



## Richard Lee Koontz

June 14, 1945 - September 1, 2021

Richard (Rick) Lee Koontz, 76, of Cedar Falls passed away from complications of Alzheimer's at Deery Suites in Cedar Falls. He was born June 14, 1945 in Cedar Falls to Beryl (Dowden) and Onis Koontz. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1963. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves from 1963-1969. On November 23, 1966, he married Beatrice (Bea) Ager in Cedar Falls. Rick worked at John Deere from 1963 until 2000, retiring as a systems analyst.

Rick is survived by his wife Bea and son, Jason (Todd Linscott) of Rock Island, IL. Others include a brother, Jan, his in-laws Ted Ager, Dorothy Lucas, Bev Ager, Anne & Derril Boerschel, Alma Long, and Krista & Denny Meyer. He also has many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Martin, parents-in-law Charles M. & Elizabeth Ager, and other in-laws May Ager, Carl Lucas, Janet & Stan Westendorf, Chuck & Jean Ager, Jerry Long, and David Ager as well as Wesley Lucas and Kolton Westendorf.

Family and friends were Rick's greatest joy. He loved music from his teen years, collecting records, especially rock-n-roll and blues in the 50s. After retirement, he sang with the Metropolitan Chorale. He also enjoyed sports and cheering on UNI teams in volleyball, football and wrestling. He was a runner, completing many half-marathons, and golfed in retirement.

He volunteered in elementary schools doing programs on sexual abuse prevention. He served on the Board of the Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to Friends of Cedar Falls Public Library, St. John Lutheran Church (Cedar Falls), or Cedar Bend Humane Society.

Memorial services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 7, 2021 in the Courtyard at St. John

Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, with inurnment in the Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens. The family will greet friends 30 minutes prior to and after the service. In case of rain, services will be moved in to sanctuary. Those in attendance are required to wear a mask, should bring a lawn chair and dress casually. Online condolences may be left at: [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com)

# Cemetery

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**Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens**

Cedar Falls, IA, 50613

# Events

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**SEP Memorial Service 10:30AM**

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St. John American Lutheran Church  
715 College, Cedar Falls, IA, US, 50613

# Comments

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“ Bea and Jason....this is MaryEllen., Rick's first cousin. When I heard of Rick's death from my brother, Jim, I replied that Rick was always my favorite cousin. We used to have so much fun in the basement if Aunt Beryl and Uncle Onie's, playing rock and roll (no one had more 45s that Rick did!), dancing, and just having fun. Bea, I've just read these beautiful tributes to the man Rick was, and I hope that they bring you comfort. It's been a long time since I last saw you and Rick, but I well remember your lovely living room, and Rick's pride in Jason's orchids. I wish we had been in closer proximty. I send you and your family love and virtual hugs on Rick's passing.

**MaryEllen Vogt** - September 07, 2021 at 01:38 PM

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“ Bea - So sorry to hear of Rick's passing.My mother, Connie Thomas Erne, was two years behind him and always spoke fondly of him. He always had a smile on his face, when you'd both pass by me at the CFPL. I'll always remember the fun time we had during an in-service, when we did Laughter Yoga. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts.

Aimee T Erne

**Aimee T Erne** - September 07, 2021 at 10:54 AM

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“ To Bea and Koonz Family: We were saddened to hear of Dick's passing. Judy and I want you to know that we extend to you and yours our deepest sympathy. We will be with you in spirit as you celebrate his life.

Sent with love. John and Judy Focht

**John Focht** - September 07, 2021 at 10:21 AM

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“ Bea & family,  
We knew Rick as we both worked with him @ John Deere. He was always helpful, kind, friendly & always had a smile on his face. Sending thoughts, prayers & sympathy to you.

Scott & Anne Sergeant

Scott & Anne Sergeant - September 06, 2021 at 04:11 PM

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“ Bea, Jason and Todd. It is with sorrowful heart that this dear loving individual has passed. We always enjoyed walking in the neighborhood and the lively conversation. Always miss you when we walk past your home in Royal Oaks. The world was richer with him in it. May your memories of a wonderful life sustain you in your sorrow. Prayers and Hugs!

Loras and Joan Kurt - September 06, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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“ So sad to hear of Ricks passing. We enjoyed getting to know you folks and the plays with pie and coffee after were always so enjoyable. Bless be his memory. Prayers and Friendship. Kathy and Byron

kathy strike - September 06, 2021 at 09:55 AM

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“ Bea,  
I am so sorry to hear that Rick has passed away. He was such a friendly and kind person. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pat Trampel - September 06, 2021 at 09:22 AM

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“ Rick once told me that one's purpose in life should be to help others. And he clearly showed that in the way he lived his life. He was a fiercely loyal friend who made work and life so much more pleasant for those around him. Years ago, I was part of a carpool with Rick, and when there was a major snowstorm, I knew that we would be the last ones to leave the parking lot - Rick would insist on helping everyone else to get out safely. Years later when I was no longer at Deere, we commiserated together as we worked our way through Y2K at both of our employers. I cherish the memory of all the Saturday morning coffee and conversations we shared. He taught my daughters to drive, too - and probably saved my sanity in the process! :-) Rick was such a wonderful influence on so many people he met in his life and will be missed by so many who knew and loved him. May his memory be as great a blessing to others as it is to our family.

**Linda Holm** - September 06, 2021 at 08:29 AM

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“ Dear Bea, Jason, Tod and Jan--Our deepest condolences to you. Rick was such a warm and welcoming person.  
Peace be with you,  
Kate & John Hall

**Kate Hall** - September 05, 2021 at 09:51 PM

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“ Sending my deepest condolences and holding all of you in my heart. May Rick's memory be a blessing as was his life was for so many.  
Kristen Glass Perez

**Kristen Glass Perez** - September 05, 2021 at 05:21 PM

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“ Bea and family  
We are so sorry to hear about Rick's passing. Loved his sense of humor and was always sharing a friendly smile and greeting.

Dave and Carol Ann Draper

**David and Carol Ann Draper** - September 05, 2021 at 02:10 PM

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“ Bea

I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He always had a smile on his face and a laugh on his lips. May God grant you peace in the coming days. With deepest sympathy

Kerri Gabbard Wilson

**Kerri Wilson** - September 05, 2021 at 01:31 PM

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“ Very sad to lose such a wonderful Uncle. His laughter would fill the room. His kindness would heal your soul. Our world is not as bright without him.

Aunt Bea, Jason my prayers are for you to find peace in your grief and to always remember how much we all loved Rick.

Mike and Sophie Westendorf

**Michael Westendorf** - September 05, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Rick's death. I first met him in a class at UNI and later became part of the extended family. Always enjoyed visiting with him and Bea at family reunions. God comfort you all. Lois and Ken Vorthmann

**Ken & Lois Vorthmann** - September 05, 2021 at 07:17 AM

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“ We are sooooo thinking of all who love Rick so very dearly. Rick is the kind of person who gently left footprints on our hearts. A very caring Soul whose kindnesses exude in abundance. Missing the Joy, Tom and Adel Kessler <3

**adel Kessler** - September 04, 2021 at 08:53 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Rick in Systems at John Deere. He always had a smile and all the answers to the questions I'd ask. He was a genuine friend to everyone and a role model for many.

Anne Brownstone

Anne Brownstone - September 04, 2021 at 02:32 PM

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“ Bea, Jason, Tod and Jan you all have my sincere condolences. Have many fond memories of growing up as neighbors. With only one house separating us we were always at one or the others yards playing and getting into trouble. Ricky was always up beat and carrying on about his favorite artist Elvis Presley. I think he had every hit 45 record of Elvis at the time. May the memories of the life you shared with him comfort you the years to come.

Ron Mugge

Ron Mugge - September 04, 2021 at 01:25 PM

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“ Bea, I am so sorry for your loss. Every time I saw Rick he was smiling. Hold your memories close to your heart.

Kris Brimm - September 04, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Very nice guy.

Jeff Hay - September 03, 2021 at 06:35 PM

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“ Bea, Jason and Todd,

Rick always brought such a gentle spirit, warm heart and genuine joy into our office that you couldn't help but smile when he was around. He understood what really mattered and lived a life that displayed it. He will be missed and our deepest sympathies are with you in this time of loss. May His peace that surpasses all understanding comfort you in the coming days and the memories and legacy that Rick left help sustain you and bring you joy forever.

Jay Bullerman and the FRA Team

**Jay Bullerman** - September 03, 2021 at 11:40 AM