



Ryan Gerald Willms

June 11, 1968 - July 31, 2021

Ryan Gerald Willms 53 of Omaha, Nebraska entered into eternal rest on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at his home in Omaha. He was born June 11, 1968, in Columbus, Nebraska to Richard and Jeralyn (Wallace) Willms. Ryan graduated from Columbus High School in 1986. As a child growing up he loved playing baseball and at age of 9 started and went all the way through to Legion Ball.

At the age of 10, on October 14, 1978 he won the punt pass and kick contest in Fremont, NE. After high school he joined the Army National Guard, from 1987 thru 1990. He moved along with his parents to Omaha, in the spring of 1990 and he got his first job at Payless Cashways and started playing slow pitch softball and that is where he met the love of his life Reva Fister. They were married on November 9, 1991, at South Omaha Church of God.

Ryan's first love was softball (especially slow pitch), which he umpired at almost all the fields in the Omaha and surrounding area for 25 years. His hobby was golfing in the summer; he hit a hole in one at the Tiburon Golf Course May 2013, and the highlight was getting to golf with pro, John Daly on 3 different occasions, when he was working with 84 Lumber.

In the fall he loved to hunt deer in Albion, Nebraska, and in Tabor, Iowa. He was a friendly outgoing person and always knew what he wanted.

Ryan is survived by the love of his life Reva Willms for almost 30 years; his two daughters: Brittany (Ryan) Steele of Lincoln, NE and Lindsay (Bryan Packett), and granddaughter Braelyn Packett all of Omaha; his parents Rich and Jeri Willms of Omaha; brother Rick (Debra) Willms of Omaha; his in-laws Rolland and Sonja Fister of Norfolk Nebraska; his beloved Godparents Larry and Marcia Janssen of Bennet, NE; Maren Schuster (Don) of Grand Jct. Colorado; Special "Sis" Janice and Special "Cuz" Suzy; many aunts, Uncles and cousins; nieces and nephews, and his SOFTBALL FAMILY; and a very special dog Roxy. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Auburn Cemetery

180th and Q Streets
Millard, NE 68134

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
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Family will receive friends

AUG 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ryan Gerald Willms*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - August 03, 2021 at 10:53 AM

SH

All our love to you Reva and girls...So thankful that you are in Heaven Ryan and we will see you again...but until then our hearts will go on singing and we will sing of the greatness of God and give thanks for eternal life! Your eternal life has just begun...wow!! Love to you all, Larry and Sherree Fister and family (Cleveland TN)

Sherree - August 05, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Ryan Gerald Willms*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DM

“ *Diane Matsunami lit a candle in memory of Ryan Gerald Willms*



Diane Matsunami - August 05, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ryan Gerald Willms.*



August 04, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *I like many others got to know Rhino at the softball fields. He was the nicest guy and always quick with a joke. My thoughts and prayers to his loved ones. Godspeed, my friend*

Gregg Jones - August 03, 2021 at 10:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ryan Gerald Willms.*



August 03, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *Reva, Brittany, & Lindsay*

I am so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers for the Willms family.

Sheryl Flynn - August 03, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ryan Gerald Willms.*



August 03, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ryan Gerald Willms.*



August 03, 2021 at 08:26 AM



“ *Reva Brittany Lindsay*

So sorry for your loss of Ryan. He was a great man, husband, father and grandfather. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

*Love & God Bless
Jodi Scholl*

Jodi Scholl - August 03, 2021 at 04:28 AM

MR

“ *Maple Ridge Retirement Staff & Residents purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ryan Gerald Willms.*



Maple Ridge Retirement Staff & Residents - August 03, 2021 at 12:30 AM

CB

“ *Wilms Family, Deepest sympathy in the loss of Ryan. Will always remember him playing with the boys, when they were young My heart is hurting for you*

Carol Becher - August 02, 2021 at 06:21 PM

PP

“ *Rich, Jeri, Rick & Family. I am at a loss for words during this sorrowful time. Please know that I am thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort. Pat Prokupek*

Pat Prokupek - August 02, 2021 at 03:19 PM

CB

*Wilms Family My deepest sympathy in the loss of Ryan. Will always remember him playing with the boys when they were young This has to be one of your saddest dYs
Carol Becher*

Carol Becher - August 02, 2021 at 06:17 PM

RH

*Rich, Jeri and Rick and families.
So sorry for your loss. Remember Ryan and our boys baby sitting him and Rick. He was such a fun kid.
Our prayers and sympathy.
John and Rita Hoebing and family*

Rita Hoebing - August 03, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Gerald Willms.



August 02, 2021 at 03:16 PM



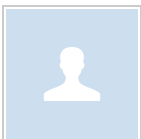
“ I was upset to hear about Rynos passing. I've known Ryno of his days with 84 Lumber. He was a great man and dearly loved his family. His infectious smile will be missed. Rest easy old friend.

Matt Richman - August 02, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ Some people putt cross handed, but Ryan was only guy I ever saw who hit all his golf clubs cross-handed. He was fun to be around and could really hit the ball. So sorry for your loss Rich and Jeri and your whole family. With love Tim & Dixie Gutz

Tim Gutz - August 02, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ryan Gerald Willms.



August 02, 2021 at 01:00 PM

DL

“ So sad to hear about a Ryan’s passing . Ryan lived across the street from me growing up 35+ years ago. Ryan had an affections smile a great laugh, wonderful sense of humor and was truly a good guy and good friend. You will be missed by a lot of people, all of who’s lives you affected for the better. Rest In Peace my brother.

David Love - August 02, 2021 at 08:33 AM

TH

“ Ryan, you were affectionately known as "Rhino" to all of us players in the Nebraska Senior Softball league. Heck, most of us didn't even know your real name! We are glad you are no longer in pain, and that's a good thing, but you will DEFINITELY be missed on Field 3 this Fall and next Summer.

Rest In Peace, Brother.

Tom Holder

Tom Holder - August 01, 2021 at 10:56 PM

SE

Rest In Peace Rhino!

Scott Emery - August 02, 2021 at 10:33 AM

SB

rest in peace Rhino I will miss talking to you

Steven Bessey - August 02, 2021 at 10:36 AM

BL

Glad to have met and had a beer with you Rhino. Save a cold one up there for me.

Bob Lausten - August 02, 2021 at 02:18 PM

MF

always had a good time with you, my friend. so glad we saw you one last time on field 3 just a couple of weeks ago. we had you call one more strike. you still had it. i give you our private joke one last time. "TALL PEOPLE, UNITE!"

mike friesz - August 02, 2021 at 03:16 PM

VI

Rhino you will be missed. I enjoyed our talks about umpiring and hearing about your family. Till we meet again my friend.

Vince - August 03, 2021 at 09:39 AM

CS

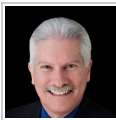
Rhino was a great friend of my Parents and loved my Mother's cooking. He rode in the famous RV to every Nebraska Football game in Lincoln from Columbus. Great guy. He loved Nebraska football and loved the game of softball. He will be missed as a great umpire and a great friend.

Christine Shank - August 03, 2021 at 09:46 PM

HM

*Remember Rich giving the kids rides on the lawn mower in the back yard when we all lived in Johannes Addition'
So sorry Jeri Rich and family.*

Howard & Ella Milburn - August 03, 2021 at 10:26 PM



So glad to know Rhino through the Nebraska Senior Softball League. Always a positive and warm outlook. Until we meet again my friend.

Alan Hardt - August 04, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *Donna Crawford lit a candle in memory of Ryan Gerald Willms*



Donna Crawford - August 01, 2021 at 03:46 PM