



## Richard Lamar Verchimak

December 10, 1951 - January 16, 2025

Richard Verchimak, beloved partner, friend, and family member, passed away, leaving behind cherished memories and an enduring legacy of love and laughter. Richard is deeply grieved by his partner of 43 years, Clyde (Cory) Slick, and his dear friends, Jorge Guarnero and Jayson Smith, to whom he was a father figure. He was predeceased by his parents, Andrew and Ruth Verchimak, as well as his sibling Barry Verchimak. Siblings Andrew (Bud) Verchimak (Carol) and Joy Spangler (Herman) survive. Richard is survived by his nieces Charlene Shaffer, Denise Verchimak, Kara Spangler and Karla Spangler, and his nephews Wade Verchimak and Barry Verchimak. He was predeceased by his niece, Kelly Verchimak. Richard will be best remembered for his vibrant sense of humor and his remarkable ability to bring joy and laughter to those around him. He had a deep love for his home in Apple Valley, where he spent countless hours caring for his plants and tending to his fish pond, finding peace and fulfillment in his garden. A passionate entrepreneur, Richard owned and operated several businesses over the years, including dog grooming shops, a restaurant, and a fitness center. His industrious nature and boundless creativity drove him to continuously explore new ventures, leaving an indelible mark on the communities he served. Richard also loved to travel and enjoyed many adventures with Cory, including cherished trips to Costa Rica. Though they once entertained the idea of moving there, the pull of their beloved high desert home always brought them back. Richard's energy, huge spirit, and warm presence will be deeply missed

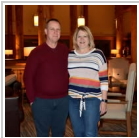
by all who knew him. Richard's memory will be honored by the family privately. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a local animal shelter or garden organization, reflecting Richard's love for animals and nature.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Richard was a great boss who became an even better friend. Knowing him for 20 years, I’ve never heard a single negative word about him from anyone who has ever known him. He will be greatly missed by all those lucky enough to have known him. My condolences to his family and friends. May the fact that he is no longer in pain be a comfort and blessing

Rich Covarrubias - January 24, 2025 at 12:24 AM



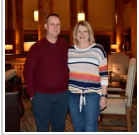
“ Richard was an amazing person... he was funny and always made people laugh and have fun! He was also sensitive and caring. We will miss him!

Denise Verchimak - January 20, 2025 at 06:59 PM

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Dear Cory, my husband and I send you our deepest sympathies. Richard was my mom’s first cousin and because my great Grandma Moyer lived with the Verchimak family we would visit their home in Wapwallopen regularly. Ricard was such fun to be around. He was also quite industrious and creative. He had a very close relationship with Grandma and my mom. His coming out as a gay man in the late 70’s made it easier for me to come out in the late 80’s. It certainly helped my mom embrace and affirm me. Although Richard and I had not seen each other for decades, we did connect occasionally on Facebook. We shared an interest in genealogy so we exchanged family stories and photos of family ancestors. I treasure those texts and photos. We are so grateful that you and he shared a life together for so many years. We are holding you close to our hearts as you mourn his passing.  
Craig Hoffman & Allen Harris

Craig Hoffman - January 23, 2025 at 11:29 PM



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**Denise Verchimak** - January 20, 2025 at 06:55 PM