



Richard Paul "Rich" White

July 3, 1957 - October 26, 2025

Richard "Rich" White passed away at his home in La Porte, Indiana on October 26, 2025, after a brave battle with prostate cancer. His wife, Paulina, was by his side.

Rich was born on July 3, 1957, in Butte, Montana, to Frank and Iris White. One of thirteen children, he grew up in a big, close family where laughter and fun were part of everyday life. The White house was never quiet, and Rich was usually at the center of it all, keeping everyone laughing.

He attended Butte schools and graduated from Butte High in 1975. In 1977, he married Pam Haxby-Cote, and together they had two children, Heather and Andy. Though they later divorced, they remained friends.

Rich lived in several states over the years including Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nebraska, and finally Indiana. Along the way, he met the love of his life, Paulina, in La Pine, Oregon. They married in October 2009 and shared many years of love, laughter, and adventure.

Rich loved being outdoors, especially horseback riding, hunting, fishing, golfing and skiing. His sense of humor was quick and clever, and he had a natural gift for making people laugh. Whether it was a one-liner, a story from his younger days, or an impersonation, Rich had a way of turning any moment into a funny one.

Rich is survived by his wife Paulina; his children Heather (Jeff) Choquette and Andy (Laura) White; stepdaughters Jasmine (Ken) Brooks and Heather Peck; grandchildren Ashley and Adam Choquette, Sam Misplon, Amelia and Xander

Fincher, Abigayle and Isabella Brooks, and Andrew Christian; and great-grandchildren Colby Misplon, Daisy Veronesi, and Sebastian Richards. He is also survived by his brothers John (Peggy), Jim (Shelly), and Ron (Melody) White; his sisters Donna Campanella, Elaine (Rod) Holm, Cheryl Collins, Bev (John) Orr, and Debbie (Colton) Beard; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Iris; brothers Frank and Bill; sister in-law Rose White, Sisters Arlene White and Judy Wulf, brothers-in-law John Wulf and Larry Campanella; and nephews Billy White, Larry Campanella Jr., and Wayne White.

At Rich's request, a celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2026, his style, which means plenty of laughter, stories, good food, and fun. An official date will be announced at a later time.

Tribute Wall

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“ Cheryl and White families. So very sorry to hear of Rich's passing. The White clan was so much fun in younger years. 🦋. Know I am thinking of y'all tonight. 💙

Charlene Conniston Warren - November 05, 2025 at 01:08 AM

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“ I haven't seen Uncle Dick in years but have fond memories about him growing up. He was very funny and had a great personality. I enjoyed hearing his funny stories around the campfire and seeing his great impressions. I found a pic from years ago at a family reunion of him and Aunt Donna that I thought was worth sharing. My heart goes out to Paulina, Heather and Andy and my aunts, uncles and dad who I know will miss him very much.



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oh my gosh, the White clan. I am so sorry to hear of Richie's passing. He was always such a little cutie and always so upbeat. Fun times shared with the White for sure. Know I'm thinking of you all today. Sincere condolences. 🦋🙏

Charlene Warren - October 31, 2025 at 11:24 AM