

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be;
So He put his arms around you
and whispered,
“Come with Me”.
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.
Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY
we could not make you stay.
A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best!

Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Richard Rau

October 15, 1942—July 9, 2026



Services:
Trinity Lutheran Church
Cyrus, Minnesota
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Officiating:
Reverend Christopher Richards

Soloist:
Jere Solvie

Pianist:
Angela Nybakke

Pallbearers:
Michael Rau, Morris Rau, Gary Eli-
ason, Mason Saylor, Gerson Roche,
Jesse James

Interment:
St. Petri Cemetery
Cyrus, Minnesota

Richard Rau was born on October 15, 1942, in Appleton, Minnesota, to Albert and Emma (Eliason) Rau. He graduated from Appleton High School, where he participated in track. He later completed carpentry training at a vocational-technical school. Richard also sang with the University of Minnesota Men's Chorus, traveling to Seattle to perform at the World's Fair.

Richard proudly served his country in the United States Navy for five years. He was actively involved in his community, coaching Little League baseball and serving his church in many capacities, including as a church council member, building committee member, and usher.

Richard took great pride in his carpentry skills. He began his career with Watkins Construction in Alexandria before establishing his own business. He operated his business for more than 35 years, earning a reputation for quality craftsmanship before retiring at the age of 62.

On June 13, 1970, Richard was united in marriage to Judy Rau.

Richard enjoyed spending time outdoors. He loved hunting, fishing, and camping, and treasured the time these activities allowed him to spend with family and friends. Whether at the lake, in the woods, or around the campfire, he appreciated the simple joys of nature and the memories made along the way.

Richard passed away peacefully on July 9, 2026, surrounded by his family; he was 83 years old.

Richard is survived by his sons, Ryan Rau (Lisa Rudnick) and Eric Rau; grandchildren, Alexa (Mason) Sayler, Laurel Rau, Brooke Rau, and Rheanna Rau; Judy Rau; brother, Warren (Elaine) Rau; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Emma Rau; brother, Merton (Elaine) Rau; and sister, Ramona Rau.



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In Loving Memory
Richard Rau