



Richard "Rich" Lehn

December 6, 1946 - December 10, 2023

Richard W. Lehn, 77, of St. Libory passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2023 surrounded by his family.

Celebration of life services will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 2 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements, more details and livestreaming of his service will be available at www.giallfaiths.com

Richard was born on December 6, 1946 at the clinic in Loup City, son of Darrel and Julia (Einspahr) Lehn. The Lehn's were sharecroppers, who did everything they could to support a growing family; while Darrel worked as a mechanic and handyman in town, Rich and the boys took care of farms near Long Pine, Rose, Davis Creek, North Loup, and Arcadia before the family finally settled in Boelus.

Richard graduated from Arcadia where he was an excellent football player, fans recall during games his mother could be found on the sidelines shouting for number 80.

Richard moved to Lincoln to work at the downtown Walgreens. He met his first wife, Bernadette Skibinski and the marriage was blessed with two children, Chris and Tonia.

Richard was employed at Swift, and later alongside his father at the Army Ammunitions plant in Grand Island after his divorce.

Grand Island is where he met the love of his life and best friend Mary Wood, they were married at the courthouse on April 22, 1975, and they were blessed

again, this time with their only child, a daughter, Mandy.

Richard worked at the Chief Industries maintenance department while living in Boelus, during this time, Rich and Mary loved taking their family, Chris, Tonia, and Mandy, along with family friend Dave Miller, on long drives in the Sandhills, listening to the oldies radio station, or for many camping, fishing, and canoe trips on the Loup River.

Richard and Mary lost their beloved daughter, Mandy in a fire which took away the main-street store-front house in Boelus in 1989. After slowly picking up the pieces, they moved to the country near the unincorporated town of Worms.

During this time Rich and Mary both worked at Island Landhandlers until their retirement. They enjoyed the peace of the outdoors, and loved sharing this little corner of nature by Worms. This home became a favorite gathering place for holidays with family over the years, many stray cats and dogs, and once even a goat, found a home with them, they loved gardening, and he enjoyed warming their home with his wood stove, or sitting around the firepit with family and friends.

Richard and Mary found a strong community of friends at the Bunkhouse and also Fly's Bar, they were big Husker Football and Volleyball fans, but were particularly devoted to NASCAR, all friends and family knew not to interrupt a race, when a family event conflicted with a race, Richard would bring along a portable T.V. to catch both events.

After Mary's passing in 2019, Richard started bringing his German Short-Haired Pointer, Smoke, on the daily drives to Shady Bend Café for lunch. His quiet resilience and steadfast love for his family and friends will be missed. His memory is cherished by his son, Chris (Melissa) Lehn and children, Derek and Jacob; daughter, Tonia Smith and children, Dustin (Kaitlin) Smith, great grandson, JJ, and Cassandra Smith, son-in-law, Alan Smith, brother, Curt (Debbie) Lehn of Alda; sister, Connie of La Vista; mother of his children, Bernadette Lehn of Papillion; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary; daughter, Mandy;

grandson, Jeremy; brothers, Stanley, Greg and Ronald and infant brother, Kenneth.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Richard Lehn's Funeral Service in memory of Richard "Rich" Lehn*



All Faiths Funeral Home - December 16, 2023 at 01:24 PM

RM

“ *I will miss cutting Rich's hair... I used to do Mary's hair. Also ..loved both of them... Rest in peace Rich.*

rosanna mostek - December 17, 2023 at 07:13 PM

WF

“ *Whiting family lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" Lehn*



Whiting family - December 16, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Lehn.*



December 16, 2023 at 10:05 AM

CF

“ Curt Lehn family and Connie Schlund fami planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Lehn.

Curt Lehn family and Connie Schlund fami - December 16, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Lehn.



December 14, 2023 at 04:07 PM

AC

“ I loved seeing my uncle Dave mentioned here. Rich and Mary were such great friends to my dad Lynn Miller and I always appreciated them. They are both with Mandy now. God Bless all who loved them.



Ashlee Cox - December 13, 2023 at 08:53 PM

FL

“ From Scott and Jenn Lehn purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Richard "Rich" Lehn.



From Scott and Jenn Lehn - December 13, 2023 at 06:32 PM

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