



Richard (Rick) Rippeteau

October 5, 1950 - December 30, 2024

Richard Rippeteau, known as Rick, left us on Monday, December 30, 2024 from Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas, where he was surrounded by family and friends. Rick's last minutes were with his loving wife and daughter, and the caring and compassionate nurses along with his favorite music, Joe Bonamassa.

Rick was born on October 5, 1950 in Long Beach California. Rick served his country in the Army where he received many awards Marksman (M-16 Rifle) Expert (M-16 Rifle) Sharpshooter (M-60 Machine Gun) National Defense Service Medal, Combat badge, Air Medal Service Medal, Two Overseas Bars Medal. Rick attended Central State University out of Edmond, Oklahoma with a Bachelor's degree in Business. Rick had a few occupations: Computer sales, Real Estate, and was a Security Officer at Winstar Casino which fulfilled his life long dream of being in law enforcement. He was able to retire in 2012. Rick had many hobbies: guns, politics, chess, working the farm, and large family gatherings. Rick was married to Debrah Rippeteau on August 4, 2006 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Rick always said this was best day of his life and also the birth of his daughter, Christine. Rick loved his country, family, and friends, and he fully believed that changes in 2025 will make the country great again.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Harold Rippeteau and Helen

(Clark) Rippeteau; a great granddaughter; and brothers David Swanson and Alan Rippeteau.

Survivors include his wife Debrah of 18 years; daughter Christine Hix, sons Cody Brookshear, and Jered Brookshear; sister Rhonda Rieff; grandsons Greg Griggs, Beckett Brookshear, Bennett Brookshear, Andrew Torres and Aiden Brookshear; granddaughter Lindsay Ellis; great-grandson Asher Rodgers and great-granddaughter Iris Christine Ellis.

Funeral services to celebrate Rick's life will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 4, in Brown's Funeral Home chapel. Mr. Galen Smith will be the speaker. Ft. Sill Honor Guard will have military honors at the chapel.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/QXF6RZ6KNQLJWXRR>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - January 02, 2025 at 02:25 PM

PR

“ *May God Comfort Rick's family in their time of grief. He was a valuable team mate at Seagate/Imprimis; knowledgeable and a gentleman at all times. We are grateful for his service to our country and his enduring love for it. I will sorely miss his friendship on Facebook.*

Pat Ray - January 04, 2025 at 04:40 PM

DS

“ *Doug and Kathy Simpson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.*



Doug and Kathy Simpson - January 04, 2025 at 08:37 AM

DS

“ Doug and Kathy Simpson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.

Doug and Kathy Simpson - January 04, 2025 at 08:37 AM

JS

“ Deepest sympathy for your loss.
Jenifer Swanson



Jenifer Swanson - January 03, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.



January 03, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.

January 03, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.*



January 03, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.

January 03, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.*



January 03, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.

January 03, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Gallery of Pictures*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - January 03, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dennis and Juanita Woolsey purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.*



Dennis and Juanita Woolsey - January 02, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ 83 files added to the album *Gallery of Pictures*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - January 02, 2025 at 02:52 PM

DB

“ *Donna and David Bishop purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard (Rick) Rippeteau.*



Donna and David Bishop - January 01, 2025 at 10:04 PM

JP

“ *Rick was a wonderful person and friend, and he will definitely be missed and remembered by John and I. We spent lots of time with him and Deb, and it was always a great time. Our prayers go out to Deb and the rest of his family.*

John and Dianne Parker - December 31, 2024 at 05:56 PM