



In Loving Memory of
Rick Zoellner
November 2, 1947 - May 21, 2023

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Memorial Visitation

Thursday, May 25, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Hartquist Funeral Home

Luverne, Minnesota

Memorial Service

Thursday, May 25, 2023

7:00 PM

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Officiating

Pastor Mari Rogers

Scripture

Psalms 23 KJV

John 14:1-7

Philippians 4:13

The Lord's Prayer

Music

"Amazing Grace" As Recorded by Alan Jackson

"How Great Thou Art" As Recorded by Alan Jackson

Interment

Maplewood Cemetery

Luverne, Minnesota

Richard "Rick" Allen Zoellner, was born November 2, 1947 to George and Gurina (Hommen) Zoellner in Luverne, Minnesota. Rick tragically lost his father when he was four years old and was raised the only child of his mother Gurina and his step-father Harold Meyer. He was a baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne and attended school at Magnolia Public School, graduating May of 1966. After graduation, Rick joined the Army Reserve and married the love of his life, Donna Stegemann, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek, Minnesota, where he then became a proud member of their congregation. After their marriage, Rick was drafted and spent 13 months in Vietnam between 1968 and 1969. When he returned, he and Donna moved into their home outside of Beaver Creek in 1967 and would spend the next 55 years calling that house their home. Rick began working as a welder, first for Hassenstein Steel in Sioux Falls for 16 years, and then for Egger Steel from 1985 through his retirement in 2010. A cancer diagnosis forced him to retire but a miraculous recovery blessed Rick with another 13 years with his loving wife and family. On Sunday, May 21, 2023, while surrounded by his loving family, Rick went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the age of 75 years, 6 months, and 19 days.

Rick will always be remembered for his creative and inspiring iron projects. He made several trailers, but the most important project to him was the cross he made for his beloved wife of almost 56 years. He also enjoyed using his skills with welding to help his friends and neighbors. Rick loved his children and grandchildren, giving each a unique nickname, and always set aside "grandpa time" no matter what else was going on. As evidence by the photo used for his funeral, his grandchildren were able to talk him into almost anything, including putting a cute, red bow in his hair for a picture. He loved to tell jokes and stories and had a passion for history and John Deere tractors. He also enjoyed trap shooting, and bowling. Being an only child, Rick especially loved being welcomed into Donna's family and loved all of her brothers, sisters, and their children as if they were his own.

Left to cherish Rick's memory as they look forward to their reunion with him, are his wife, Donna Zoellner of Beaver Creek; children, Todd (Aileen) Zoellner of Warner Robbins, Georgia, and Tricia (Matt) Wingert of Valley Springs, South Dakota; grandchildren, Ryanna (Jordon) Patrick, Taylor (Dylan Baker) Wingert, and Jacob Wingert; as well as many loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, George Zoellner; step-father, Harold Meyer; and mother, Gurina Meyer.

To God be the glory!

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