



Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren

August 20, 1963 - September 14, 2023

Richard "Ricky" Gerren, 60, of Belton, formerly of Rockdale, passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Ricky's unexpected departure has left a profound impact on his family and the community, as they mourn the loss of a kind and selfless soul. The visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday at Phillips and Luckey funeral home. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, September 22, 2023, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Ronnie Dyer will be officiating. A burial will follow in Detmold Cemetery near Thorndale. Serving as pallbearers are Nicholas Gerren, Wesley Gerren, Jacob Gerren, Jared Gerren, Brady Unnasch, and Scotty Schaefer. Honorary pallbearers are Evan Gerren and Joshua Gerren. Ricky was born on August 20, 1963, to Edward Gerren, Sr. and Glenda (Dyer) Gerren in El Paso. He grew up with brothers, cousins and many friends in Minerva, Texas, where the Gerren house was the hub of every sports competition in the small community. On April 23, 1983, he married the love of his life, Rachel Unnasch at St. John Lutheran Church in Thorndale. From this union came two children: Tiffany and Christopher and six precious grandchildren. After graduating from Rockdale High School in 1981, he began working in maintenance at Intercraft in Taylor for 23 years until operations ceased. He then worked at ALCOA for three years until their operations ended in Rockdale, Texas. He was employed as a Plant Maintenance Technician at Brazos River Authority East Williamson County for the past fifteen years. Ricky loved sports. He played softball competitively for many years. When he

was with Sheila Marie's Fish Styx, they won the NSA World Series, Class E, Championship in 1996. After retiring from competitive softball, he still played softball when he could and got to play with his son in College Station on a rec league. He was an avid bowler and bowled in leagues with his parents, children, and his wife. In the last ten years, he picked up golf and would play as often as he could. He was always eager to venture with his son to a new golf course to play a round. He spent many years coaching his kids' sporting teams as they were growing up and later was able to coach with his kids as his grandchildren began sports. He was not necessarily a traveler, but if it meant spending time with his wife, kids, or grandbabies- he was "game" for wherever travel took him. We are grateful for the trips (especially this past year) that were spent with him. Ricky was truly the salt of the earth and light to any darkness. He was a loving husband to his wife, an amazing dad to his children, and an amazing Pa Pa to his grandbabies and was "present" in whatever he was doing. His instinct to help others, even in the face of danger, speaks volumes about the kind of person he was—a good Samaritan who lived his life with a generous and caring spirit. To those who had the privilege of knowing Ricky, he was more than a friend; he was a pillar of the community. He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward Gerren Sr, and Glenda Gerren; an infant brother; father-in-law, Curtis Unnasch; and sister in-law, Suzanne Gerren.

Ricky is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Rachel Gerren of Belton; daughter, Tiffany Gerren-Collins and husband Kevin of Taylor; son, Christopher Gerren and wife Hannah of Rockdale; brothers, Eddie Gerren, Jr. and wife Patti of Taylor, Kenny Gerren and wife Elaine of Calvert, and Mike Gerren and wife Diana of Rockdale; mother-in-law, Betty Unnasch of Thorndale; brothers-in-law, Jonathan Unnasch and Jolene Caldwell of Thorndale, and Andrew Unnasch and wife Christy of Thorndale; grandchildren, Alex Gerren, Ansley Gerren, Cadence Gerren, Keegan Collins, Katelyn Collins, and Breelyn Collins; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Detmold

3257 CR 437
Thorndale, TX 76577

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BZ

“ *Bethany Zawadzke lit a candle in memory of Richard "Ricky" Gerren*



Bethany Wallis Zawadzke - September 27, 2023 at 03:39 PM

KS

“ *Rachel and family, we are so sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. God's Blessings to all of you.*

Katherine and Jack Stolle

Katherine Stolle - September 25, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Ricky was always positive, energetic, and happy to help no matter how big or small the task. I met him at the EWC Plant and admired his persistence in helping us find archived project plans and he was always the go-to person if anything needed help or fixing.*

Maribel Sturm - September 22, 2023 at 11:36 AM

FS

“ I came to know Ricky when he came to work at Intercraft right after graduating High School. Ricky was truly an example of peaceful and selfless individual. Always a smile and a warm greeting to everyone. Ricky was the salt of the earth and to many a light in the dark. So this candle is lit in his honor. He touched so many lives and his love and smiled will always be remembered. God said "Well done good and faithful son" and called him home. We love you Ricky!



Flora "Flo" Sanchez - September 22, 2023 at 09:47 AM

FS

“ Flora "Flo" Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren



Flora "Flo" Sanchez - September 22, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ Caring Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.



September 21, 2023 at 09:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.

September 21, 2023 at 09:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.*



September 21, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Rachel and family, we are so sorry to hear of Ricky's passing, he was always a very upstanding kinda guy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Myra & Scotty*

Scotty & Myra Niemann - September 21, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.*



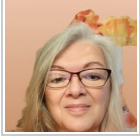
September 21, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Prayers and Condolences to your family.*

Ron, Brenda & Heather

The Hennington Family - September 20, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Young Ricky*



Connie Ciriello - September 20, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.



September 20, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.



September 20, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Edward Finn* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.



Edward Finn - September 20, 2023 at 09:49 AM

AF

“ ARETHA Ann FLORES lit a candle in memory of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren



ARETHA Ann FLORES - September 19, 2023 at 03:41 PM

CH

“ I worked with Ricky for over 20 years at Intercraft. He was the kind of person that always had a smile on his face and just made your workday better. When I heard of his accident I immediately broke down & thought of Rachel and his kids and what a huge loss this was for them. I'm thinking that the good Lord just needed another smiling Angel in Heaven. Prayers and Comfort go out to Rachel and the entire Gerren Family. My sincere Sympathy - Colleen Hughes

Colleen Hughes - September 19, 2023 at 03:12 PM

TC

“ Such a kind hearted soul. He was loved by many. Peace and comfort to you all during this extremely difficult time.



Tracy Collins - September 19, 2023 at 12:49 PM

GW

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. My prayers for you all



Gloria Wall - September 19, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.*

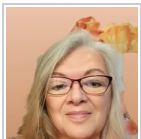


September 19, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *Too many great Memories to name. I guess the best ones can be summed up over the course of 30 years. What a time and place to grow up in Thorndale, when Ricky and the family moved in. Whether it was playing Wiffle ball golf in the backyard with Chris, or Whoppin' up on the Rockdale boys in ball, Ricky was a Pinnacle Piece to it all. A great Coach and even better person, he WAS and still IS such a prominent figure in my life. Such a selfless, yet competitive soul, and a profound impact on a Community, I'm sure heaven gained a Great. Ricky, thanks for all the good times growing up. You will be missed. Thank you again, for always being the person you were. To Rachel, Tiffany, Chris and the family, I offer my sincerest Condolences.*

Jeff - September 19, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *It is so hard to believe that that I will never see him, or hear his voice again. We will always remember his smile and infectious laugh. Our deepest sympathy to the whole family. Thinking and praying for you all.*

James Sprouse and Connie Ciriello

Connie Ciriello - September 19, 2023 at 12:08 PM

KE

“ I first knew Rickey from school of course but, my fondest memory is as a Minerva Swamp Rat. Sending lots of love and prayers to Rachel and the family.

Kelley - September 19, 2023 at 11:04 AM

MB

“ Marcia & Randy, Ed Finn, Connie Cirello, Randy & Kim, Allen & Joni and Brian purchased the "Memories of you" garden stone for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.



Marcia & Randy, Ed Finn, Connie Cirello, Randy & Kim, Allen & Joni and Brian - September 19, 2023 at 10:04 AM

MB

“ Marcia & Randy, Ed Finn, Connie Cirello, Randy & Kim, Allen & Joni and Brian purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Gerren.



Marcia & Randy, Ed Finn, Connie Cirello, Randy & Kim, Allen & Joni and Brian - September 19, 2023 at 10:04 AM

ML

“ My memory is his NEVER ending smile. As long as I can remember, his smile was always there. Whether in a hurry or otherwise. He had time to smile and say hello with that twinkle in his eye. His love for his wife and family was always evident. The enjoyment of golfing with his son was enviable. His life was one that was well lived. God bless and keep you and yours forever and a day Ricky. You will be missed, but you were never ours to keep. Comfort and prayers to Rachel and your family at this time and always. Mary Lou Loehr

Mary Lou Loehr - September 19, 2023 at 09:52 AM

BP

“ So heartbreaking. Grew up with Ricky living in Minerva and went to school with him. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Barbara Angell Psencik



Barbara Angell Psencik - September 18, 2023 at 10:17 PM

JB

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Love & prayers! Allen and Joni Bergert

Joni Bergert - September 18, 2023 at 07:24 PM

LS

“ Rest in Peace Ricky 🙏 Heaven gained a beautiful soul. To my High School friend who was kind loving and a friend to all you will truly be missed. Fly high with the Angels 😇 My Sincere Condolences to your family may God be with you all during this time 🙌🙏🙏❤️
Lori



Lori Shaw - September 18, 2023 at 06:39 PM