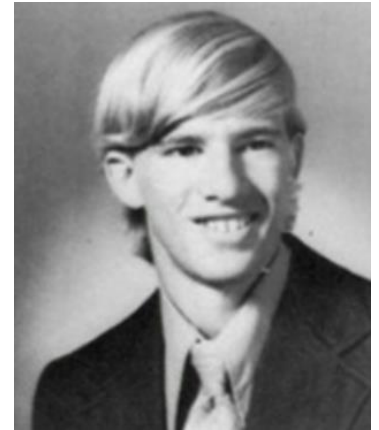


RICHARD MERRILL, JR.

November 13, 1954 – August 9, 2009



Richard Sevier Merrill, Jr., age 54, passed away Sunday, August 9, 2009. He was born November 13, 1954, in Austin, Texas.

Rick was a loving father, son, brother and uncle. Following in his father's footsteps, he joined the Boy Scouts, excelled and eventually became an Eagle Scout.

After graduation from Reagan High School, Rick attended The University of Texas Business School. He joined his father, Richard Sevier Merrill, Sr. at The Merrill Agency here in Austin after graduation. Rick served as President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Austin in 1987-1988. During his career he was also active in many civic organizations including The Texas Jaycees, The Lakeway Rotary Club of which he was President. He was involved in Rotary International and was a Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow.

Rick loved life and enjoyed many hobbies including water sports and flying. He was active in the Confederate Air Force Organization.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Sevier Merrill, Sr. He is survived by his beloved daughter, Lauren Nicole (Nikki) Merrill who was the light of his life and a stepson, Cory Giacalone. He is also survived by his mother, Elaine Yarborough Merrill, his sisters, Madeline Vanderburg and husband John Q., and Lois Robinson and husband Allan Robinson, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers included Trey Deathe, Craig Gaines, Cory Giacalone, Don Gray, Jeff Lamb, Allan Robinson, David Vanderburg and John Q. Vanderburg. The family would like to express sincere appreciation to the staff at Seton for their compassionate support and concern given during Rick's illness, especially Dr. Donovan Sigerfoos. In lieu of flowers the family asks you to contribute to your favorite charity.

