



Rick Van Zee

January 9, 1960 - October 14, 2025

Rick Van Zee, 65, of Pleasant Hill, passed away Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

Ricky Earle Van Zee, son of Dwight Earle and Virgie Mae (Dickerson) Van Zee, was born January 9, 1960, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He was a 1978 graduate of Oskaloosa High School and furthered his education at Indian Hills Community College, where he studied computer maintenance, graduating on August 7, 1980. His first job was at Wang Laboratories in Denver, Colorado, as a computer engineer. He returned to Iowa after a year and settled in Pleasant Hill, where he began working for Digital Equipment Corporation. After several years, he began a career with Hewlett-Packard, where he has worked for over 40 years as a computer engineer. He was employed there until the time of his death.

Rick grew up attending the Assembly of God Church in Oskaloosa and was currently attending the New Life Church in Pleasant Hill. On February 21, 2009, he was united in marriage to Virginia "Gigi" Buenviaje at the Rose Hill Community Church. Rick and Gigi enjoyed traveling in their RV with their dog, Reggie, but only "Out West". Over the years, he also enjoyed motorcycle trips with his parents and friends; he loved to water ski and snow ski as well. Hanging out with family and friends was the main reason he enjoyed these activities. His last trip to the Philippines to meet his nieces and nephews was

especially enjoyable for Rick.

Rick's family includes his wife, Gigi of Pleasant Hill; a daughter, Crystal Lewis-Van Zee of Maryland; a sister, Marlys (Slade) Speers of Monroe, IA; two nephews: Dalton (Taylor) Speers of Memphis, TN and Sheldon (Katie) Speers of Mitchellville, IA; three great-nephews: Sterling, Callaway and Stetson Speers; and several aunts and uncles.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents.

Funeral Services for Rick will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor Andy Miller of New Life Church officiating. Cremation will be accorded after the service and burial of his ashes will be held privately in Forest Cemetery. The family will greet visitors from 9:30 a.m. to the start of service on Saturday morning. Memorial contributions can be made to the New Life Church in Pleasant Hill.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Funeral Service for Rick Van Zee in memory of Rick Van Zee*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - October 18, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Rick Van Zee*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - October 18, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rick Van Zee.*



October 17, 2025 at 06:23 PM

FC

“ *Fil-Am Fellowship for Christ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Van Zee.*

Fil-Am Fellowship for Christ - October 17, 2025 at 06:23 PM



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October 17, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rick Van Zee.*



October 17, 2025 at 02:37 PM

CM

“ Rick and I, along with our group of friends were inseparable growing up! We sang in the Jerusalem 5! We thought we were amazing! (So did our parents) We vacationed together and made incredible memories, mostly at Yellowstone! We water skied together! Rick and I even had the same car. A blue 76 Cougar. God did incredible things in Rick's life through his battle with cancer. God called me to Pastoral ministry which consumed so much of my life. I wish we had stayed closer throughout the years. I have prayed many times for my friend. I love this family! Paul, Velda, Dwight, Virgie Rick & Marlys, all such important people in my life. Marlys you are loved and cherished! My prayers are with you! Please let me know if I can be of any help to you! God bless you!
Craig Moore

Craig M. Moore - October 17, 2025 at 01:18 PM

CF

“ Chuck And Jackie Ferree lit a candle in memory of Rick Van Zee



chuck and jackie ferree - October 16, 2025 at 05:14 PM

RA

“ Robert A. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Van Zee.

Robert A. - October 16, 2025 at 02:05 PM

JW

“ We have wonderful memories of Rick's faithfulness in serving the Lord in musical ministry when we were his Pastors in First Assembly. May God minister comfort 🙏 to those left with grief and sadness.

Pastor and Elaine Wibley

John Wibley - October 16, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rick Van Zee.*



October 16, 2025 at 08:52 AM

MM

“ *Mike and Katie Meo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Van Zee.*

Mike and Katie Meo - October 16, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rick Van Zee.*



October 16, 2025 at 05:29 AM

KC

“ Kirk & Cindi Carter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Van Zee.

Kirk & Cindi Carter - October 16, 2025 at 05:29 AM

RM

“ Robert Morrison lit a candle in memory of Rick Van Zee



robert morrison - October 16, 2025 at 01:09 AM

TS

“ Went to school from elementary on with Rick. He lived just down the road from where I grew up. Always such a nice guy, treated everyone so kind! Rest in peace Rick.

Tammy Kirby Sparks - October 15, 2025 at 10:17 PM

KR

I grew up with Rick. He was always so kind to everyone. Prayers for his family 🙏

Karen Ridlen - October 16, 2025 at 08:47 AM

GN

This weekend, my husband and I were blessed to have spent time with him. On Saturday, he greeted us warmly, smiling and waving as we walked towards him, and he squeezed our hands tightly. As we bid farewell on Sunday, he waved again and whispered a final goodbye. He is now in the loving presence of our Lord Savior, no longer suffering. Our condolences to his wife and our friend Gigi and the family 🙏

Gina Nuckolls - October 16, 2025 at 09:51 AM

TY

“ *Todd and Alma Young purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rick Van Zee.*



Todd and Alma Young - October 15, 2025 at 08:44 PM