

Richard Sundquist

Spouse: Susan
 WHS Years: F, So, J
 Continued at Central High School

[Ric died on March 2, 1981, due to complications from diabetes. These notes were contributed by Ric's mother, Mrs. Shirley Sundquist, on behalf of both her and Susan. JM]

One thing I recall that Ric commented on when Wisconsin High closed and he transferred to Central was this: he had always assumed that, after high school, everyone went on to college. He found this was not true. You didn't have to go on to college. There were alternatives. (Of course he knew he didn't have a choice!) He went to Wartburg Lutheran College in Iowa, where he received a degree in psychology. He met his wife, Susan, in college. After graduating, they settled in Madison, where Ric worked for Olson & Veerhusen, which later became Baskin Clothing Company. To be a good salesman it takes a lot of psychology, and Ric was a born salesman – from the time he was a preschooler selling neighbors dairy products (taken from his mom's refrigerator) to selling a *ninety*-year-old man a fine gold Trumpeter suit.

One of Ric's biggest laughs was how all the schools *he* attended had closed: Lakewood School, Wisconsin High, and Central High. He always felt he should warn Wartburg College that it might be doomed.

Susan has taught 6th grade at Van Hise for 20 years. She is a master teacher, much sought after by both parents and students. Ric's daughter, Katie, is 12 years old, and going into 7th grade. She doesn't enjoy sports like her dad did;

music and creative writing are of greater interest.

Ric was a great storyteller and there was nothing we all liked more than to hear him tell them. If he were here, he would reminisce for hours with you.

Ric's last family photo, taken in 1980: Susan, Katie, and Ric. Ric was blind at the time.

Good luck with your reunion.