



## Richard Emil Wolf

February 16, 1944 - June 14, 2005

Richard Emil Wolf, 61, of San Antonio died on June 14 and left behind a large and loving family, a wide circle of friends, and a life well-lived to the fullest. Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he later moved to North Little Rock, Arkansas, and graduated from East Texas State College in Commerce, Texas, with BS and MS degrees. In his younger days, Richard was an outstanding athlete and attended college on a full football scholarship.

His business career was primarily spent in executive management and sales management for Pentax Corporation.

While very successful in the corporate world, he was equally passionate about sports, and in particular, fly fishing. His hand-crafted bamboo rods were sought by expert fishermen across the country and the attention to detail he devoted to his passion of rod-making was also evident in every aspect of his life.

He was featured in Texas Parks and Wildlife, discussing his expertise in hand-crafted rods and the finer points of fly fishing. He frequently spoke before sports clubs and was the subject of frequent media interviews on outdoor sports and fly fishing.

Friends often commented on his obvious affection for his wife Charlotte. Whether helping her entertain at their traditional large events for friends and family or his thoughtfulness in the remembrances he brought her from his many travels, his devotion to her was evident to family and friends alike. Richard was happiest when they were together, and especially when they

were fishing in his favorite spot, the San Juan River in New Mexico. In all aspects of their long and happy marriage, they were great partners as well as great friends.

Richard's sense of humor was one of the first traits that drew people to him. He lived life on a large scale, and loved his family in the same manner. Whether it was teaching his grandsons to fish or hunt, shooting with his brother Bob, competing in a spirited BBQ cook-off with his brother Sam or accompanying his wife on her professional travels, he exuded a passionate spirit for all aspects of life.

His world travels took him to the Far East on many occasions, both business and pleasure.

His generosity of spirit made him special to everyone, and his affection for his family and especially for his grandsons was a quality that made his role as "Grampa Wolf" a special joy. The hours he spent tying flies with his grandsons left them with memories that will last a lifetime.

He led by example. He had one goal: excellence in all things. His standards were high and he never asked anyone who worked for him to do anything he would not do himself.

His Christian faith was important to him, not just on a theoretical basis, but as an integral part of the life he lived.

He was preceded in death by his father, Capt. Robert E. Wolf, M.D., who was killed in Europe in World War II and his stepfather, Bennett Zack Kennedy, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Charlotte Wolf of San Antonio; his mother, Catherine Wolf Kennedy of San Antonio; daughters Terri Wolf Lowe and her husband Richard L. Lowe and their sons Garrett and Karsten of San Antonio; Connie Thompson and husband Stuart and their sons Matthew and Caven of Burnet, Texas; Ginger Tanagho and husband Alfred of LaHavre, France; son Richard E. Rick Wolf, Jr. and his son, Seth Parker of Banner Elk, North Carolina; brothers Dr. Robert H. Wolf and wife Judy of San Antonio and Dr. Samuel W. Kennedy and wife Patricia Cunningham of Boston; nieces Ashley Wolf of Covington, Louisiana and Lissa Kennedy McBurney of Boston;

nephews Robert S. Wolf of New Orleans and Caleb W. Kennedy of Boston. Richard Wolf was the consummate family man, business man, sports enthusiast, man of great faith, great humor and spirit and he will be missed beyond description but will live forever in the hearts of all who loved him. It is said that what is important is not how long a man lives, but how well. Richard Wolf's life was well-lived, and all his friends and family are the better for having him in their lives.

Pallbearers are Richard E Rick Wolf, Jr., Dr. Robert H. Wolf, Dr. Samuel E. Kennedy, Richard L. Lowe, Stuart Thompson, and Matthew Thompson.

Honorary pallbearers are Holly Barlage, George Brooks, Robert S. Wolf, Seth Wolf, Garrett Lowe, Karsten Lowe, Caven Thompson and Caleb W. Kennedy.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. The Funeral Service will be held at Oak Hills Church on Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m., with Dennis McDonald officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in memory of Richard E. Wolf to the American Heart Association, 8415 Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX 78229

# Tribute Wall

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“ Charlotte,  
May your tears of sadness and grief become as an anointing oil that  
gladdens the soul with gratitude of appreciation of a life well live and  
well shared.

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**Regina J. Axtell** - July 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ The first time I met Richard was interviewing him at DDW for the  
Pentax sales position in TX. He made such a great impression on  
me and all of the GI community, I was always proud to have hired  
him. A man who only had a positive view on life, and a work

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**Keith & Shannon Peeples** - June 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Richard and Charlotte were the first people we met when beginning  
our journey with Pentax, if that didn't happen I am not sure if that  
would have happened. The lessons I learned from Richard in the  
eight years with Pentax will never be forgotten and he w

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**Michael J. Murray** - June 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Judy and I want to extend our deepest sympathies. We feel that we  
were very fortunate and blessed to have known Dick. What a  
special person and friend!

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**Dr.Lawrence Hoberman** - June 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ *CHARLOTTE,  
WHAT A TRAGEDY TO LOOSE YOUR LIFE'S  
COMPANION! I AM PROUD TO SAY RICHARD WAS A FRIEND  
AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL.  
SINCERELY,  
BILL ZIMMERMAN*

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**BILL ZIMMERMAN** - June 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Dear Charlotte, Patrick and I were so very sorry to hear of Dick's  
sudden death. We were vacationing in Kauai, Hawaii from June 12  
to June 20, so were unable to attend any of the services. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dick wil*

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**Barbara Jean Davis** - June 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Dear Charlotte,*

*Our deepest sympathies on Richard's sudden passing. While we  
never had the chance to know him personally, it is obvious from his  
memorial service that he was a wonderful, loving husband, father,  
grandfather and friend.*

*Please know*

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**Gerry & David Cohn** - June 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on Richard's passing. Richard was a kind and gentle man who never had a cross word. He was a pleasure to work with. He will be missed greatly by everyone at Pentax.

Sincerely yours,  
Sandy Mariani

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**Sandy Mariani** - June 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Charlotte, my prayers go out to you and your family. Try to be strong and think about the good times you both had. GOD Bless.

Reese Hearn

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**Reese Hearn** - June 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ I am saddened to here of Richards passing, he was a true friend. I first met Richard at DDW 1998, I knew immediately that he was a true gentleman, a true professional, an avid outdoorsman, a man to admire. Richard and I had a lot in common. My previous

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**Wayne Miracle** - June 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I work @ the corporate offices of Pentax Medical Co & wanted to express my condolences to the Wolf Family. I want his family to know that he was loved by his Pentax family as well. He always had a kind word to share with all & we will miss his GREAT BIG S

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**Reginald Brown** - June 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ I knew Richard from Pentax sales. I was extremely saddened to hear about his death as I had talked to him just the day before. He was truly an honest gentleman!

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**Francisco J. Garcia-Torres, MD** - June 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Dick is my step-father. He helped support me financially when I was at University, as well as emotionally throughout my life. His positive attitude help lift my spirits on many occassions. I always enjoyed him showing me his new projects, and how his ma

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**Ginger Tanagho** - June 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ To Charlotte and all the family, although our paths never crossed directly we know how much Richard will be missed and, as Ginger and Alfred's friends, send our family's love at this time.  
This following is something read at my own parents' funerals an

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**Liz Tay** - June 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Dear Charlotte and family,  
Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I have worked with Richard for well over 12 years &#150; he in sales and I in the Pentax corporate office. During these many years I never heard Richard speak negatively or raise h

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**Keith Nelson** - June 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ The entire staff and physicians in the GI Lab are saddened at the loss of Richard. He was much more than a representative of Pentax, he was our friend. He brought a personal touch to everything he did, and we are all better for knowing him.

Laura Stro

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**GI Lab - Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas** - June 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I am very sadden by your departure of this life on earth but I know that you are in a much better place. I can see still see your smiling face when you and Charlotte came to my wedding back in 2004. I will always remember that day especially because you we

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**Peggy Lee Tsacclas** - June 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Richard was a pleasure, a love to work with. He would end our conversation by saying "I appreciate you". Well, Richard I appreciate and love you! My love to the family. With hugs,  
deb

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**Debby Scott** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Richard and his southern charm will be missed by all. It has been an honor to work with him and know him. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.

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**Annamarie Kovacs** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Richard has left me a profound example of how to succeed while still being the utmost cordial and caring individual. I spoke with Richard many times over the last few months and always came away feeling better than I had before talking with him. That is

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**Scott and Susan Nelson** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with with.

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**David A. Mauriello** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I have only known Richard as an employee of Pentax, however, whenever I was priviledged to be in his company, he was not only and always, a gentlemen, but a gentle man. He had a way of making you feel warm as though he had known you all of your life.  
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**M RATUIS** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ After reading the other memories of Richard it is great to see that they too had the same thoughts for Richard that I do. He was a true "SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN". His Pentax family will miss him.

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**Brian and Denise Testa** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ On behalf of the Human Resources Department at Pentax Medical, our deepest condolences to Richard's wife, Charlotte, family and friends.

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**Cheryl, Lizette and Maria** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ *Richard will forever be missed. He was such a pleasure to work with.*

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**The Scope Exchange, Inc.** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Ted Madrinan & Family** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Richard was a great teacher, a "Southern Gentlemen", and a good friend. He will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences*

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**Beto Dominguez** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Regina Tobin*

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**Regina Tobin** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Richard was truly a special person and I am honored that I had the opportunity to have worked with him. My prayers are with your family.*

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**Donna Spiegel** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *It been a great pleasure working with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Ronan Mansaram & The SESC family** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you always cherish all the many happy memories of Richard.

*The Testa Family,  
Brian, Denise, Madison*

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**Denise Testa** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ You and your family are in my prayers

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**Richard G. Stott** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Richard, I don't have any words to describes what you mean to me. I will treasure the memories of all the time we work together. I will always remember what you have gone through to find good Indian Restaurant and the reaction on your face when I say I do

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**Soy Thottumkal** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Just to say sorry for your lose and the he was a great man. Will keep you all in our prayers.

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**Rick Soto** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Richard was truly a special Southern Gentleman. He never failed to acknowledge his appreciation for your help. I am honored that I had the opportunity to have worked with him. My deepest condolences to Richard's wife, Charlotte, and family.

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**Connie Sterchele** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Charlotte and family:

*I had the pleasure of seeing Richard at conferences and sales meetings every year. I was always impressed by his ability to remember everyone by name and the sincerity with which he asked how things were going. He was always*

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**Cam Lee** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *I worked with Richard for the last two years off and on in Austin, San Antonio and Houston. I always sincerely liked Richard. He was always nice to me, always thankful, always polite, very generous and I cannot think of a single thing about him that was*

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**Andrew Davis** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Charlotte,

*We are greatly saddened to hear of the loss of one of our strongest and most respected colleagues. Richard was a gentleman, a quiet but essential leader within our troops, and more than anything &#150; he was a friend to anyone who had the*

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**Don Montgomery** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Truly one of the kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Instantly, Richard made me feel welcome at Pentax & showed genuine interest in me as a person. His sincerity & humane nature are characteristics I will always associate with his name.*

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**Steve Majury** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ You will be missed by your friends at Northeast Baptist Hospital.

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**Anita Patterson** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Charlotte and Family,

*My deepest and heartfelt sympathy is felt for you. Richard Dick was the best roll model there was in the medical device business. His knowledge and genuine devotion to his customers was surpassed by none. Over the years we*

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**Cindy Weekley** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ It is with my deepest sympathy that I extend to you my condolences for Richard. He was a special man that was very selfless, and always giving of his time.

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**Thomas Green** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Hi Charlotte,

*There is not a minute, these last few days, that has gone by where I did not think of Richard and either smile or weep from the memories. The kids always loved seeing Richard and Charlotte on the trips and would ask "why does that big ma*

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**Daryl Testa** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You will truly be missed. Our deepest condolences to Charlotte and family. You will be in our prayers.

*SRSC Customer Service-Kathy, Eloisa, Cristy, Rosa and Karen*

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**SRSC Customer Service** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Very few people will be remembered by those they knew only briefly. Richard was one of those people. I am lucky to have met him and will not forget Richard's warmth, sincerity and calming demeanor despite having known him for a very short time.

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**Peter Lodge** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VV

“ Dear Charlotte & Family,

*I was shocked and saddened to hear of Richard's passing. I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Richard. He was a very kind man.*

*May the warmth and the comfort of lovely memories someday take the place of*

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**Virginia Villanueva** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I have missed out on an opportunity to know a very wise and generous man. The little I knew of him left me wanting to know more.

*My thoughts and prayers to all of the family and friends.*

*Charles Kearney*

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**Charles Kearney** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dearest Charlotte and Family,

*I send my deepest sympathies to you and the entire family. I know how much Richard meant to all of you as he was such a big part of the Pentax family where I had the pleasure as you know of working with him for years. He*

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**Jill Krum-Hall** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Charlotte, I'm so sorry to hear about Richard. We had not seen each other for a number of years, however, we spoke occasionally. I have a lot of great memories working with him at Pentax and that big country boy smile he always had on his face. God bless you

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**Warren Bielke** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Dearest Charlotte & family,  
*It is with a heavy heart and the fondest of memories that we sit down at the end of this week to express our deepest condolences at the loss of your wonderful husband. I can picture him now, tapping away at his palm pilot as*

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**Ed & JoAnne Gerut** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Richard was a dear friend, mentor and confidant. His kindness, sincerity and charm made him so unique and appreciated by all who came into contact with him. The greatest testament to the man that was Richard Wolf is the consistent comment made by so many

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**Gary Avenel** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Dr. Wolf and family,

*It is with my deepest sympathy that I extend to you my condolences for Richard. I too pray that The Lord will comfort and strengthen you and your family.*

*"1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

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**Frances Cisneros Jenks** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My first impression of Richard Wolf was not a very positive one. It was my initial interview with PENTAX and I was certain that Richard & I were not connecting.*

*60 days after that first meeting, Richard Wolf completely changed my perspective and att*

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**Dave Brown** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Richard was a wonderful and great man! I had the pleasure of working with him for a couple of years at Pentax. I learned a lot from him as a sales person as well as a human being. My sincere condolences are with Charlotte and the entire Wolf family.*

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**Marty Gallagher** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *We are richer for having known Dick and will always look upon the gatherings at your beautifull home with fond memories. Thanks for the memories and thank you for just being you*

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**Kathy and Mark Laurila** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Charlotte,  
My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. Richard was truly a prince among men and a joy to know and work with at PENTAX. I will sorely miss his kind and gentle ways. I know your loss is profound, but may you draw some co

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**Cindy Corsaro** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I can unequivocally say that Richard was one of the kindest gentlemen I have ever met. I can still recall the first time I spoke to him when he interviewed me for Pentax. You had no option but to smile when you conversed with him because he exuded a gen

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**Brad Klyn** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ My sincerest thoughts are with you and your family.

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**Christa Emig** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dear Charlotte,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Richard was the first person to interview me at Pentax. He left quite an impression on me. Richard is one the most thoughtful, kind and genuine people I have had the privile*

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**Bob Ketron** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Charlotte,

*To you and your entire family, my wife Lisa and I, send our sympathy and condolences. No words can ever express the sadness of your loss. We share in your loss and will always remember Richard with warmth, fondness and a deep respect.*

*Our*

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**Patrick Piccone** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Dear Richard,

*I want to thank you for touching my life as you did on so many occasions. I always enjoyed watching your hardy laugh as we joked and told stories. I always appreciated your honesty, humble nature, and gentle kindness. YOU touched my heart i*

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**Howard and Arlene Gorman** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I've only been with Pentax a couple of months, but Richard was one of the first I spoke to; I thought to myself, if all the people at Pentax are as kind and warm like him, I'll like it here. Richard was a good man who touched a lot of people.

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**Eric Fisette** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy. We have known and worked with Dick for 25 years. He was definitely a very "special" person! He was always available, no matter where he was, and always eager to help however he could! We will miss him dea

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**Dr. and Mrs. Clay R. Skinner** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Charlotte:

*Words cannot describe the deep sympathy I feel for you and your family over the loss of Richard. Although you do not remember me, I am George Brooks father-in-law. I remember visiting with you and Richard at your home as Richard was b*

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**Bill Barnes** - June 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Charlotte and family: We have been near for almost 30 years. Dick was very special to us and will be greatly missed. We have nothing but good memories of our times together and will always remember him in our hearts. Love Edie

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**Roy & Edie Huff** - June 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dr. Wolf and family, I am deeply sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of grief and remembrance. May the Lord comfort you and strengthen you. God bless you and you family.

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**Pablo I. Morales** - June 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

*Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North*

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**Mission Park North** - June 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Dr. Wolf, Maria and I send your our most heart felt condolences. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

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**Ana Gonzalez** - June 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM