



Richard Allen Sholtz

December 4, 1953 - May 27, 2018

Memorials to Nebraska Humane Society, Valley Library or Car-A-Van;

Richard Allen Sholtz was born on December 4, 1953 in Schuyler, Nebraska to Raymond and Mary (Kerlin) Sholtz. He grew up in Valley where he attended grade school and graduated from Valley High School in 1972. Rick enlisted in the United States Army and served from 1973 to 1977, with a deployment in South Korea. Upon his return, he attended Wayne State College for a couple of years. As a young boy, Rick enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, anything that crawled and spending time at the Platte River.

Rick has lived in several places around the country but settled back in Valley. He had several construction jobs, and for the last 14 years, worked for a variety of companies who did international federal contracting, before working for AllCom Global Services. As a result of his employment with a variety of companies, Rick was able to travel the world, working outside the country for extended periods of time. This also allowed Rick to travel and explore the sights near his work. He was fondly known as Puk (Russian for Rick) by his co-workers. Truly a world traveler, Rick visited/worked on 4 continents and loved to learn about the history and customs of new places. He enjoyed fishing, canoeing and kayaking and drew his spirituality from the beauty of God's creations. Rick was a kind, generous, and caring free-spirited man who

enjoyed new experiences to the very end. He was a source of support for his sisters in their times of need and was always willing to lend a hand. Rick savored his mother's potato salad and a good piece of apple pie and when home, dinner out at Farmer Brown's.

Rick passed away suddenly while on assignment in South Korea on May 27, 2018 at the age of 64 years, 5 months and 23 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Mary. Rick is survived by his sisters Virginia Walker, Patty Hopkins and Mary (John) Watson all of Omaha; brother Gene (Kris) of Bradford, TN; nieces and nephews.

Visitation Wednesday 5 to 7 PM at the funeral home; Funeral Thursday 10 AM at United Faith Community Church in Valley; Interment Omaha National Cemetery; Memorials to Nebraska Humane Society, Valley Library or Car-A-Van; condolences to www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com

Reichmuth Funeral Home

21901 W. Maple Rd. 402-289-2222

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Service

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

United Faith Community Church
218 West Gardiner Street
Valley, NE 68064

Graveside

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Omaha National Cemetery
14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Allen Sholtz*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I met Rick on the Tashkent, Uzbekistan project in 2005. Over the years Rick became a close and dear friend of mine. I will always be inspired by Rick's ability to strike up conversations with so many different types of people. I have many memories of Rick doing things that no one expected. He would act or speak in a way just to see the reactions of people around him.*

Like walking up to the boss in front of the entire crew and giving him a sympathetic hug after he had just finished a rant about how bad things were going on the project.

I will deeply miss this character wearing Hawaiian shirts, my best friend.

Jay Nordstrom

Jay Nordstrom - June 12, 2018 at 05:27 AM



Thank you for sharing your memories with us. You truly spoke about the brother we knew.

Mary- sister - June 13, 2018 at 03:22 PM

GW

Jay, thank you for sharing your thoughts about Rick. You were very, very dear to him, too, and valued your friendship very much. He loved all the guys so much and was always eager to get back out to see everyone. Rick was bigger than life, so full of life and love and we all now have a big hole in heart. Rick was pure 100% genuine; what you see is what you get, so giving, loving, caring, gentle and kind. My baby brother, I miss him so very much. Thank you again for sharing. Since Rick liked to give hugs, I will send you one of my own for loving him. Thank you!

Ginny Walker - June 14, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ *Ginny, Mary and Pat (Gene too) I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Rick from our time together, he was my first love and so has always held a special place in my heart. He also is the reason I met all of you and have been friends with Ginny for all these years. You are all in my prayers during this difficult time.*

Rick always marched to a different drummer, I have a rock he gave me once with that has a poem about that written on it, he mailed me his beard one time and used to steal flowers from a neighbor's garden to give me. He really knew how to make a girl feel special. He also taught me what giving away your heart was like and also what it felt like to have it broken.

I know you were all very important to him and he will be looking out for you. I also know he will always be in your hearts as well.

Sending you all prayer and fond memories.

Terry (Gibson) Robson

Terry Robson - June 09, 2018 at 02:23 AM

MS

Thank you Terry. For the wonderful words and tribute to Rick. He will be missed by the many people he touched in his life.

Mary, sister - June 09, 2018 at 04:50 PM

GW

Terry, you already know my thoughts and how much I value you and our friendship over the years. Rick did things his way, just as I did and still do; it works, and still does. He was big on don't sweat the small stuff, be flexible, and he's right. There are so many more important things to value in this world. His home was the entire world, and he did see a very fair portion of it. As Mary said, Wow, what a view he now has. Thanks for being my friend, too, all these years. You are precious to me! Hugs!

Ginny Walker - June 14, 2018 at 03:24 PM

JN

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Jay Nordstrom - June 07, 2018 at 08:43 PM

MS

Thank you for sharing these wonderful pictures of Rick.

Mary, sister - June 09, 2018 at 04:51 PM

GW

Thanks, Jay, for the pictures. These are some I don't have and will treasure them forever!

Ginny Walker - June 14, 2018 at 03:25 PM

MJ

“ I was graced with meeting Mr. Sholtz in Belgrade about 7 years ago and have never been the same since! He is truly one of the greatest men I have had the pleasure of sharing time with, Puk was always near and dear to my heart and he will be greatly missed. I was fortunate enough to spend a lot of time with him through the years, we were on several projects together. When not on projects together, we would often have long long phone conversation about nothing and everything. Richard was salt of the earth, truly a genuine friend and it is sad to have lost such a person. Although there was quite an age difference between us, we were able to share many moments together on and off the job. My favorite memory of Puk is when he would ask all the young girls at the bar if they thought he was hot, he had some pretty candid responses according to their replies. We had a lot of fun together, along with many of the other guys who ran around all over the world.

Let us not forget Richard and all of the great memories we have with him. I send my condolences to all of the family. Especially to his daughter, whom he spoke so highly of and was so very proud of her. He would always let me know how she was and where she was and what they had planned or what they had been up to or if he was mad at her. Thank you Puk for all the great memories, we love you and will miss you.

Your friend,
Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson - June 07, 2018 at 03:36 PM

MS

Your words about our brother, Rick, bring comfort to us. Thank you for sharing.

Mary, sister - June 09, 2018 at 04:53 PM

GW

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us and thank you for your response to my email. Rick will forever be in our hearts because he had such a huge capacity to love others. We are better because he was in our life, but not nearly long enough!

Ginny Walker - June 14, 2018 at 03:26 PM

RR

“ Puk and I worked together in Belgrade and Vienna. He was a real character, he certainly had a unique take on things. He was a good guy to know, a good co worker and good friend. We had lots of fun times on and off the job.

If it was a sunny day, you were likely to get a hug, not so much on cloudy days.

He was not much of a snow and cold guy.

He talked a lot about Hawaii and the islands. He told us he had a great time 'chillin' in Costa Rica.

We had lots of conversations about kayaking, shooting, hunting, politics, the stock market, and work of course, plenty of man talk.

He was kind, sensitive, thoughtful, helpful.

He also had a cat that he loved.

I will always consider him one of my best friends.

I miss you my friend. Rest in Peace.



Ralph Rensi - June 07, 2018 at 10:26 AM

MA

Thank you for the wonderful memories you shared and what a great picture of him

Mary-sister - June 07, 2018 at 09:54 PM

SO

RIP Puk, you will surely be missed.

Soup - June 14, 2018 at 07:36 AM

GW

Thanks for sharing this great picture of Rick. He loved the sun, sand, sea, surf, anything water, nature, be it a bug or a creepy crawly thing. What a guy, so precious to so many and pure 100% genuine clear through. To know was to love him because he was just himself. Rick is one of the most people I've ever known and so very fortunate to have him as my brother. Thank you for sharing your memories!

Ginny Walker - June 14, 2018 at 03:29 PM

PG

“ Met Puk in Vienna. Had the pleasure of being around him for over a year. He was a straight up fine as a fellow you would ever want to meet. He always made me feel better with his winning PERCEPTION!!!!

paul goodwin - June 06, 2018 at 03:33 PM

MS

Thank you for the wonderful memories you shared with us.

Mary- sister - June 13, 2018 at 03:25 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Sholtz.



June 05, 2018 at 10:28 PM



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June 05, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ I have worked with Rick off and on overseas for the last 12 years. He was a true friend. I had just left South Korea job late April and spoke with Rick prior to my departure. PUK my friend I will miss you dearly and see you in the after life so we can hook up for fishing and hunting again.



David A Whittaker - June 05, 2018 at 09:22 PM



Thank you for the wonderful words. You spoke of the things he enjoyed in this life.

Mary-Rick's sister

Mary-sister - June 06, 2018 at 12:14 PM



Oh, yes, Rick loved to fish, hunt, do anything outdoors; it was his church. I miss my baby brother so very much but we are all so much better for having had Rick in our lives. What a wonderful guy, and I am so fortunate to have been able to call him my brother. He loved the guys he worked with very much. I know so many by name and know how much he treasured each person. Thank you for your words and memories. He's looking down on all of us now; he is indeed a free spirit. Thank you again.

Ginny Walker - sister - June 14, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Sholtz.*



June 05, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



jesse zavala - June 05, 2018 at 03:15 PM



Thank you for sharing your memories! Rick was loved very much and I care about all of you as much as Rick did. Thank you!

Ginny - June 05, 2018 at 03:47 PM



He brought a smile to us CAW's when he was on our jobs. He will be missed by many of us. His unique character will be in our hearts for many years.

David A Whittaker - June 05, 2018 at 09:30 PM



Oh yes, Rick was indeed unique, but that is what made him so very special and lovable. With him, what you saw is what you got, honest, caring, giving, loving, sensitive, kind, gentle and loved life, such a free spirit. We are all better for having had in our lives. I'm so fortunate to be able to say he's my baby brother. I miss him so! Thank you for sharing.

Ginny Walker - sister - June 14, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ *These are from Jody Perry taken a couple months ago.*



Aaron Moore - June 05, 2018 at 02:57 PM

MA

Thank you for sharin the more recent pictures of Rick. I will cherish them.

Mary, Rick's sister

Mary-sister - June 06, 2018 at 11:24 PM

GS

Thank you for the recent pictures. I will treasure them forever. What a guy; I am fortunate to be able to call him my baby brother. We had a bond that became stronger over the last 13+ years as he traveled the world. I miss the weekly phone calls, the laughter, the "can I ask you to do" whatever it was for him. I would do anything to be able to have him ask me that question over and over again. I miss him so!! Thank you for sharing.

Ginny Walker - sister - June 14, 2018 at 03:40 PM

PA

“ *Patty lit a candle in memory of Richard Allen Sholtz*



Patty - June 05, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Sholtz.*



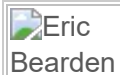
June 05, 2018 at 07:21 AM



“ *Aaron Moore purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard Allen Sholtz.*



Aaron Moore - June 05, 2018 at 06:44 AM



Eric Bearden

“ *Richard who we all called Puk was so fun to work with. He would always have an off the wall comment about something. He would have some of the most fashionable shirts usually covered in joint compound. He would always ask for a hug. I'm so glad that the last time he asked I was able to give him one last hug. He will be truly missed and never forgotten.*

Eric Bearden - June 05, 2018 at 06:35 AM

MS

You described Rick perfectly. That is how I remember him most. Thank you for sharing.

Mary- sister - June 13, 2018 at 03:29 PM



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Bob Carney - June 05, 2018 at 05:15 AM

GI

Thanks for sharing your photos


Ginny - June 07, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Sholtz.*



June 04, 2018 at 06:03 PM

Patrick Krzak

“ I don't know where to start. I have so many memories of working with Puk. I don't think I knew his real name for 3 years. He made me laugh so many times when I was working with him. I remember his pot leaf bandanna he would wear at work. The looks he would get from the upper management. I guess the thing I remember the most is he would call me the skipper and I would call him my little buddy. I am going to miss his humor and practical jokes he did. He always make me laugh even if he just made me mad. I am going to miss my little buddy.

Patrick Krzak - June 04, 2018 at 04:56 PM

MS

Skipper often was upset with his "little buddy." But those are the times that make us smile and remember Rick with fondness and love. Thanks for sharing.

Mary-sister - June 13, 2018 at 03:32 PM



“ Loved working with Puk.
I am going to miss seeing him in a Hawaiian shirt and carrying a mud pan, walking around the job site.
He used to like to mess with me, if he walked by and my back was turned he would move my ladder or do something to tick me off, then he would laugh, which would make me laugh...



Aaron Moore - June 04, 2018 at 03:33 PM

MS

Sounds like Rick. If your ladder gets moved, know he is still with you as he will be with all of us.

Mary-sister - June 13, 2018 at 03:34 PM

GS

I hope your ladder is still getting moved just a bit, that you hear his voice when you realize it's been moved, and hear his laughter. He's still with us. I think he was with me Sunday as I was going through his belongings because I couldn't find something I had put in a certain place, but found it a short distance away. He's still with us, and I hope he continues to visit. I miss my baby brother so very much, and welcome a visit from him at any time. Thanks for the memories.

Ginny Walker - sister - June 14, 2018 at 03:53 PM

MA

“*Mary lit a candle in memory of Richard Allen Sholtz*



Mary - June 03, 2018 at 07:10 AM