

Gone Fishin'

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,

So put me on a boat headed out to sea.

Please send along my fishing pole

For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,

To fill your heart with every wish.

Don't worry, or feel sad for me,

I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,

But you will come and bring your smile.

That won't be long you will see,

Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,

Be happy as I go out to sea.

If others wonder why I'm missin'

Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'

~ Dalmar Pepper



In Loving Memory of



*Richard Paul
Eckhoff*

April 4, 1957

October 17, 2024

Richard Paul Eckhoff

Richard Paul Eckhoff, 67, of La Monte, MO, passed away on October 17, 2024, at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia. Born on April 4, 1957, in Pontiac, IL, he was the beloved son of Arthur Clarence Eckhoff and Marilyn Jean (Brown) Eckhoff, both of whom preceded him in death.

On July 24, 2003, Richard married the love of his life, Linda S. Albrecht, in Las Vegas, NV, and she remains a cherished presence in their home.

A proud graduate of Stover High School's Class of 1975, Rick honorably served in the United States Army from 1976 to 1979, with stations in Panama and Ft. Hood, TX. Following his active duty, he joined the Army National Guard while working at Rival Manufacturing and attending State Fair Community College, where he earned an associate's degree in Electrical Engineering. He applied his expertise as an Electrical Engineer on Apache, Cobra, and Black Hawk Helicopters, showcasing his dedication to service and innovation.

Rick had a passion for life that included fishing, playing guitar, and, most importantly, spending time with his grandbabies, family, and friends. A master electrician, he had an extraordinary ability to wire or repair anything involving electricity. His creativity extended to leather work, where he enjoyed crafting key chains and gun holsters. Known for his culinary skills, he was a master fish fryer, often sharing his delicious crappie catches with loved ones. Riding his Harley-Davidson was another joy in his life, a symbol of his adventurous spirit.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; four sons: Matthew Eckhoff of Kansas City, MO, Christopher Eckhoff of Knob Noster, MO, Brandon Albrecht (Chelsee) of Crockett, TX, and Jacob Looney (Audrey) of Warrensburg, MO; two brothers, Butch Eckhoff of Sedalia and Roger Eckhoff (Terrie) of Eldon, MO; a sister, Ranae Campbell of Olean, MO; eleven grandchildren: Caly, Seth, Samarah, Lorretta, (Anthony), Brittany, Sabrina, David, Addy, Wayne, Amalia, Amara, and Rayne; two great-grandsons, Albiel and Amadeus; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Rick was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Clarine Eckhoff.

Funeral Service

9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 25, 2024

Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Russ Slocum

Special Music

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Always Remember Us This Way"

"Go Rest High On That Mountain" - Video Tribute

Interment

Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Higginsville, MO

Military Honors

United States Army, VFW Post # 2591

Pallbearers

Jacob Looney, Brandon Albrecht, David Eckhoff,

Caleb Whitworth, Jack Hall, Randy Burford

Honorary Bearers

Christopher Eckhoff, Seth Comfort,

Terry Albrecht, Troy Frakes

Memorial Contributions

Wounded Warriors