



Rex Allan Picken

February 28, 1951 - October 24, 2024

Rex Allan Picken was born on February 28, 1951, to Donald and Joanna (Sinclair) Picken in Mahaska County, Iowa. He attended school in Cedar, Iowa, through 6th grade and graduated from Eddyville High School in 1969. Rex attended Iowa State University. He married Becky Brunt on January 22, 1972. Two sons, Joel Allan Picken and Kyle Mark Picken, were born into this union.

In 1974, Rex and his dad formed Picken & Picken Construction, which built and remodeled new homes. Donald retired in 1984, and Rex continued building, joining Amwood Homes as a dealer in 1987. He retired in 2014, moving to Missouri to be closer to family.

Rex was a man of faith who always thought of others first. It was known among family and friends to “call Rex” whenever something needed to be built, repaired, or advice was needed. Rex was the listener and problem solver for many. Out of all his roles, he embraced being ‘Papa’ the most. Rex could spend most weekends at softball and basketball games cheering on his granddaughters. He was a fan of Iowa State sports, the Chicago Cubs, and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Rex passed away on October 24, 2024, at his home, at the age of 73, after he endured an over four-year journey with cancer that he handled with faith, humility, and humor. He is survived by his wife Becky; his sons Joel and Kyle (Megan) Picken; granddaughters Kinsley, Aubrey, and Layla; niece Renee (Ron) Godfredsen and their children Ryan, Sarah, Sean, and Seth; niece

Sheri (Ed) Curtin and their children Eddie and Austin; sisters-in-law Mary Beth Tyrrel and Melinda Dexter; stepsister Sue Wells (Judy Luellwitz); and several special nieces and nephews.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Karen Osterfoss Myers; stepmother Frances Wells Picken; brothers-in-law DeVerne Osterfoss, Charles Tyrrel, and Gary Brunt; and niece Kelly Jo Osterfoss.

Graveside Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2024, at Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Home Hospice (Kansas City, MO) or Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House (Oskaloosa, IA).

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rex Allan Picken.

November 04, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rex Allan Picken.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex Allan Picken.



October 29, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ Becky I am so sorry!

Kathy Job Larsen - October 25, 2024 at 05:21 PM



Great guy! Lot of respect for him. We will keep you in our prayers.

Roy and Loy Lobberecht - October 25, 2024 at 06:54 PM

TS

I am deeply saddened to hear this. Rex was such a kind man! I have great memories working for him. Amazing talent in building. A true craftsman.

Tim Sparks - October 29, 2024 at 10:03 PM

JS

Rex was the quintessential best of friends, always with that Cheshire grin on his face. We loved to give one another a "bad time" (not really bad...just poke fun at one another in a good way). He will be sorely missed...one of a kind true friend. Sorry to lose him but glad that he suffers no more. This wearisome life journey ends but that for which he (we) were created begins. Thankful to have had Rex a part of my life. Becky, sweet Becky, you were a trooper for Rex when he needed you most. Our times with you and Rex in Osky and in Missouri are special memories. He is God's alone now. Carry on (as we know you will). Though "Papa" (as he was known to the family) will be missed, you're well placed with your family to carry on. May God grant you great strength as only He can in the times that lie ahead. John (& Pat) Smith

John Smith - October 31, 2024 at 12:45 PM