



## Kevin Ricke

May 16, 1958 - July 24, 2022

Kevin James Ricke, 64, of Westside, Iowa returned to his heavenly home on Sunday, July 24, 2022. He passed away unexpectedly in a farming accident.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2022 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Vail, Iowa. The celebrant will be Fr. Shinoj Jose. Music will be by Irene Feilmeier and the St. Ann's Choir. Lectors will be Thomas Ricke, Daniel Ricke, and Keith Ricke. Gift Bearers will be Krista Sporrer and Matthew Pudenz. Eucharistic Minister will be Lynn Ricke. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Emery and Isabelle Riha and Carver and Hadley Schall. Casket Bearers will be Douglas Ricke, Thomas Ricke, Daniel Ricke, Keith Ricke and Lynn Ricke. Burial will be in St. Ann's Cemetery near Vail, Iowa.

Visitation will be held at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll from 4-7 p.m. on Friday. A rosary followed by a time of sharing will be held at 6:30p.m. The casket will be moved to St. Ann's Church in Vail on Saturday morning where visitation will continue from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made for a memorial fund for Kevin's Grandchildren or the Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in

Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Kevin's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Kevin James Ricke was born on May 16, 1958 in Carroll, Iowa, the son of the late Richard and Marietta (Demuth) Ricke. Kevin attended St. John's Catholic Grade School in Arcadia, Iowa before graduating from Kuemper High School in 1976 and Western Iowa Community College thereafter.

On June 7, 1980, Kevin was united in marriage to Geri (Gallagher) Ricke. They were married at St. Ann's in Vail, Iowa. They are blessed with three beautiful children Rachel, Heather, and Ryan. Following their marriage, Kevin and Geri made their home in the Westside area where he began farming with his father and uncle Ralph Ricke. Kevin proudly honored the passing of his father and uncle by organizing the Richard & Ralph Ricke Memorial Tractor Ride. In addition to farming, Kevin worked with Rotert's Construction and most recently with Kasperbauer Services.

Kevin had an infectious sense of humor and loved making people laugh. He enjoyed raising cattle, in particular the Limousin breed. He served as a member and was a leader in 4-H over many years. He especially enjoyed attending and competing in livestock shows with his children, other family members, and friends. No matter what he was doing, he would always find time to socialize with anyone who would listen. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing cards and following his favorite sports teams which included the Iowa State Cyclones, the Creighton Bluejays, and the Chicago Cubs.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Geri and three children: Rachel (Justin Riha) Ricke; Heather (Christopher) Schall; and Ryan Ricke. Kevin was blessed with four grandchildren that he absolutely adored, Emery and Isabelle Riha and Carver and Hadley Schall. The four of which brought out his childlike nature.

He is also survived by his five brothers: Douglas (Lori); Thomas (Julie); Daniel; Keith (Darlene); and Lynn (Stacy); his sisters-in-law Cecelia Thelen; Mary (Russ) Wulf; Patty (Michael) Pudenz; Phyllis Poggensee and Therese (Mark) Smiley; his brothers-in-law Cornelius (Carol) Gallagher, Damian Gallagher, and Larry Nagl; his Aunt Esther Hausman, Aunt Sr. Emily Demuth and Uncle James Demuth; and his numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Marietta Ricke and his in-laws Lawrence and Bernadette Gallagher, Lawrence Thelen and Margie Nagl. Grandparents George and Rose Ricke and Jacob and Emma Demuth. Aunts Patricia Demuth, Berenice Wagner and Uncles Jerry Wagner, Clarence Hausman, and Ralph Ricke.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sharp Funeral Home ~ Carroll, Iowa  
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## Mass of the Christian Burial

JUL **30.** 10:30 AM.

St. Ann'S Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.* ”



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July 29, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.* ”



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July 29, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.* ”



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July 29, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.* ”



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July 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



July 29, 2022 at 12:52 AM



“ *Definitely was not ready to say goodbye this soon Dad. Grateful for the memories and time we spent together. Thank you for everything you taught me especially the value of Faith, Family, and Farming. Love you and miss you.*



Heather Schall - July 28, 2022 at 10:06 PM



“ *Your KRCL Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



Your KRCL Family - July 28, 2022 at 07:09 PM

BD

“ Beth Danner lit a candle in memory of Kevin Ricke



Beth Danner - July 28, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 28, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 28, 2022 at 02:23 PM

AM

“ Alan M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Kevin Ricke.



Alan M. - July 28, 2022 at 12:13 PM

DC

“ To the Ricke family- sending prayers to the entire family during this difficult time and accept our heartfelt sympathy for the entire family. May God be with each of you and give you the strength that is needed. The Cunningham Family.

Dianne Cunningham - July 28, 2022 at 12:06 PM

KS

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Ricke family.

Kenny & Colleen Steinkamp - July 28, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 28, 2022 at 11:17 AM

BV

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE RICKE FAMILY. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

BRUCE & MAE VONNAHME - July 27, 2022 at 10:11 PM

TD

“ Geri & Family - We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. God Bless.  
Tom & Becky Danner



Tom & Becky Danner - July 27, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



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July 27, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *Heather, my condolences to you and your family*



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**Renee Greve** - July 27, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



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July 27, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



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July 27, 2022 at 02:55 PM

FC

“ From BTR Contracting purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kevin Ricke.



From BTR Contracting - July 27, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 27, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 27, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 27, 2022 at 09:34 AM

AG

“ Alicia, Greg, and Ben Genco purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kevin Ricke.



Alicia, Greg, and Ben Genco - July 27, 2022 at 09:05 AM

DP

“ Sending love and prayers to my cousin Geri and the Ricke family may Kevin Rest in God loving hands and may God be with the Ricke family in this time of sadness. Love the Popp family. 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏



Dorothy Popp - July 27, 2022 at 04:10 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 26, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 26, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



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July 26, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Geri and the Ricke family. We had the nicest visit with Kevin Sunday morning at the fair. We visited with him for probably a half hour to 45 minutes. His smile is so contagious and he will be missed by many people. Hugs to you all.*

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**Sandra and Bob Wulf** - July 26, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



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July 26, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *New Way Ford - Mike Deeth purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



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**New Way Ford - Mike Deeth** - July 26, 2022 at 05:47 PM

MK

“ Our sympathy to Geri and Family, and the Ricke Family. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Kevin was a great man who could make you feel good by his kind words and friendly smile. May he be resting peacefully in the arms of our Lord.  
Mary Ann and Norbert Kasperbauer, Manilla

Mary Ann and Norbert Kasperbauer - July 26, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 26, 2022 at 05:28 PM

FT

“ First Interstate Bank Agri Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kevin Ricke.



First Interstate Bank Agri Team - July 26, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 26, 2022 at 04:29 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss sending prayers to you and your family



Michelle Schuette - July 26, 2022 at 04:16 PM

BV

“ Our deepest sympathy to Geri and the Ricke family. He will truly be missed as a husband, dad, grandpa etc. May he Rest In Peace. 🙏

Bev Vonnahme - July 26, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 26, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.



July 26, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *All Time Favorites Gift Box was purchased for the family of Kevin Ricke.*



July 26, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Geri and family - my heart breaks for you all. Sending deepest sympathies.*

**Marlys Schmadeke** - July 26, 2022 at 09:07 AM



“ *Geri and Family We are thinking of you all during this sad time. We hope God sends you strength and May your memories carry you through Ted and Julie Eischeid*



**Ted and Julie Eischeid** - July 26, 2022 at 08:02 AM



“ *Always a smile. Always a kind word. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*



**Marn & Kristi Pudenz** - July 25, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ *Geri, Keeping your family in our prayers 🙏🙏🙏. John & Sharon*

**John & Sharon Hansen** - July 25, 2022 at 07:20 PM

LG

“ Geri and family your in our Prayers for your loss of such a wonderful person.

Lisa Gallagher - July 25, 2022 at 05:57 PM

EL

“ My deepest sympathy to you & your family Geri.

Eileen Langenfeld - July 25, 2022 at 03:53 PM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers to Aunt Geri, Rachael, Heather and Ryan and families.  
Death leaves a Heartache no one can heal.  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.  
from Monty and Nancy Padget and family



nancy - July 25, 2022 at 12:26 PM

SC

My love and prayers to all of Kevin's family members, Geri, Heather, Ryan, Rachael, and all family members, Kevin will be greatly missed May his soul rest in peace Sister Emily Demuth CSC

Sister Emily Demuth CSC - July 25, 2022 at 10:00 PM

SC

My Special thoughts and prayers in addition to Geri, Heather, Rachael, and Ryan are extended to Kevin's brothers and their wives , Lori, and Douglas, Dan, Tom and Julie, Keith and Darlene, and Lynn and Stacy I know there was a very vey Special Bond between them I pray God will continue to bring Peace and Comfort to them and all extended family members and friends. Sister Emily Demuth CSC

Sister Emily Demuth CSC - July 26, 2022 at 03:57 PM