



Richard Ernest Sickels

November 5, 1937 - February 18, 2021

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“ I had Dick Sickels as a supervisor at Fresno County Juvenile Hall. We were all jokesters playing jokes on each other. I made the mistake and played a joke on Dick Sickels. He just looked at me and chuckled. I just knew I made a mistake. Nobody wanted to be around me for fear Sickels would strike. He got me about a week later. Scared the bejeebies out of me. I learned my lesson. Another time I was up to another of my schemes. I advised him to be elsewhere. He asked, Do I wanna know ? I told hime no. A little while later he called and asked how everything went. We had a good laugh. Another time I came into work with little or no sleep. He came in at midnight saw how tired I was and spent almost the entire time in this 1 man unit with me talking. That man could talk. He laughed easily and made decisions quickly. He was by far one of the best supervisor's I ever had in my working life. He was honest and straight foward and a straight shooter. You know where you stood with him. When he came in during a crisis, he never took over. He looked at the most Sr person on the ground and always asked, How you want to do this? I remember once some kid demanding to know his name. When he informed him the kid started yelling through the door laughing and making fun of his name. Richard opened the door and this kid looked up at this big imposing figure standing there and said "Oh no" I was talking to that other guy ! The world has lost a great person. He will be a great guardian angel. Rest in peace my friend

Steve Stallard - August 19, 2021 at 07:48 PM

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“ Richard E. Sickels, my dear older brother. I ABSOLUTELY loved his Magic Shows. He was so good I wished he could do them forever. He was never the quiet one. So full of ideas and various things to do. When I was in the college dorms at Fresno State, we were both home at mom & dads in Porterville. He offered to give me a ride back to Fresno so I told my girlfriend I would ride with my brother. When it was time to leave, WHAT A SURPRISE. He loved riding his Big ole Harley Davidson and that was his mode of transportation to “give me a ride”. Oh Brother!!! So, I climbed on the back of his motorcycle for the “ride of my life”. He was so pleased with himself. Tricked Carol again. After retiring from the LA County Sherriff Department; he came to Fresno and worked at the Fresno County Juvenile Hall. I remember him telling me about him setting up a library for the youngsters. In the 90's after 20 years he decided to go into teaching. He wanted to teach the junior high students before they ended up in JV. I was a Kindergarten teacher at the time, and he did his Introduction to teaching through National University with my little kinder students. They loved the coins behind the ears and his magic red balls. He went on to teach school for Delano Unified until he finally, really and truly retired. My brother had a very full life full of both sadness and HAPPINESS. He was wonderful and mischievous all at the same time. I remember him being in the ARMY, late 50's early 60's and I had this photo of him sitting on his bunk and playing a guitar. He looked so much like ELVIS. I remember he was in Hawaii for a while but his military service was not like the service ELVIS faced. Richard's military service was in the real ARMY. Tough and brutal. Times were different. I am so glad for all the wonderful memories I have shared with Richard. My brother, may you find Peace and Joy. You did a lot in your time and touched many, many people. Rest in Peace Richard, until we meet again. Much love Tully

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This photo was of Richard at his 80th SUPRISE Birthday Party. He was so tickled! He said it was his very first, real birthday party he ever had. November 2017

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“ *Richard was my brother - he had many interests, hobbies, family and friends. He will be missed by many. He had a heart for the underdog, the academically challenged, the hyperactive and strangers. He loved his daughters, grandchildren, bothers and sisters. He touched the lives of many. Rest In Peace my sweet brother, Love you forever*

Letitia Hardin (sister) - February 26, 2021 at 08:37 PM

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“ *It is hard to believe that Richard will no longer be with us. No more magic shows or flutes playing. I idolized him as a brother, teacher, and friend. We have many memories with him. He was always there for us. I will miss him tremendously!*

Bonnie Armendariz - February 26, 2021 at 06:34 PM