



## Rick Sake

November 14, 1951 - March 10, 2015

Richard Ray Sake was born on November 14, 1951 in Omaha, Nebraska to Ken and Loretta (Krutilek) Sake. He grew up in Valley where he attended grade school and graduated from Valley High School in 1970 and went on to study at the United Electronics Institute in Des Moines, Iowa. Rick was baptized on August 10, 1952 and confirmed on May 2, 1965 both at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Valley. As a young boy, Rick loved the outdoors and was active in baseball and football.

Rick married Ruth Emerson on July 13, 1974 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Valley and they were blessed with three children: Kelli, Kristi and Kyle. Rick and Ruth have always made their home in Valley.

Rick worked at Valmont Industries before becoming a service manager and working at Bunz Implement, Diesel Power, Murphy Tractor and Ditch Witch before returning to Diesel Power. His calm demeanor suited him well in this career. Rick enjoyed fishing with his grandchildren, bowling, tinkering in the garage and attending his grandchildren's activities where he was often the "statman". He played Santa at Christmas time for many families and was an avid Husker fan but his passion was Halloween. Rick and the family presented a fantastic haunted house for the community every year. He was a quiet, humble, giving man who would never turn down someone in need of help. Rick enjoyed watching sports on TV, listening to classic rock and preparing Sunday breakfast after Sunday School for the grandkids.

Rick passed away suddenly on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from a traffic accident near Elkhorn at the age of 63 years, 3 months and 24 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Ken and Loretta, father-in-law Willie Emerson and brother-in-law Jerry George. Rick is survived by his wife Ruth; son Kyle of Waterloo, NE; daughters and sons-in-law Kelli and Tripp Sutter of Elkhorn, NE and Kristi and Dan Trost of Waterloo, NE; 5 Grandchildren Paige and Emily Sutter and Caleb, Colton and Kenzie Trost; sister Linda George of Valley; Step father Charlie Schulz of Valley.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rick Sake*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DK

“ *So sorry to hear of Rick's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.  
Was always a great time when around you and Rick. Wonderful memories.*

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**Dawn Knigge** - March 18, 2015 at 12:59 AM

DM

“ *So sorry to read of the tragic accident and the loss of your loved one.  
Our heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever,  
and wipe the tears from all faces' Isaiah 25:8.  
What a wonderful future hope that is.  
There is much Bible based comfort to be found on the website jw org*

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**d mullins** - March 17, 2015 at 07:50 PM

BR

“ *My condolences to you and your family during your time of grief. Please find peace, knowing that you have the comfort and support of family and friends during this time of sorrow, May God bless you and your family. Brian Rehberger Diesel Power Batavia IL.*

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**Brian Rehberger** - March 16, 2015 at 10:02 AM

KR

“ *Ruth and family, our heart breaks for you. Rick was such a wonderful husband and father. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kent & Teri Roberts** - March 14, 2015 at 08:28 AM

BM

“ *To the Sake Family; Ruth*

*Sorry to hear about your loss. Your husband was certainly a caring and loved individual. The world is a better place because of Rich.*

*God Bless*

*Bob Mehaffey - North Bend*

*Bob Mehaffey Jr. - Omaha*

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**Bob Mehaffey** - March 13, 2015 at 06:39 PM

MA

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You all are in our prayers at this most difficult time. May God Bless and Keep you now and always.*

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**MIKE AND BARB ARMSTRONG** - March 13, 2015 at 06:04 PM

CF

“ *Linda and family, so sorry for your loss. Rick will be dearly missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.*

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**Carol & Karry Johnson family** - March 13, 2015 at 05:22 PM

JK

“ *Ruth and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I actually met Rick for the first time at one of your famous Haunted Houses. What a wonderful man. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Julie Krause** - March 13, 2015 at 03:10 PM

MH

“ *To the entire family! I just heard the news and I'm so sorry for your lost! I used to work with Ruth and Kelli and my heart goes out to all of you!*

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**Marsha Hellerich** - March 13, 2015 at 11:53 AM

RH

“ *Hi Ruth, just heard about your tragic loss. You and your family will be in our Prayers. Rick and Maggie Hopkins*

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**Rick and Maggie Hopkins** - March 13, 2015 at 11:42 AM

DK

“ *Ruth*  
*I am so sorry to hear about your loss. We are thinking of you and your family. You will be in our prayers.*

David and Rachel Keffeler - March 13, 2015 at 09:36 AM

SH

“ *Ruth and family. We are so sorry to hear about Rick. He was a great man. You and your family are in our thoughts*

Sherrie and Chuck Hascall - March 12, 2015 at 08:55 PM

KN

“ *Ruth,*  
  
*Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family*

Ken and Sharon Nielsen - March 12, 2015 at 08:42 PM

TW

“ *You and your family are in our hearts and prayers. May God keep you in his loving arms during this difficult time.*

Terry and Carol Widman - March 12, 2015 at 05:27 PM

SD

“ *Ruth and Kelli and families,*  
  
*I am so very sorry for your loss. May the Lord hold you close and comfort you with his peace. Blessings to you all.*

*Sherri (Schmidt Dzingle)*

Sherri (Schmidt) Dzingle - March 12, 2015 at 01:58 PM

DB

“ *Your entire family has our deepest sympathy.*

Dean & Phyllis (Hansen) Bart - March 12, 2015 at 12:56 PM

RK

“ Dear Ruth, Kelli, Kristi and Kyle, and your entire family,  
My heart goes out to you in the sudden and tragic loss of your loving Husband,  
Father, Father-in-Law, and Grandfather. May the love and support of those that  
you and Rick touched their lives help you through this very difficult time.  
Regina Kotchin & Wayne Williams

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**Regina Kotchin** - March 12, 2015 at 12:40 PM

DB

“ Ruth, Kelly & family, Kristy & Family, Kyle  
We're so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. I'm always  
available should you need anything.

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**Deb & Russ Boardman** - March 12, 2015 at 11:14 AM

DK

“ Ruth & Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers during this difficult time.  
Denny & JuLee Kallenbach

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**Denny & JuLee Kallenbach** - March 11, 2015 at 10:26 PM

BS

“ My friend, it was a privilege to call you FRIEND! You were a kind and gentle soul.  
Everyone who knew you were blessed! You and Ruth created a wonderful family  
whom I have had the privilege to be a part of their lives. You created a wonderful  
memory this past Christmas for a young single mother who also will never forget  
your kindness and generosity. Rest in peace and know your life touched so many.  
Bob and Jeannie

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**Bob and Jeannie Scholz** - March 11, 2015 at 09:59 PM