

Richard Henry Wall



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Richard Henry Wall, 56, passed away in his home on July 7, 2024, after a long battle with cancer. His passing was eased by the comfort of having his beloved wife Jocelyn and their pets by his side. Richard was born in Norman on May 29, 1968, to parents Dr. James Wall and Judith Henry Wall and was a lifelong Norman resident. After graduating from Norman High in 1986, he attended The University of Oklahoma where he was a five-time recipient of the Director's Award from the H.H. Herbert School of Journalism and Mass


Communication and was listed six times on the President's Honor Roll. He graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma in 1990 with a degree in journalism. Mr. Wall attended law school at the University of Oklahoma College of Law where he was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll and received the American Jurisprudence Award for Trial Techniques and Constitution Law.

Richard practiced law from 1993 until retiring due to illness in 2017. He focused his practice on criminal law and was committed to his role in the criminal justice system which came from his strong belief that the system needs caring and skilled advocacy in both prosecution and defense to administer justice fairly. Richard cared greatly for the rights of his clients. Defending those rights fit well with his strong interest in constitutional law and oration (aka talking your ears off as all his friends and loved ones know so well.) He was perhaps proudest professionally to have been a part of the creation of the Cleveland County Drug Court. As one of two defense attorney representatives, he had dedicated hundreds of hours of volunteer service. This program is critical in helping people overcome addiction without incarceration and has served to better and/or save many lives.

The loss of Richard is felt deeply. Very few people are blessed in as many ways as he was, but there can be no doubt that his greatest blessing was that people were drawn to him and to his “never met a stranger” attitude. He enjoyed countless friendships and good times because of this. Richard loved music and had an encyclopedic knowledge of it. He was a drummer from an early age. He decided late to learn guitar and by force of will and passion became a very accomplished guitarist in his forties. He greatly enjoyed volunteering for the Norman Music Festival and was blessed to attend concerts all over the world, mainly following Iron Maiden. In addition to music, Richard was an avid Sooner fan and car enthusiast (especially older Corvettes and Z-28s.) His love of his pets was a huge part of his life that brought him and them tremendous joy.

Richard is survived by his wife, Jocelyn Jude Wall (They were absolute loves of each other's lives and best friends); sister Laura Zeller & Mark Seeberger of Farmers Branch, TX; brother Doug Wall of Norman; sister-in-law JoAnna Woolridge; brother-in-law Brett Walla & sister-in-law Sallie Key of Norman; brother-in-law Rick Walla & sister-in-law Jane of Weimer, TX; step-mother, Debbie Wall of Norman; nephews/nieces Max Zeller, Devin (Eric) Eriksen, Sam Zeller, Atticus Wall, Quincy Wall, Rhett (Michelle) Walla, Vareck (Allison) Walla and Hannah Walla along with many cousins and other extended family all of whom were dear to him. He will be forever loved, remembered and missed by his family, friends and pets. Memorial events will be held privately. In honor of Richard's love for all animals, donations in lieu of flowers can please be made to WildCare Oklahoma (www.wildcareoklahoma.org).

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