



Richard Furner

July 22, 1939 - July 2, 2024

Richard Cairns Furner, 84, passed away July 2, 2024.

Born July 22, 1939, in Decatur, Illinois, he was the son of the late Harry and Geraldine Furner. Richard was employed by Sears Roebuck and Company in the Chicago area for 25 plus years as an advertising executive. While at Sears, he was able to travel the country and the world fueling his love for nature and the outdoors. In addition to being an advertising aficionado, Richard went on to have a second career at the Adult Learning Center in his retirement where his genuine love for community and others was demonstrated.

Surviving are one son, Chris Furner and wife Sunshine of Moore, South Carolina; one daughter, Heather Sanders and husband Matt of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; one brother, Bob Furner of Ingleside, Illinois; and two grandchildren, Alex Sanders and Jack Sanders both of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Mr. Furner was predeceased by his wife, Renate Furner. Together, they created a beautiful family and showcased true love, affection, and dedication.

He was also predeceased by one brother, Jim Furner.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Adult Learning Center, Inc., 145 North Church Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ My heart is saddened to know that Mr. Furner has passed away. I, Cindy was his Secretary (Administrative Assistant) and the Producers. A very calm spirit man, with a caring loving and kind heart. I know you have been missed by so many. Rest in peace, Mr. Furner! 🙏💕💕

Cindy Adams - December 27, 2025 at 03:38 PM

FK

“ Dick was the jewel of the National Advertising Dept. at the Sears Tower, and I am proud to have shared years on his team. He not only stood by working should to shoulder with each of us, but always supported our creative decisions and whole heartedly believed in the professionalism of our team. To me, he was, and will always remain, the "holy grail" of managers. Rest well Dick, until we all meet again in the "Tower" of eternity.

Francine Kolcz



Francine Kolcz - July 31, 2024 at 06:37 PM

JB

“ I worked for Dick Furner for many years as a commercial producer. Dick was an upbeat, honest gentleman who did the right thing each day. His department was a close, creative group that he listened to and trusted. What a wonderful role model. I'm proud to call him friend. God speed old pal.

John Blake

John Blake - July 03, 2024 at 03:08 PM

FC

“ I'm Lorraine Prieto. I worked at the Sears Catalog in Los Angeles, California. I knew Mr. Furner through Fred Ciba who I worked closely, getting items picked and shipped from our facility to the areas where the commercials would be shot. I went to the Sears tower in Chicago once but not sure if I met Mr. Furner there. That is when my family and I met Fred Ciba for the first time and our life-long friendship began. From the many times I worked with Fred, Mr. Furner sent very nice emails to my manager and her superiors complimenting me on my work. I have never forgotten those acts of kindness. God Bless you Mr. Furner and rest in peace.

Fred Ciba - July 03, 2024 at 11:26 AM

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Fred Ciba - July 02, 2024 at 11:12 PM

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Fred Ciba - July 02, 2024 at 09:43 PM

BF

Fred, thank you for that great picture of my brother. I have lost two brothers now, and there is such a void in my heart.

Bob Furner - July 04, 2024 at 03:01 PM

FC

“ *Top notch fellow as a boss and a friend. Knew how to listen, knew how to make a decision, knew what was right or wrong. Friendly and personable to all. Was fair and square. Great guy.*

Fred Ciba - July 02, 2024 at 09:37 PM