



## Richard Lee Kirkpatrick

May 26, 1954 - May 30, 2022

Richard Lee Kirkpatrick, 68, died on May 30, 2022, at his home in Orinda, California.

Born May 26, 1954, Richard was the son of Washington, D.C. lawyer Allen Kirkpatrick III and Susette Silvester Kirkpatrick.

In 1975, he graduated summa cum laude with a BA in history and economics from Connecticut College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and named a Winthrop Scholar.

He then continued his studies as a Gilman Fellow in the PhD program in history at the Johns Hopkins University, and went on to earn a JD from the University of Maryland in 1980.

In his legal career, Richard specialized in intellectual property law as a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop, first in Washington, D.C. and later in San Francisco until his retirement in 2019.

He wrote several publications relating to his legal work, including the treatise Likelihood of Confusion in Trademark Law, along with a number of articles.

Richard was a lifelong reader who maintained an immense home library of

texts on subjects ranging from Biblical scholarship and American history to Renaissance thought and existentialist philosophy.

He wrote several works of his own on these and other topics, including a book and articles on his family's history, a history of the Kennedy administration, studies on the Books of Samuel, a website with resources for readers of Edward Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, and articles on thinkers such as Machiavelli, Heidegger, and Ellul.

For all his accomplishments as a lawyer and a scholar, Richard cared above all else about his family. He met Eliza Wilson of Cincinnati, Ohio during his time at Johns Hopkins, and they married on June 11, 1977. Living at first in Maryland, and later in California, they raised four children together: Elizabeth, William, Thomas, and Andrew.

His family will remember him as a kindhearted, devoted, and generous husband and father, who was always happy to support them in their passions, to assist them in their daily lives, to send them countless books and gifts relating to their interests, and to share pictures and recordings of the beautiful natural surroundings of their home.

He loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren, watching films, reading books, tending to his garden, visiting museums and historical landmarks, and taking trips with his family to destinations such as Lake Tahoe and the Oregon coast.

He was a member of St. Paul's K Street in Washington, DC and St. Peter's Parish in Oakland.

He is survived by Eliza, his wife of nearly 45 years, his daughter Elizabeth Albini (Jake), sons William, Thomas, and Andrew, and grandchildren, Joshua,

Hudson, and Isabelle Albin. He also leaves sisters Susette Gustini (Ray) and Sally Maggard (Jim), sister-in-law Jill Kirkpatrick (Tony Connor) as well as mother-in-law Anne Wilson and Eliza's siblings Clare Richart (Brett), Russell Wilson (Julie), and Andrew Wilson (Susan). Richard will also be missed by his numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Richard's older brother Allen Kirkpatrick IV died in 1989.

A Requiem Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 11th, at St. Peter's Parish, at 6013 Lawton Avenue in Oakland, California. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to the Association for Library Service to Children (<http://www.ala.org/alsc/donate>) or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

300 Curtner Ave  
San Jose, CA 95122

# Previous Events

## Requiem Mass

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St Peters Anglican Church  
6013 Lawton Ave  
Oakland, CA 94618

# Tribute Wall



“ *A Landon Classmate, we both attended Connecticut College. I got to share my faith with him. I see his life was dedicated to learning and study, including the Scriptures.* ”

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**Jefferis Peterson** - August 26, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Kirkpatrick.* ”



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June 09, 2022 at 11:17 AM

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“ Dear Elizabeth, William, Thomas, and Andrew,

*Your dad used to tell stories about being a "gopher" for your grandfather -- in a small twist of fate, it was my great privilege to be a gopher for both of them (but mostly for your father) in my first job at Cushman Darby. I always enjoyed working for your dad; he was infinitely patient and never minded explaining what he was working on.*

*But oh my, he was \*tough\* to figure out at any moment because...he...could...be...sooooo...dry. (Which made his jokes extra funny to me.) That lasted until the first time he called me into his office, and I noticed the \*GIGANTIC\* pictures of kids on his office wall (I don't remember which of you it was, but for the time, I'd guess it was you, Elizabeth and William), and I knew then he was a good guy.*

*Fast forward 30+ years. I got older too, became an attorney, and, of all things, picked up my own trademark practice. After all that time, up to just several months ago, your dad was still willing to get on the phone with me and teach me new things. I'll always be grateful for his kindness, generosity, and professional wisdom.*

*Speak of your father often, with smiles when you can manage. It's the stories that will keep him immortal.*

*With kindest regards,  
Mike Ryu*

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**MIKE RYU** - June 08, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Kirkpatrick.* ”



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June 06, 2022 at 10:58 PM