



Raymond Eugene Rieck

September 3, 1956 - October 8, 2024

Raymond Eugene Rieck passed on October 08, 2024, after a short battle with renal cell carcinoma.

Private funeral services and interment have been held. A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, November 02, 2024, from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the Walkway, 1501 Lake Land Blvd, Mattoon so come share a memory of our family and especially of Ray. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is assisting the family.

Raymond was born on September 03, 1956, in Decatur, IL to the late James Ronald Rieck and Lola Mae Jacobi Rieck. His family moved to Braidwood and then Custer Park, IL where he graduated from High School. He married Diane Mintun Rieck on July 26, 1980, and together they had three sons: Zachery Scott Rieck and wife Kelli of Eagle River, AK, Christopher Aaron Rieck of Miramar Beach, FL, and James Lynn Rieck and wife Juliana of Mattoon, IL; seven grandchildren who were the apple of his eyes: Brenan Rieck, Sophie Rieck, Ace Rieck, Sawyer Rieck, Leo Rieck, Luca Rieck, and Lucielle Rieck; siblings include Ronald Rieck and wife Ulrike of Glasgow, Scotland, Michael Rieck and wife Kelly of Mattoon, IL, Mark Rieck and wife Lisa of Trilla, IL, Joseph Rieck and wife Brenda of Decatur, IL, Walter Rieck and wife Christy of Worden, IL, Paula Parrish and husband Michael of Louisiana, MO; one aunt, Jacqueline Ann Rieck of Venice, FL; sister-in-law, Diane K. Rieck of Port Orange, FL; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him. Ray was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas D. Rieck, nephews, John

Rieck, Andrew Rieck, Jesse Rieck.

Ray was a graduate of both Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University where he received his Master of Business Administration. He was an entrepreneur at heart and in the early 1980's he became a partner in Perry's Chuckwagon restaurant, Rieck Bros. Auto and Truck Service, and G & G Refuse. Rieck Bros. Auto and Truck Service built the first development in the TIF district on the south side of Mattoon. He was then employed with and retired from Lake Land College where he worked tirelessly for the college for twenty years and became Vice President for Business Services. He launched the formation of their Department of Public Safety, oversaw the construction of both phases of the West Building, and he was the visionary who initiated the campus wide project to convert nearly every building on campus to geothermal systems. He was an active member in the Illinois Community College Chief Financial Officers organization and served as president in 2008 was awarded ICCCF's CFO of the year in 2009. He was most passionate about the education processes at Lake Land College and the Rieck family hosted numerous foreign exchange students over two decades of his time at LLC.

After his LLC retirement, he embraced his partnership in Express Employment Professionals of Mattoon and Effingham, IL, which began in 2006 when his wife, Diane opened the business. For several years, he assisted in developing our local franchise to award winning status. Ray was passionate about people and giving back. He served many organizations throughout his years to include the boards of directors for The Mattoon Area Family YMCA, Mattoon Chamber of Commerce, Okaw Savings and Loan, The Greater Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Systems Foundation, and Mission Lakes Condominium Association. He was dedicated to the growth of our local communities and enjoyed mentoring young professionals who he encouraged to develop and grow.

The family would welcome memorial donations to The Mattoon Area Family YMCA of which he was a charter member.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Walkway
1501 Lake Land Blvd.
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall

FO

“ *Diane and family, I am so sorry to learn about your husband and father Raymond. Prayers for you and your family.* ”



Fr. Edward Ohm - October 31, 2024 at 10:52 AM

JS

“ *So Sorry Diane, Just found out my prayers with you and th family, Joyce Jackson Standley.* ”

Joyce Standley - October 30, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Eugene Rieck.* ”

October 29, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Raymond Eugene Rieck.* ”



October 29, 2024 at 10:04 AM

MJ

“ *Oh the memories I have over the years, especially at Lake Land. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.* ”

Mike & Jackie Joines - October 22, 2024 at 08:59 AM

CG

“ To the Rieck Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Ray was an ELA class member of mine. I so enjoyed getting to know him. He will be missed by many.

Colleen Gaudette - October 22, 2024 at 08:36 AM

AV

“ Diane and family, Sending prayers for everyone. I have fond memories of Ray from my ELA class. May your memories of good times carry you through the difficult times. -Amy Velez

Amy Velez - October 21, 2024 at 06:59 PM

SS

“ Stacy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Raymond Eugene Rieck



Stacy Sewell - October 21, 2024 at 03:05 PM

PA

“ Parveen lit a candle in memory of Raymond Eugene Rieck



parveen - October 21, 2024 at 08:00 AM

SR

“ *Many fun and fond memories created with Ray over the years. Sending prayers and hugs of support to Diane, Jamie and the whole family. May your best memories of him comfort you at this sad time.*
-Sheila and Bob Ryan



Sheila Ryan - October 17, 2024 at 03:14 PM

KC

“ *Kathi Janssen Cobble lit a candle in memory of Raymond Eugene Rieck*



kathi janssen cobble - October 17, 2024 at 10:09 AM

SM

“ *My sincere condolences to you all at Ray's passing-such a wonderful person and family man who had done so many wonderful things for our community as well.*



Sue Meyer - October 17, 2024 at 09:34 AM

JS

“ *So Sorry to hear about Ray, MY Prayers to all the family, Ray was a good boss to Kenny Jackson , I will always remember those times at Reick Bros. Joyce Standley*

Joyce (Jackson) Standley - October 17, 2024 at 09:12 AM

BB

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Ray! My thoughts and prayers are with his family. May he rest in peace!

Belinda Sharp Beuerlein - October 17, 2024 at 09:06 AM

TF

“ The Yoerk Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raymond Eugene Rieck.



The Yoerk Family - October 17, 2024 at 09:01 AM

KC

“ Diane and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending prayers of comfort❤️☐

Kim Carter - October 17, 2024 at 08:07 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Ray hired me to work at Lake Land College 25 years ago and I will always be grateful for this opportunity. My thoughts and prayers are with the Rieck family.

John Carpenter - October 16, 2024 at 09:32 PM