



Richard Crane

March 12, 1963 - September 17, 2022

Richard Crane, of Cedar Falls, passed away early Saturday, September 17th at the age of 59.

Rich is survived by four brothers: Michael (Pam) of Clovis, CA, J.C. of Omaha, NE, Bruce of Waterloo, IA, and Tom (Vickie) of Cedar Falls; seven children: Boon and Amy, Matt (Danielle), Nichole, Ashley (Bo), Jamie, and Erik; and twelve grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Virginia, siblings Jan, Tim, and Paul, and his wife, Dianna.

Rich was a lifelong Cedar Falls resident who worked incredibly hard for his family. He laid miles of concrete on local bridges, the Campanile, and the Wellness Center at UNI. His love of the outdoors led him to become an arborist with the City of Cedar Falls and Wright Tree Service as well as an expert landscaper with Green Team. Rich loved to fish, ride Harleys, read, watch Westerns, and listen to music, especially The Beatles. He was also known to answer almost every question on Jeopardy! Rich was incredibly humble and had two favorite sayings that ruled his life: "Right is right," and "Courtesy costs you nothing." Although short in stature, he was a giant of a man to those who knew and loved him.

Interment for Rich will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls. All are welcome to the Celebration of his Life at the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49 on October 8th from 1-4 pm.

Instead of flowers, the family requests you make donations to Rich's favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospitals at stjude.org.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49
1934 Irving Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I and Dylan just found out about his passing. He was a hell of a guy. He will be missed dearly.

Jacqui and Dylan Buhrmaster - December 12, 2022 at 11:27 AM

WC


“ I knew him growing up in CF. I wouldn't say we were close, but Rich had a way off making you feel like you'd known him forever. He was sweet guy. I think he had a philosophical bent but always down to earth. Farewell old friend. My deepest condolences to the family. - Walter Chien.

W. Chien - October 29, 2022 at 07:29 PM

JE

“ My condolences to Rich's family. I valued every time I had the opportunity to bump into Rich, I always walked away smiling. He always had a smile, happy and uplifting calm demeanor. I will miss seeing Rich around. God Bless you Rich 🙏

jeff - October 05, 2022 at 11:27 PM

 Roger Brandt

“ What a one-of-a-kind human. Certainly will miss his razor sharp wit. Condolences to Rich's family and all who knew him...

Roger Brandt - October 05, 2022 at 09:50 AM

DC

“ Thank you for being a friend. Will always have good memories of you May you rest in peace Rich. Shorty

Daniel combs - October 05, 2022 at 02:14 AM

CM

“ So many cherished memories in Cedar Falls with Rich and the Crane clan!! May your memories help ease the grief in your hearts!!💔💔💔 Rip Rich

Cheryl Minor - October 04, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ I met Rich through his brother TJ when i was visiting with his family, from across the pond and met other family on other visits , but saw more of Rich we had a good night out on halloween was a laugh TJ can vovuh for that I called him my American brother Its with such sadness that i am writing this taken me a while wondering what to say. to Michael JC Bruce and TJ my love and thoughts with you and the rest of your Families . To my American Brother rest in peace love am so glad i got to meet you xxxxxx

Jane Bentley - October 04, 2022 at 08:01 PM

TC

We did have some grand times, didn't we?

Tj Crane - October 04, 2022 at 08:32 PM

TC

“ Rich and I were the two youngest of 8 children, and as there was only 18 months between us, I was closer to him than any of my other siblings. There was never a time I couldn't count on him, even through those times we didn't get along, which were few. He had a unique perspective, and I learned more about life from him than I did living it.
Even above being my Brother, Rich was and always will be my very Best Friend.
Rest now in Peace, my Brother, my Friend.

Tom Crane - September 30, 2022 at 11:54 AM

BF

“ We never have more regrets until the moment a friend from our youth passes away. My regret is not taking time to keep in touch when I left Cedar Falls. You were the man who taught me how to play guitar, and to this very day I still remember (and play) those tunes...the memories of sitting on your couch strumming along side you are vivid the moment that first note is played. Your love for The Beatles was powerful, but that shared love for Styx and other 80's bands were always the chat topic when I would come over. I will always remember your pure heart of gold, and how you took everyone under your wing, always finding the good in those around you. My thoughts go out to your kids and family. Rest easy Rich, you've earned it.

Billy Fischels - September 30, 2022 at 04:03 AM

RA

“ I truly adored you Uncle Rich. Rest peacefully. I love you.



Rose Anderson - September 30, 2022 at 12:12 AM

AK

“ Oftentimes my mother, and my father, my biggest fan, and my greatest supporter, my dearest friend and fiercest protector: My DAD, I can't fathom the rest of my life without you. I'm dying inside. The world is so much uglier without your beautiful being living in it. I will never be whole again. Half an orphan. I wish it were me instead. I love you beyond measure, time, space. All my loving..... your Do Da Day aka Dude. ♥♥♥ Please.... be waiting for me when I get there.

Ashley Crane Kohlmeier - September 29, 2022 at 06:08 PM

JC

“ My Brother...My forever friend...I will miss you most profoundly...

JC Crane - September 29, 2022 at 04:05 PM

PK

“ Went to school with rich and his family and my family were very close. Fly high with your new wings rich.your gods angel now.

Pauline klemz - September 24, 2022 at 07:40 PM

JW

“ So sorry to the Crane Family. For your loss.😭😭 of your Brother Richard. You have our deepest sympathys..prayers for your family!!!

James A Wahner - September 24, 2022 at 03:57 AM

JO

“ Went to jr high and high school with Rich. He was a nice guy. He would stop and talk to anyone. So sorry for his passing. He will be missed by many. Will miss his 😊.



Jodie - September 22, 2022 at 04:14 PM

MH

“ Rich was a friend in Jr. High what a great guy still have the 45 record of Fox on the Run he gave me way back then we was listening to it at his house at the trailer park by Holmes Jr. High. You'll be greatly missed my friend always loved catching up when we'd run into each other. RIP my dear friend.

Mary B Hardee - September 22, 2022 at 08:06 AM

SL

“ RC was a very special person to me. RC would help anyone. Rc was like my older brother. He claimed me as his little sister. "Cupcake" from Missouri will miss you so much.

Shirley Leo - September 21, 2022 at 10:04 PM

TT

“ Oh Richie, my own personal Dr. Demento. Just one of his amazing talents. That included his wonderful wit, great sense of humor and bright smile! The world just got a little less interesting. Rest in peace my friend. -Tall Tim-



Tall Tim - September 21, 2022 at 09:10 AM

TE

“ Rich loved life, very talented and easy going kind of guy. He'll be greatly missed. Long time friend; Teresa

teresa - September 21, 2022 at 06:46 AM