



## William "Bill" Rinke

July 18, 1948 - March 2, 2019

William "Bill" Lee Rinke, 70, of Aurora, formerly of Grand Island passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Westfield Quality Care in Aurora, NE.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at All Faiths Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. His ashes will be buried at a later date.

Bill was born July 18, 1948 in Grand Island, the son of Elmer and Leona (Goehring) Rinke. He grew up and received his education in Grand Island, graduating from Grand Island Senior High with the Class of 1966. He then graduated from Central Nebraska Tech College in 1968 in Hastings and went on to attend UNL.

Bill was employed by Century Mfg. Co. in Aurora as a tool and die machinist and draftsman for many years until the company was closed. He helped design a "birthing chair", "whirlpool baths" and several other fiberglass items. He had even designed and built his own fiberglass speed boat and redesigned the body for his 1923 T-Bucket roadster. Bill then started a small printing and T-shirt company, Decade Industries, in which he printed T-shirts to sell at SD Sturgis.

He was a member of the Island Area Cruisers and had past memberships with

the FOE Eagles club, Tri City Street Rods, National Street Rod Association, American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers and the NRA.

He loved classic and muscle cars, known to be a "Ford Man", street rods, motorcycles, SD Sturgis Rallies, car and bike shows, guns of all kinds, gun shows, wildlife exhibits, hunting and fishing and auctions. He was a very likable "Santa" type of a person that loved to make children laugh and play. He also liked to repair broken toys for kids. After his retirement he spent a lot of cherished time with his Uncle "Herk" and family and friends. He took several hunting and fishing trips to Canada and across the USA and many vacation trips with his brother's family to Branson, MO and a cruise to the Western Caribbean.

Those left to cherish his memory include his older brother, Alvin (Sharon) Rinke; nieces, Jean (Brian) Cook and Debra Rinke; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Robert & Elizabeth (Wendt) Rinke and William and Clara (Rohweder) Goehring; and many aunts and uncles.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Rinke*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Our condolences  
Always had a smile when we seen him.  
Marty and Vicki Bradley*

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**Steve Marty Bradley** - March 09, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ *My condolences to you all. I enjoyed getting to know Bill for the brief time I knew him. Sending my love and prayers.*

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**Suellen Bruguera** - March 09, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ *I wish to express my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Alvin and Sharon, Debra and all the Rinke family. Bill was always quick with a smile and story at the many car shows I saw him at. Bill will be truly missed at the future car shows.*

*Fred Wood*

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**Fred Wood** - March 08, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Billy's passing. Our condolences to you Alvin and family. From Al and Cindy Gosda*

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**Cindy Gosda** - March 06, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ I will miss my cousin Billy and our phone calls and the birthday and Xmas cards he always sent. He gave me my first model car (snap together). He was always one of the first stops when coming home for a visit... my heart aches for myself and every one who knew him and will miss him as much as I will.



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**Michael Goehring** - March 06, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ Love Always... purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of William "Bill" Rinke.



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**Love Always...** - March 05, 2019 at 05:16 PM