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**Richard J. Sebastian(1948 - 2013)**

Richard J. Sebastian, 64

St. Cloud

August 28, 1948 ~ February 1, 2013

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at Christ Church Newman Center in St. Cloud for Richard J. Sebastian, 64, who died Friday at Quiet Oaks Hospice House. The Reverend Tony Oelrich and the Reverend Tom Dore will officiate and burial will be at Assumption Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call Wednesday, February 6, 2013 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, St. Cloud and one hour prior to the mass Thursday at the church. Parish prayers will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Arrangements have

been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, St. Cloud.

Richard was born in Chicago, Illinois to Norbert and Dorothy (Stark) Sebastian. Richard earned his Bachelor's Degree in psychology from Lewis University in 1970. He earned his Masters (1972) and Ph. D. (1974) in psychology from the [University of Wisconsin - Madison](#). On October 15, 1994 Richard married Cynthia "Cindy" Mason in St. Cloud. Richard retired in 2011 as Professor Emeritus of Management from St. Cloud State University. During his time at St. Cloud State University, Richard was a Professor of Management, Director for the Center of Business Research and Development, Chair of the Management Department for three terms, and Faculty Director of Ingolstadt, Germany Study Abroad program in the Fall of 2008. Richard received many honors and awards during his career; Lewis College Academic Scholarship, B.A. with Highest Honor (Lewis College), Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Danforth Fellowship (Honorable Mention), Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Fellowship, Postdoctoral Fellowship (Family Violence Research Program at the University of New Hampshire), Distinguished Research Award (St. Cloud State University), G.R. Herberger College of Business Distinguished Service Award, G.R. Herberger Distinguished Professor of Business, and many, many other recognitions. Richard was a member of many professional organizations such as: American Psychological Association, Midwestern Psychological Association, North American Management Society (Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President of Programs, President, and Board Member), Board member/past president of Midwestern Business Administration Association, and past president of MBAA International. Richard had a vast array of consulting experiences, served as an issue consultant on various journal publications, presented at professional meetings and has many publications in journals and texts. Richard will be missed dearly.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Cindy of St. Cloud; son, Daniel (Becky) of Inver Grove Heights; daughters, Lilian, Sophia, and Susan all at home; sisters, Patricia (Ken) Jezierski of Omaha, NE, and Eileen (Steve) Pankow, of Atlanta, GA. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, Jack Wesley.

In Lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to Quiet Oaks Hospice House or the [American Cancer Society](#) research for Pancreatic Cancer.



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