

Gone Riding

By David Ritter

Don't cry for me, I still ride free,
with the wind upon my face,
leather in black, the sun on my back,
a priceless gift of God's grace.

I'll never grow old, on these streets of gold,
chasing a majestic sunset,
and I still recall, how I love you all,
sweet memories I won't forget.

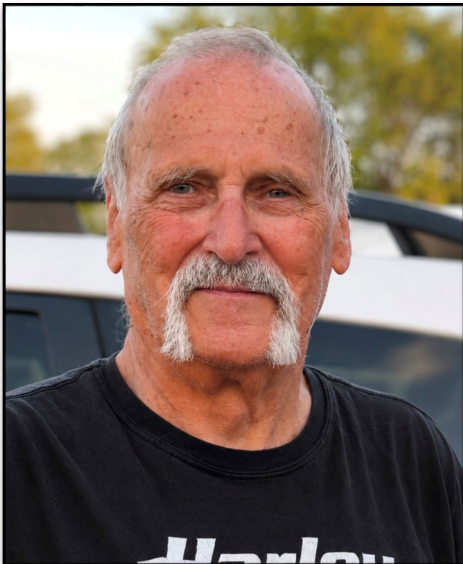
And when your road ends, we'll meet again,
inside the Pearly Gates,
and we'll laugh awhile and go ride for miles,
but for now, Heaven can wait.

When you do get here, don't shed one tear,
and think that I'm in hiding,
just search Heaven's shore, where engines roar,
and you'll find that I've gone riding.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF

David "Rink" Rinkenberger

August 18, 1951 - July 5, 2026



Services:

Federated Church - Morris, Minnesota
Friday - July 10, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating:

Reverend Matthew Orendorff

Musician:

Francie Turner

Honorary Urnbearers:

American Legion Riders

Remembrances by:

Michelle Westhoff, Holly Anderson
Jim Clough, Travis Rinkenberger
Amy Doll Wohlers

Interment:

Calvary Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota

Dave was born in Morris to Francis and Luella (Heintzelman) Rinkenberger. He attended St. Mary's School and graduated from Morris Area High School with the Class of 1969. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1971 to 1975 before returning home to begin his career.

Dave worked in construction before joining Michaelson's Tree Service. He later worked as a welder at Wilkens Industries and Superior Industries, retiring in 2025 after many years of hard work.

On June 29, 1991, Dave married Peggy Torkelson. Together they built a life centered on family, raising two sons, Travis and Jason. Dave was proud of the men they became and treasured every opportunity to spend time with them. Being called "Papa Dave" by Miles (son of Travis and Sarah) was one of his greatest joys.

Dave enjoyed riding his Harley and was a proud member of the Morris Legion Riders. Some of his favorite days were the "date days" he and Peg shared together. They'd head to Forada for breakfast, stop at Menards, or make their way to Apol's Harley-Davidson. It wasn't about where they went. They simply enjoyed being together. Through 35 years of marriage, Dave and Peg believed they could do the hard things together.

Family meant everything to Dave. He loved spending time with his brother and sisters, his brothers- and sisters-in-law, his nieces and nephews, and many good friends. He will be remembered as an honest, dependable man who worked hard, loved his family deeply, and appreciated the simple things in life.

David Allen Rinkenberger, 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with mesothelioma caused by asbestos exposure.

Dave is survived by his wife, Peggy; sons, Travis (Sarah) and Jason; grandson, Miles; brother, Ron Rinkenberger; sisters, Carol (Barry) Westhoff, Deb (David) Ziegelmann, and Wanda (Jim) Hart; along with his brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Luella Rinkenberger.

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Funeral & Cremation Service

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