



## Richard Leon Sides

February 27, 1954 - June 30, 2015

Richard L. Sides, 61, of Bolivar passed away at his residence Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Mr. Sides was born February 27, 1954 in Lamar, Missouri to Arthur A. and Frances M McManis Sides. He was a 1972 graduate of Lamar High School receiving many school awards and honors in both vocal and instrumental music. He attended Missouri Southern State College in Joplin majoring in music education. He served 2 years as Minister of Music at the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Joplin before returning to his hometown of Lamar where he worked 8 years for the Lamar R-1 School District and the Daniel Funeral Home. After becoming a licensed Funeral Director he began his employment with Sheldon-Goodrich Funeral Home in Osceola, Missouri before moving to Bolivar in 1991 and becoming associated with Murray Funeral Homes in Bolivar and Humansville. He enjoyed helping families in their time of need. Mr. Sides was a member of the Bolivar First Baptist Church and was active in the church music department. He was a member of the SBU Sixth Man Club, the Odd Fellow Lodge #515 and the Calla Rebekah Lodge #160 of Lamar, Missouri. Richard was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents William and Margaret McManis; grandparents Curtis M. and Lyda Sides; and uncle Curtis D. Sides. He is survived by friend and caregiver Michele Westfall; many cousins and a host of friends. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, July 3, 2015 at the Murray Funeral Home in Bolivar officiated by Dr. William Hooper followed with burial in Lake Cemetery, Lamar. Visitation will be held from 6-7 PM Thursday, July 2nd at the funeral home.

Memorial donations are suggested to CMH Hospice. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.murrayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.murrayfuneralhomes.com).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Leon Sides*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Richard Leon Sides*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Michele & Richard's Family, I was very saddened when I learned of Richard's passing. I was moving last week/weekend & learned only today when reading Richard's obituary on-line. I talked often with Richard when making my Mom's & my pre-need plans. Richard was always a kind & considerate man. Richard will be missed so much by all who knew him. I'm certain his family & friends in Heaven were as glad to see him, as we were to lose him. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time in your lives.*

**Helen Strack Stanek** - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Richards Passing . I got know him when my daughter worked at DQ . He will be missed.*

**Royce Slagle** - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Richard and I were first cousins once removed. We only learned of his illness recently, & I'm so sorry about his passing. I am unable to attend the funeral as we began driving our young grandchildren back to NJ. yesterday. Thank you, Michelle, for caring for Richard! He will be missed.*

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**Rhonda Penn** - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Richard was such a good person. I'm sure he will be missed. I was a classmate of his at Lamar.*

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**Janet Hankins** - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM