



## Richard William Minus

December 10, 1940 - June 29, 2016

Richard William Minus, 75, passed away June 29, 2016. He was born December 10, 1940 to William Slaughter Minus and Julie Lynk Minus in San Antonio, Texas. Richard is survived by four brothers of San Antonio, Texas, KenSusan, FredPatsy, John and JoeAllison and one sister, Chris Christenson Jim of Green Bay, Wisconsin, many nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Phil Grace. Of special mention is Richard's long-time close friend and recent caregiver, Esther Farris.

Richard graduated from St. Gerard High School in 1958 and received his Bachelor's degree then Master's degree from St. Mary's University in 1966 at which time he was named in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". He continued his doctorate work at University of Texas at Austin in Social Economics. He was a member of the Texas Air National Guard Reserves for six years.

Rich had a variety of work experiences including grocery store checkout and bagger, cook, taxi driver, ice cream man, social worker for the states of Alaska and Texas, longshoreman, postal worker, substitute teacher and musician. All of these jobs connected him to ordinary men and women and the dignity of work. He was a prolific songwriter and musician and much of his musical work told stories of the plight of the underprivileged, underpaid and downtrodden and their struggle to survive when they were out of work. Rich's music has been heard in several countries. Some of his most notable works are: Laredo

Rose, Last Night, 21 in '61, The Molly McGuires, Mexican Brown, Blue Stockings, and Cans. This past January Richard was inducted into the Texas Songwriters Texas Music Legends Hall of Fame.

Services will be at St. Gerard Catholic Church, 1523 Iowa St., San Antonio on July 1, 2016, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m., Rosary at 2 p.m. and the funeral mass at 3 p.m.. Burial service will follow at Mission Burial Park South.