



## Richard Lee Muff

November 12, 1946 - January 14, 2026

Richard Lee Muff was born in North Bend, Nebraska to George & Mildred (Shavlik) Muff on November 12, 1946. He grew up in Morse Bluff, enjoying lots of time in the creek and working at Wolf Sand & Gravel. He graduated from North Bend High School in 1964 and graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln where he earned his Masters of Education in 1969. On July 3, 1971, Richard was united in marriage to Rita Ann Masek at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Agnew, NE. They were blessed with four children, Orion, Michael, JoAnna and Andrea. They spent most of their life residing in Omaha and were active at St. James Catholic Church and later at St. Philip Neri where he especially enjoyed his time serving with the St. Vincent de Paul organization.

Richard was proud of his career and volunteering roles. He started as a Physics and Chemistry teacher in York High School, a K-12 counselor in Wymore, and then over 30 years as a School Psychologist for Omaha Public Schools. He looked forward to spending time with his family and friends hunting, fishing, woodworking and playing tennis. Richard was very passionate throughout his life trimming trees, training his hunting dogs, gardening asparagus, roses & irises, tending his peach trees and writing his memoirs about growing-up years. Richard was very proud of his years coaching high school girls' basketball, as well as his own kids in basketball and soccer, and later cheering on his grandkids at their various sporting

events and activities. He always had a talent for identifying which players needed special attention to make them feel like they're part of the team and make them more confident in their skills. Reading books, puzzles and teaching his grandkids stuff they really didn't care to learn always brought him joy. In retirement, Richard valued his time spent with friends, Marriage Encounter group, and Rosary group. While spending time with Richard, you would quickly learn that feeding you, and pulling weeds/picking up sticks at your house was a gesture of love.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert "Bob" Muff, sister-in-law Loretta Muff, and brothers-in-law Leo Masek and Mark Hardesty; also trusted hunting partners Dutch & Sam. Left to cherish his memory are wife Rita Muff of Omaha, children Orion (Astara) Muff of Omaha, Michael (Jill) Muff of Lincoln, JoAnna (Damon) Herbst of Shawnee, KS, Andrea (Rob) Eiesland of Larchwood, IA, grandchildren Avery (Violet-Leon, Stellan); Matthew & William; Macallister & Isadora; Logan & Arya.

Further survived by brothers Dale (Sharon) and Dwayne Muff, brothers & sisters-in-law Pat (Terry) Hudnall, Dennis (Vernie) Masek, Dan (Deb) Masek, Loretta (Ron) Kubik, Mary Hardesty, Bob (Susan) Masek and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind a large extended family and many wonderful friends.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to:

St Vincent de Paul  
c/o St Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament  
8200 N 30th St.  
Omaha, NE 68112

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
18602 W. Maple Street  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

## Vigil service

JAN 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
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Elkhorn, NE 68022

## Mass of the Christian Burial

JAN 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
18602 W. Maple Street  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

## Burial

JAN 20. 3:00 PM.

St. Vitus Cemetery  
Touhy, NE

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I still remember fondly when he had his dogs play hide n seek with me and my sister. I remember you all fondly, especially Andrea Muff-Muff. You are all in my prayers.  
*Megan Darby Fung*

Megan Fung - January 19 at 10:26 PM

TF

“ The Dieme Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Lee Muff.



The Dieme Family - January 19 at 04:45 PM

CO

“ Cathy Bruce and Laci Olberding purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Lee Muff.



Cathy Bruce and Laci Olberding - January 19 at 09:03 AM

CO

“ Cathy Bruce and Laci Olberding planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Muff.

Cathy Bruce and Laci Olberding - January 19 at 09:03 AM

JM

“ Jeff and Maria Muff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Lee Muff.



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**Jeff and Maria Muff** - January 19 at 03:43 AM

BP

“ Rita, Orion, Mike, Joanna, and Andrea, please accept my condolences. I was so sad to hear this news. As you all know better than anyone, Rich was a wonderful person, a family man, a public servant, a committed educator, and a true class act. May you each live on with him in your heart and take pride in his considerable legacy. - Brian Pinaire

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**Brian Pinaire** - January 18 at 09:05 PM



“ Mr. Muff for me was a wonderful man. I spent so much time of my younger life with his family and very thankful for that time. One of my favorite memories was getting to listen to my first comedy album, and laugh so hard. It was a skit called 200 Miles per hour and so well done I still laugh about it to this day. Mr. Muff and his family saw me at my worst and best and yet never judged. Thank you so much you will be missed but not forgotten!  
Mathew & Michell Monastersky

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**Devlin Monastersky** - January 18 at 07:55 PM

MM

“ *Mathew & Michelle Monastesky purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Lee Muff.*



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**Mathew & Michelle Monastesky** - January 18 at 07:49 PM

BC

“ *I had the honor of working with Rich at a few OPS schools. He was kind and thoughtful and always treated the student, parent and the classroom teacher with respect! May he rest in peace!*

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**Barbara Carlson** - January 18 at 11:21 AM

SL

“ *Sheila Jessica Jamie Lori Jenni lauren purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Richard Lee Muff.*



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**Sheila Jessica Jamie Lori Jenni lauren** - January 18 at 09:43 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Muff.*



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January 18 at 05:22 AM

JR

“ *Judy R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Richard Lee Muff.*



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**Judy R.** - January 17 at 02:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Muff.*



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January 17 at 12:08 PM

PJ

“ *Rich was a professional like none other . Always willing to take the time to understand what made a child tick. The endless hours he's spent with me at several of my schools as a school psychologist is priceless. It was a privilege to know Rich and later I got to know Rita My husband Bill was a tennis partner with Rich so now two great men are gone. My thoughts are with the family . You have so much to be proud of and your husband and your father will be forever missed.*

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**Pinaire Jan** - January 16 at 11:51 PM

CE

*So very sad to learn that Rich has passed away. I had the privilege to work with Rich first as a Special Education teacher and then as a Principal. He always had the unique perspective of understanding students and evaluating their special needs. I could always count upon his wise counsel. I would like Rich's family to know how much his OPS family loved and valued him. He will be greatly missed.*

*Carol Ellis*

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**Carol Ellis** - January 17 at 10:24 AM

RD

*I worked with Rich at Central High. A lot of students would be very anxious when they were to be tested. Rich would joke around with the kids and they would relax and achieve their optimum score. He was just the nicest guy. I am fortunate to have known and worked with Rich.*

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**Ray Dewaele** - April 29 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Muff.*



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January 16 at 01:14 PM

PL

“ *Rich was an awesome man of wisdom! Always insightful and true to his convictions. He liked to tell stories, and enjoyed a good chuckle.*

*✨🙏 May you Rest In Peace, Rich! 🙏✨*

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**Paula and Vince Lenz** - January 14 at 09:18 PM