



Richard Bringelson

February 19, 1940 - May 4, 2024

Richard A. Bringelson, 84, died on May 4, 2024 at Tabitha at Prairie Commons in Grand Island, NE.

His Celebration of Life Service will be at 3 PM Wednesday, May 8th at All Faiths Funeral Home. Rev. Scott Evans and Rev. Thomas Hyde will officiate. Livestreaming will be available on Richard's full obituary page at www.giallfaiths.com

Family will be greeting friends an hour before service time at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Richard was born on February 19, 1940 to Alvin and Rachel (Hyde) Bringelson. He grew up on a farm near Gothenburg, NE and, after graduating from Gothenburg High School in 1958, completed a BA, MA and PhD at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He found his vocational calling as an administrator across Nebraska's community and state colleges, and College Park at Grand Island.

On December 28, 1961, Rich created family through marriage with Julie Ferris at Fairview Methodist Church. They soon served in the first Peace Corps project in Liberia, living in Careysburg, 1962-64. They returned to the United States where they raised their three children — Liwana, Dawn, and Carin — in Lincoln, NE. The couple followed career opportunities to Grand Island, NE in 1992. After retiring in 2002, they moved to Doniphan, NE; in 2022, they moved to Prairie Commons in Grand Island. For 20 years, they also maintained a living space on the landscape of Rich's heart — near Maxwell,

NE.

Rich engaged in local and global affairs by being actively involved in organizations such as his local United Methodist churches, the Institute of Cultural Affairs, the Loess Canyon Rangeland Alliance, the Grand Island Area Council for International Visitors, and Grand Island Rotary. He truly valued connecting with people, expressing a genuine interest in their lives. During retirement, he returned to his passion for sustainable grass farming by working with agencies and neighbors to collaboratively implement prescribed burns in the loess hills of western Nebraska.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his parents-in-law Rexford and Donna Ferris, and brother-in-law Jerome Spading.

Those left to cherish his memory include Julie, his wife of 62 years; their offspring: Liwana Bringelson (Gloria Nafziger and Susan Wismer) of Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, Dawn Bringelson (Kevin Wieser) of Lincoln, NE, and Carin Bringelson (Bev Buhr) of Cedar Rapids, IA; 6 grandchildren: Lora (Mitch), Lisa (Joëlle), Kaitlyn (Luke), Brianna, Violet, and Vincent; 7 great-grandchildren: Theo, Adam, Ira, Zeb, Leona, Auggie, and Mirabel; his sister Deborah Spading of North Platte, NE; and in-laws: Dave and Ruth Ferris, and Stan and Gail Ferris, all of Central City, NE, and Steve Ferris of Lincoln. Many additional people will miss Rich's interest in and curiosity about their lives, including cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors, mentees, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Public School Foundation's Friendship Fund or the Loess Canyon Rangeland Alliance.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Bringelson*



All Faiths Funeral Home - May 08, 2024 at 10:00 AM

SS

“ *Julie, I am sorry to hear about Rich. I have many fond memories of both of you! Rich and I served on the Methodist church Youth Council together. We were both freshman living on Ag Campus. He would drive us to the monthly meeting. He was so kind. My sympathies to Dave and Ruth also.*
Sandy Oberg Siedel

Sandy Siedel - May 09, 2024 at 07:59 PM

JA

“ *What a beautiful celebration of Rich's life, at the same time homey and elegant! One could imagine Rich, his head lowered a bit as he considered the wisdom and the good humor, maybe finally deciding to share his thoughts -- and maybe not. A true man of the world with his roots firmly in the prairie of Nebraska. His special place in the hearts of all of us who went with him to Liberia stirs our sadness at his departure, while making us grateful to have shared that part of his life with him and dear Julie. May you all in his family, and all of us friends, find joy in our rich Rich memories, and peace in knowing that this good man is at rest. Thank you for allowing us to participate in the service and for the wonderful stories. Jerry (and Julie) Adams*

Jerry Adams - May 08, 2024 at 05:03 PM

GS

“ *My condolences to the family of Rich Bringelson. I first met Rich when I did a career change from education to starting my career in 1993 with State Farm Insurance in Grand Island. Rich was one of the first to welcome me to Grand Island. I remember he stated he had moved to Grand Island recently and knew what was like to meet new faces again.*

Rich was that "Welcome Wagon" in one being! As I became involved in the community Rich was there as well. As I got involved with Grand Island Little Theatre I saw more of Rich attending performances. He was truly an advocate to have the organization partner with College Park to have a permanent home. He was a kind man who was truly interested in the lives of others. That was his calling... others. Rich, you will be missed.

Greg Sanchez, Grand Island

Greg Sanchez - May 08, 2024 at 02:59 PM

JF

“ On behalf of the Gothenburg class of 1958 we send our condolences to you Julie and all your family. Rest In Peace dear Rich.



Jill Franzen - May 08, 2024 at 12:31 PM

SM

“ Suellen and Bob McAndrews are thinking about our time in Liberia and especially at our reunion that you and Rich so generously hosted. Julie, we send our love to you and your family.

suellen mcandrews - May 08, 2024 at 11:19 AM

LW

“ Rich, you showed this Brooklyn guy what the heart of America looked like. While we all learned together in the Peace Corps what Liberia and Africa contained, you and many others showed me what this great country of ours contained. Julie, both Nancy and I will miss Rich's patient explanations of complex situations for the benefit of all of us. Leon Weintraub

Leon Weintraub - May 07, 2024 at 10:55 PM

SR

“ Sam and I feel so blessed to have known Rich. He truly was a follower of Christ. Rich was very helpful to many people. He supported so many ministries wholeheartedly. Rich and Julie were a very gracious loving couple. Rich will be missed. Julie, we are thinking of you and your family. We will uphold you in our prayers.

Sam and Ella Rathod - May 07, 2024 at 10:24 PM

BM

“ Julie, you and Rich are among the most pleasant friends I remember from Liberia 1. I wish you and your family blessings and may you be comforted by the beautiful memories you all shared.
Beverly Weaver Moore in Maryland.

Beverly W, Moore - May 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM

YF

“ Your friends purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Bringelson.



Your friends - May 07, 2024 at 03:47 PM

CS

“ Carol, Kristin and Karen in Seattle purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Bringelson.



Carol, Kristin and Karen in Seattle - May 07, 2024 at 12:49 PM

CS

“ Carol, Kristin and Karen in Seattle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Bringelson.

Carol, Kristin and Karen in Seattle - May 07, 2024 at 12:49 PM

SH

“ Rich embodied generosity and caring. He and Julie brightened so many lives, including ours. He lives on in his work, his family, and his Liberia I Peace Corps compatriots. Now he belongs to the air and earth of his beloved Nebraska, its sweeping plains and overarching skies. Journey well, friend.

Steve and Lois Hirst - May 07, 2024 at 12:06 PM

BD

“ Bill, Chuck, & Dave purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Bringelson.



Bill, Chuck, & Dave - May 07, 2024 at 09:14 AM

BD

“ Bill, Chuck, & Dave planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Bringelson.

Bill, Chuck, & Dave - May 07, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Bringelson.



May 06, 2024 at 09:05 PM

RM

“ Robyn & David MK planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Bringelson.

Robyn & David MK - May 06, 2024 at 09:05 PM

JH

“ Richard will be missed. He was the leader of his cousins. We have many memories and will continue to cherish them.

Jane Ann Hyde - May 06, 2024 at 07:38 PM

MF

“ On behalf of LCRA we would like to send our condolences to the family. The family along with our members knew how much he loved the Loess Canyons. Richard we will all miss you . You were a vital part of our group. Always in our prayers sincerely the LCRA family

mary finke - May 06, 2024 at 07:35 PM

DL

“ My sincere condolences to you, Julie, to Liwana, Dawn, Carin, and all of your family. I have many fond memories of Rich and your family during your years here in Lincoln. Sorry that I will be unable to attend his memorial service, but I will plan to watch the live streaming. Blessings to all . 🙏
Donna Lightbody

Donna Lightbody - May 06, 2024 at 02:18 PM

DC

“ *May the family find peace in memories of the husband, father and grandfather over the many years. A side story from me is that Richard was my first date. As I recall it was to the coronation at GHS. Tip was waiting for me so we could drive home out in the country. Not being very diplomatic I jumped out of the car, said thank you and we were headed out of town on highway 47.*

Deanna "Pete" Cox - May 06, 2024 at 01:34 PM

RR

I didn't know of Rich's declining health. I remember his unassuming vitality as we worked together on Conference-wide Church things. Rich was always easy to talk with. Later I had the privilege of working with Dawn on the Ecumenical Legislative Briefing team. The Bringelsons have made their contribution to the good of the world. Thank you. Blessings as you grieve and recover.

Rev. Dr. Ron Roemmich - May 09, 2024 at 10:05 PM