



## Richard William Krecl

July 4, 1954 - October 31, 2014

Richard William Krecl, age 60, departed this life October 31, 2014 at Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility in Bolivar, Missouri, after a lingering illness.

Richard was born on the 4th of July, 1954, in Brooklyn, New York, the fourth of seven sons born to Joseph and Kathleen Tulloch Krecl. The family moved to Westbury, Long Island, New York, where Richard received his education. He enjoyed and excelled in a number of sports and was affectionately called “Moose” by his football fans. He graduated from W. Tresper Clarke High School in 1973.

For twenty one years, from 1976 to 1997, Richard was a conductor on the Long Island Rail Road. He received a number of commendations for outstanding service rendered above and beyond customary performance responsibilities. Several coworkers faithfully shared the gospel with Richard which resulted in his acceptance of the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior in December, 1986. An early retirement was taken in 1997, and Richard moved to Springfield, Missouri to attend Bible College where he met his future wife, Malinda Malaise Lewright. The couple graduated in May 2002, and was married July 14, 2002 at West Division Street Baptist Church, in Springfield, Missouri.

Richard and his bride lived in the Dallas, Texas area from 2002 to 2010, while

training, preparing, and raising support for vocational, missionary ministry. Richard served under two pastors while in Texas, R.D. Wade, of First Baptist in Meadowview, and Steve Foster of New Heights Baptist in Wylie. The couple received additional training and facilitation through their mission board, International Board of Jewish missions, in Hixson, Tennessee.

Richard's illness eventually prevented continuation of anticipated goals, and the couple moved to southwest Missouri to be nearer family. They joined Wilson Creek Baptist Church of Brookline, Missouri, Randall Moody, pastor, and were lovingly ministered to there.

He is survived by his wife of twelve years, Malinda Lewright Krecl; stepson, Derrick Lewright, and wife, Amber; grandchildren, Hayden, Samuel, and Emilia Lewright, all of Bolivar; five brothers, Bob Krecl, of Hawaii, Jim Krecl, and wife Kris, of New York, Joe Krecl, of Hawaii, Dave Krecl, and wife Catherine, of New York, Lee Krecl, of Colorado; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents; and his brother, John Krecl, third born sibling.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, Missouri, with Pastors Derrick Lewright, Steve Foster, and Randall Moody, officiating. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery, in Bolivar.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 4, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the International Board of Jewish Missions, P.O. Box 1386, Hixson, Tennessee, 37343.

An online guestbook for friends and family to sign is available at [www.butterflyneralhome.com](http://www.butterflyneralhome.com)

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard William Krecl*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Richard William Krecl*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I remember when Richard took christoper and me on the train with him. We even got to drive the engine, to cool. Sorry to hear about him. Didn't know he lived near me in texas either. We live in Grapevine TX.*

**Eric krecl** - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, keeping you and famliey in our thoughts and prayers*

**Dennis Lane** - November 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rich was such a wonderful son-in-law to us and a loving husband to you. He was always lit up with the Lord's love. We will truly miss him but he is with the Lord now, free of pain and much happier. May the Lord give you strength and peace to carry on His work. We love you so much.*

*Mother and Don*

**Don & Phyllis Bishop** - November 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We remember you both so fondly and it is with both sadness and rejoicing that we acknowledge Richard's passing into the presence of the Lord. It has been such a long and difficult illness, but you have both been such a shining testimony of the Lord's grace during each phase of it. We trust the Lord will bless you Malinda in the time of subsequent adjustment. Please call upon us if we can be of any encouragement or help.

*Love in Christ, John and Marilyn Lawrence*

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**John and Marilyn Lawrence** - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ VALLEY VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

*WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOURS.d*

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**Irby Barber** - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Carolyn and I extend our sympathy to the family. May the Holy Spirit comfort you in your loss. My wife Carolyn is a resident in CMHCF. Richard was directly across the hall from her as I remember.

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**Dr. John E. Russell** - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM