

On February 5, 2005, Rick journeyed to the Great Science Fiction Convention in the sky. In his pocket, of course, is the **Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**.

The **Hitchhiker's Guide** is the greatest success of Megadodo Publications. A handy electronic reference book, its chief selling points are the words '**Don't Panic**' written in large friendly letters on the cover, and the fact it is cheaper than its closest competitor.

Its reporters travel the length and breadth of the Galaxy . . . This life experience is then passed on via the [net] to every copy of the guide, allowing galactic hitchhikers the opportunity to misinterpret the inaccurate copy . . .

Much of the guide's content is plagiarized from the back of cereal packets, and some of it is just made up. Its most useful advice concerns towels. . . . Towels are the most useful thing it is possible to have handy in a crisis.

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*Arrangements coordinated by Parker Funeral Service & Crematory  
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Richard Alan Hubbard (1953 - 2004)  
And his beloved eight year-old  
Corrine Emily Hubbard  
University of Missouri Health Care  
Columbia, MO - June 2004

Richard Alan Hubbard, 52, of Columbia passed away, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at his residence. His father-in-law called him the last of the good guys; an original Boy Scout. Richard lost his battle with esophageal cancer and we will lay him to rest on February 8, 2005 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Columbia, MO.

Mr. Hubbard was born on Jan. 25, 1953, in Alton, Ill., to William John Hubbard, Jr. and Bobbie P. Polk Hubbard. Following graduation from Roxana High School (Roxana, IL), he attended Lewis & Clark Community College (Godfrey, IL) and earned an Associate Degree in Applied Laboratory Technology in 1979. He married Robin Y. Mabry on Sept. 16, 1989, in Brentwood, and she survives.

Richard worked for 30 years as a medical laboratory technician: 21 years with Bethesda Hospital in St. Louis and various part-time positions with St. Louis University Hospital, Christian North East in St. Louis and University Hospital in Columbia. He was enrolled as a full-time student in Biological Sciences department of the University of Missouri-Columbia with plans to become a medical laboratory researcher.

He loved MU and was a member of the True Tigers (MU Alumni Association). As youngster, Rick was a member of the Civil Air Patrol and was also a life-long Boy Scout, participating in the Order of the Arrow. In the fall of 2004, Rick was inducted into the Archon Hall of Fame for his 25 years of contributions to St. Louis Fandom.

Survivors include his wife, Robin, and a daughter, Corrine Emily Hubbard, both of Columbia; a brother, William John Hubbard III of South Roxana, Ill.; two sisters, Katherine Hubbard-Scott and Virginia Hubbard-Bartlett, both of South Roxana; and several nieces and nephews, including Tera Hubbard-Brasel, Denise Hubbard, Krystal Hubbard, Sarah Scott and Daryl "Mark" Lucas III.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters, Peggy Marie and Hilary Alexandria Hubbard. Memorials may be given to College of Arts of Science at the University of Missouri – Columbia.

Mrs. Hubbard has set-up a memory book online for those who would like to share a story, thought, or photo online for Corrine to remember her father by. Please take a moment and sign Rick's virtual memory book: <http://www.geocities.com/rahc97>.

*Rick would have love going "Polar Bear" camping on a day like today, February 8: Cloudy with a mixture of light rain and snow developing during the afternoon. High 34F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 30%.*

*In Loving Memory*  
**Richard Alan Hubbard**

**DATE OF BIRTH**  
**January 25, 1953**

**ENTERED INTO REST**  
**February 5, 2005**

**SERVICE**  
**Tuesday, February 8, 2005**  
**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
**Columbia, Missouri**

**CONDUCTED BY**  
**Father Edwin Cole**

**WAKE**  
**Immediately Following Services**  
**Lou's Palace**  
**1020 E. Walnut**  
(2 blocks north of Sacred Heart - 449.0971)