

In Memory of Richard Ruiter

Last month we lost a dear member of our yoga community. On May 26th **Richard Ruiter** passed away. I am sure that most of you have seen Richard's smiling face around the studio, and many of you got to know him quite well. Richard had an easy, friendly way about him which made him so dear to all of us.

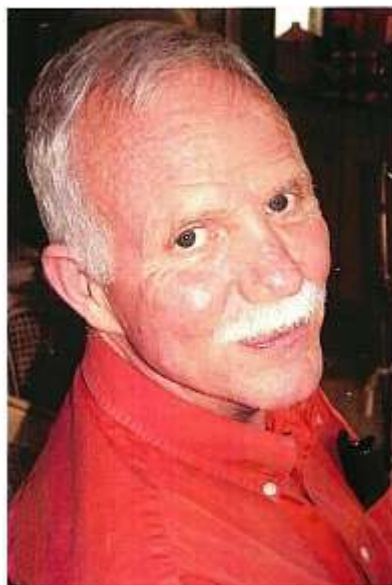
He had so many friends at the yoga studio. A great group of guys, including Richard, would always go out for coffee in the morning after class. In fact, in Richard's last few months, it was this amazing group of yogis that kept him company. They took turns taking care of him in the hospital, visiting him at home, and making sure he always knew he was loved. Jim, Bill, John, Danny, Mike, you guys are the best! You are a living example of yoga in action, and we love you so much.

At Richard's memorial someone read this beautiful quote from Dr. Seuss:

"Don't cry because its over. Smile because it happened"

Richard, we are so grateful that you "happened" in all of our lives.

Richard James Ruiter



February 15, 1940--May 26, 2010