



## Richard S Drake

May 15, 1954 - March 3, 2019

Richard S. Drake, age 64, of Fayetteville, died at home on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Richard was born in Liverpool, England on May 15, 1954 to Stanley and Audrey Drake. He was preceded in death by his father TSgt. Stanley Drake, Jr. USAF, retired.

His military career allowed Richard to travel throughout Europe and parts of the United States as an "Air Force brat". He wrote that Vermont and Germany were his favorite places, but settled in Fayetteville, Arkansas in 1974.

It was in Fayetteville that Richard found his wife, Tracy Reeves-Cutaia. A Dallas transplant, Tracy's dance troupe DanScape Movement Theatre captured his imagination. Richard accompanied her to Toronto where Tracy delivered the keynote address and a workshop about her choreography for a differently-abled dance troupe. They continued their life journey side by side.

Richard will continue to be known across the region for his dedication and many contributions to the Fayetteville Public Access Television Station. He was writer/editor for the Ozark Gazette and writer/blogger of Street Jazz carried by the Northwest Arkansas Democratic Gazette. Richard used wit and sarcasm to address political issues and difficult topics. Always an advocate for freedom of speech, he recorded widely diverse programs and interviewed countless individuals providing opportunities for people to tell their story, present their cause, and connect to the community. He will be greatly missed.

Richard is survived by his wife Tracy Reeves-Cutaia; his mother Audrey Drake of Fayetteville; sisters Maryanne Drake Harbit of South Carolina and Janet Oxford of Fayetteville; numerous nieces and nephews; and three beloved dogs Zakita, Shiloh and Ash.

Memorial Service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday March 16, 2019, hosted by Fayetteville Public Television at 101 W Rock Street in Fayetteville and will broadcast live on FPTV with a reception to follow.





# Comments

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“ I knew Richard when he was 29, I was his assistant at a job I wont mention, but at 18 he impressed me. I believe his outlook on things will be missed. I feel honored to have met him and call him my friend in a time I was just getting a handle on life. I got to read a first draft of his book Freedom Run. You will be missed Richard may you rest in peace

Dan Scott

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“ I was proud to have Richard as a friend. My most memorable experience regarding Richard was the interview I had with him a few years ago on his TV show. He was an extremely gracious and thoughtful host, so that I felt quite comfortable and relaxed despite my natural tendency toward stage fright. As I recall, the main topic for the hour-long discussion was my research on quantum physics and a new book of mine titled "Tales of the Quantum," written for the general public. He brought up interesting and important topics such as the Big Bang creation of the universe and how this event related to quantum physics. He was familiar with the Schrodinger's Cat controversy that is a major issue at the heart of quantum physics, and asked me pertinent questions about such topics. He also brought up interesting questions about my life and my other interests such as global warming and the peace movement against the Vietnam War many years ago. Prior to our discussion, he had obviously done considerable research regarding my book, quantum physics, and my own interests. His interviews and his television show obviously meant a lot to him, and he did a really good job with them. His programs were an important public service for Fayetteville, and helped make the world a better place. The world needs more people like him. - Art Hobson, Professor Emeritus of Physics, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, ahobson@uark.edu

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“ A great guy. An honest guy who spoke the truth!! What more can you say about someone who confronted the powerful with the truth. Cyrus Young

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