

Messages from Friends

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Carol Vorderman wrote...



Thank you so much everybody for writing such beautiful messages for Dick. He would have been overwhelmed by your affection. I cannot begin to express the comfort it gives to know that he was loved so well. All of us in our little Countdown team keep checking this page and reading the latest messages and smile and sob in equal measure. Thank you Countdowners, your respect for him is only matched by the respect he had for you. Much love from Vord at the Board x

Kevin Lygo, Channel 4's director of programming wrote:

"Richard was a Channel 4 icon and institution and he will be sadly missed by everyone at the station who came into contact with him as well as Countdown's millions of loyal viewers.

"Countdown was the first programme shown on Channel 4 more than two decades ago and Richard was the first face to appear on the new channel. It's tribute to his skill and enduring appeal as a presenter, as well as the wonderful chemistry of his relationship with Carol, that the programme is still going strong as a mainstay of the Channel 4 daytime schedule.

"We still have a few episodes of Countdown presented by Richard that have not yet been aired. Subject to his family's wishes we hope to broadcast these remaining episodes with a tribute to Richard as soon as we feel it appropriate. We're confident that's what Richard would have wanted."

Picture: (C) Yorkshire Television. Countdown is a YTV production for Channel Four.