



Blair "Richard" Ragan

June 15, 1943 - December 3, 2022

Blair "Richard" Ragan, age 79, of Albia, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones at his home in Albia, under the care of EveryStep Hospice.

Richard was born June 15, 1943, at home in Tyrone to Blair "Buss" and Ollie (Kellogg) Ragan. He grew up attending school and graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1962. On July 29, 1983, he was united in marriage to Lillian "Rose" Carlson in Illinois. Richard and Rose shared 39 years of marriage prior to his passing.

In his younger years, Richard worked at the King Theatre in Albia, starting out as an usher and working into the Assistant Manager position. He then went to work at Gambles in Centerville before moving to Illinois where he worked for Burgess-Norton Manufacturing Company until his retirement in 1995.

Richard was an avid race fan who enjoyed all types of racing, whether attending or watching on television. He often took his family to races in Wisconsin, Ohio and Iowa. He had many favorite drivers, including Dick Trickle, Rusty Wallace, Mark Martin, Jack Haudenschild, and Danny Lasoski. Richard enjoyed being outdoors, vegetable gardening, and picking up walnuts to feed the squirrels. He had a great love for horses and riding and owned many throughout his lifetime. Richard enjoyed Westerns and reading Louis

L'Amour books. He and Rose also enjoyed traveling. He was very caring, loving and generous, willing to help take care of many family members, close friends, and neighbors.

Richard is survived by his wife, Lillian "Rose" Ragan; his children, John (Ligita) Ragan, Sharon (Chris) Dickenson, Victoria Pae, Bill (Allison) Carlson, Muriel Carlson, Greg (Cindy) Carlson, Doug Carlson, and Brian (Diana) Carlson; 25 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren, 12 great-great grandchildren; and 3 siblings, Rita (David) Bell, Raymond (Beverly) Ragan, and Anna (Jimmy) Graham. Richard is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Blair and Ollie Ragan and 2 brothers, Edward Ragan and John Michael Ragan in infancy.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Richard's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow services in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Georgetown.

Memorials have been established to the King Theatre in Albia or St. Patrick's Cemetery in Georgetown.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

Georgetown, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Blair "Richard" Ragan

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Blair "Richard" Ragan

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Blair "Richard" Ragan.



December 08, 2022 at 01:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Blair "Richard" Ragan.



December 07, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Blair "Richard" Ragan.*



December 07, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Rebecca South lit a candle in memory of Blair "Richard" Ragan*



Rebecca South - December 06, 2022 at 09:49 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Uncle Dick is when I was only 6 years old and Uncle Dick was about 18. We were visiting Grandma Kellogg at their home and she was baking peanut butter cookies. Uncle Dick came in and grabbed one steaming hot. She said they were his favorite. In 2009 My Dad, William Edward Ragan, died and Uncle Dick came to his funeral. I baked him peanut butter cookies. I am sure they weren't as good as his Grandma's but I tried for him. Rest in Piece Uncle Dick. Love, Rebecca South*

Rebecca South - December 06, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Richard's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him. I used to see him taking his dad for rides in the country. Rest in peace Denny Amoss*

Denny Amoss - December 06, 2022 at 04:53 PM

MC

“ *Max Cox lit a candle in memory of Blair "Richard" Ragan*



Max Cox - December 05, 2022 at 07:16 PM

GD

“ *It has been my honor to know him for so many years.*

Gerald Haas DO - December 05, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Blair "Richard" Ragan.*



December 05, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Blair "Richard" Ragan.*



December 05, 2022 at 09:09 AM

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“ Dick and Rose have been wonderful neighbors and I will miss him. He would always slow down and wave or stop all together to have a quick conversation in the road on our block as he and Rose were heading out to “the shack” or driving to Hardee’s. I would see their car all over Monroe County just out for a drive and one day they showed up in Chariton to see me at work and say hello. They have been such a sweet loving couple together and I have so enjoyed them .. he is going to be greatly missed in our neighborhood. Rest In Peace Dick ✨

Kim Scieszinski - December 04, 2022 at 06:13 PM