* ”



September 06, 2023 at 08:45 PM