



## Jacob Ryan Richards Sr

November 12, 1980 - November 8, 2020

In Lieu of flowers, Memorials to the family for later designation  
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Jacob Ryan Richards was born on November 12, 1980 in Papillion, Nebraska to Willis, Jr. and Sheila (Krauth) Richards. He grew up in LaVista and Bennington, graduating from Bennington High School in 1999. As a young boy, Jake was active in football, wrestling and baseball. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and he loved taking things apart and putting them back together. Jake always said movie quotes, and he is famous for his one-liners. After high school Jake attended automotive Air Conditioning school in Des Moines.

Jake married Ann Bennett on October 2, 2002 in Blair, Nebraska and after 12 years living in Uehling, Nebraska, they moved their family of Jon, Kelly, Meghan and Jacob, Jr. to Ithaca, Nebraska.

Jake has worked as a mechanic at several businesses in Omaha before transitioning into the fire safety industry as a sprinkler fitter, most recently working at Continental Fire. He was a dedicated "Ford" man, enjoyed Stock Car racing, bull riding, gardening, collecting, barbecuing and performing in community theatre. Jake was a member of the Ithaca Fire Department and

Alma Lutheran Church, a Mason and Shriner and was active in coaching his children's sports. He was hard-working, reliable, honest, loving and tough. Jake was an avid Miami Dolphin fan and savored a good steak, a cold Busch Light and dinner out at Romeo's.

Jake passed away on November 8, 2020 at his home in Ithaca, Nebraska at the age of 39 years, 11 months and 28 days. He was preceded in death by his mother Sheila, grandfather Willis, Sr., Cousin Shane Richards, mother-in-law Diane Robinson Bennett and special friend Kelly Taylor. Jake is survived by wife Ann; Children Jon Richards of Lincoln, Kelly Richards, Meghan Richards and Jacob Richards, Jr all of Ithaca; Father Willis Richards, Jr. of Valley; brother Brandon (Mandy) Richards of Yutan; Sister Traci Happel of Council Bluffs; Grandmother Millie Richards of Valley; many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and "brothers".

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - November 10, 2020 at 04:57 PM

LD

*I am so sorry for your loss. My kids will always remember him.*

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**Lori Dietz** - November 11, 2020 at 02:40 PM

GD

*Jake was a ray of light when he played baseball with our team. It was a pleasure to have known him. Hes in heaven playing ball with Coach John, I'm sure! To his family, our condolences! Our thoughts are with you.*

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**Gerri DiMauro** - November 12, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Jacob Ryan Richards Sr*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

KR

“ *It's almost been two years, but it still hurts like I lost you yesterday. I wish so badly that I could get one of your hugs or dance on your feet again. I miss you so much, daddy. I wish you were here. I know you are looking down on me every day, and I hope you are proud of your little girl. I am trying to be strong without you. Please keep giving me signs that you're near. I love you more. Love, your Kelly Belly*



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**Kelly Richards** - August 05, 2022 at 01:39 AM

PA

“ *i'm really gonna miss when you would come over with your family and you would give each of us girls big hugs and a kiss and then you would get really excited for the fireworks i just really miss you .*

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**Paige** - March 02, 2021 at 01:20 PM

BR

“ *Jake, today is one month since u been gone. I think of you everyday and miss u every second of every day. We had so many good times together,side by side. I will never stop loving you or ever forget you. You are my best friend, and don't ever forget how much your little brother loves you!*

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**Brandon Richards** - December 08, 2020 at 08:40 PM

RY

“ *"hey Puddin" "hes my friend". i love you and your family*

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**Ryan** - November 16, 2020 at 04:54 PM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss! Sending all my love! The world is truly a smaller place without Jake in it! ~ Lisa Swanger



Lisa Swanger - November 15, 2020 at 09:16 PM

PA

“ Patty lit a candle in memory of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr



Patty - November 13, 2020 at 08:43 PM

JL

“ Oh Jake where do I start? I have so many wonderful memories of you and all of our families times together. You would brighten my day any time I saw you! When I called Ann you would yell in the background " Hi GINA" I will miss you dearly and hold you in my heart forever. Rest in paradise Jake, until we meet again. I love you!  
Jeana

Jeana Lute - November 13, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.



November 13, 2020 at 08:39 AM

MC

“ *Malone Family Cousins purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



**Malone Family Cousins** - November 12, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



November 12, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



November 12, 2020 at 01:31 PM

LF

“ *Local 669 Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



**Local 669 Family** - November 11, 2020 at 04:48 PM

TF

“ *The Riecken Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



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**The Riecken Family** - November 11, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



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November 11, 2020 at 01:56 PM

JK

“ *Justin, Kelly, Lincoln & Mac Kreifels purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



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**Justin, Kelly, Lincoln & Mac Kreifels** - November 11, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



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November 11, 2020 at 01:16 PM

RY

“ i always looked at jake as a uncle dad older brother type. He always wanted to shake your hand or talk to you. People would of had a better life with his in your life. I knew ann and jake from ithaca nebraska. I love all there family and i hope that i can hang out with the family again. I always saw jake with a smile and a hand to be shook. I love you jake.

Ryan - November 11, 2020 at 01:00 PM

RY

“ I remeber when he would say hes my friend or when his handshakes would turn your hand purple. I love you uncle jake

Ryan - November 11, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.



November 11, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.



November 11, 2020 at 07:54 AM

TF

“ *The Steinauer Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



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**The Steinauer Family** - November 10, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



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November 10, 2020 at 08:46 PM

AJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with the family. Jake would always brighten my day with his friendly smile*



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**Arlene Janecek** - November 10, 2020 at 08:15 PM

BD

“ *Brandon sorry to hear about your brother. Always was a pleasure to see him. He always had a hand out to shake. Will be missed. Bob Drews*

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**Bob Drews** - November 10, 2020 at 06:15 PM

MR

“ Jake's smile and willingness to help anyone will be greatly missed! Rest in peace brother. Prayers to all of his family and friends. We will all get through this trying time together!



Matt Ruhrer - November 10, 2020 at 06:02 PM

SM

“ I knew Jake and Ann from the gas station in Uehling. He was always so friendly and always had a smile on his face! I'm so very sorry to all of the family and friends for your loss! Prayers to all!



Sabrina Miller - November 10, 2020 at 05:18 PM

CG

I only met Jake and Ann once when I was caring for my sister Katrina in Nebraska after her cancer surgeries. They stopped by to check on her. They are lovely people and VERY good friends to her and her daughter Hailey. They are devastated as am I even though I only met him once. You'll be forever in our thoughts! Farewell my friend!!

Cynthia Gillis - November 10, 2020 at 05:57 PM

TF

“ The Huffman Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.



The Huffman Family - November 10, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jacob Ryan Richards Sr.*



November 10, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Friends*



**Debra Reppert** - November 09, 2020 at 05:21 PM



*All the love you shared with us will never be forgotten Jake! Our deepest sympathies go out to all family members. The Reppert's*

**Debra Reppert** - November 09, 2020 at 05:24 PM



*So sorry for your loss, he will be dearly missed.*

**Nancy Bilek** - November 10, 2020 at 10:21 AM



*Your family is in my every thought and prayer! May you find peace in your hearts!*

**Steve and Mary Mayfield** - November 10, 2020 at 05:12 PM