



Rickey Lee Hobbs

December 17, 1960 - September 14, 2021

Rickey Lee Hobbs, 60, of Richland, Missouri passed away surrounded by his loving family Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at Lake Regional Health Center, Osage Beach, Missouri. “Rick” was born in Waynesville, Missouri on December 17, 1960, the son of Francis Junior Hobbs and the late Bonnie June (Boren) Hobbs Fritts. After Rick was born, the family moved to Richland where he attended school, living out his life...and what a full life Rick experienced.

He attended the Church of Christ and accepted Christ at a young age and was later baptized by his uncle James Boren in the Gasconade River.

On June 6, 1980, in Richland, Rick married his soul mate, Robin Lynn Helms. They shared over forty-one years of love, laughter, tears, and joy together while proudly raising their son, Russell, who they dearly loved and adored.

Rick had a wonderful work ethic and began working early in life at such places as, Independent Stave, Ozark Fisheries, and H. E. Builds Gate, he also served as a Sergeant with Richland Police Department later working as a lineman for the City of Richland. He served as an EMT and became a Pulaski County Board Member. In 1980 Rick started doing what he loved most, Fire Service.

Rick became a member of the Fire Fighter Association of Missouri, he was the President and Founding Member of the Pulaski, and Laclede County Fire Chiefs Association, and was the Emergency Management Director for the City of Richland, he was on the Pulaski County Ambulance Board for a term and was involved in the University of Missouri's Fire School Expo. These are just a few things Rick was involved with, and if truth be known, there are many more that could be listed. Rick always had his finger on the pulse, and made his mark on the world, always looking for ways to help in the communities he loved and served.

Other things Rick enjoyed doing included showing horses, rodeos, working on his golf cart, and 9N Ford Tractors.

Rick greatly loved his family. They were his true treasures in life, especially his beautiful granddaughters Nadia and Alaina, they were Poppy's pride and joy.

He was pre-deceased by his mother, "Junie," one infant grandchild, his father-in-law, John R. Helms, three brother-in-law's, Russell Edward Helms, Aaron Helms, and David Helms, and one Uncle Don Mayhew.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Robin of their home in Richland, MO; his son: Russell Hobbs (Danielle) of Richland, MO; 2 grandchildren: Nadia and Alaina Hobbs; his father Francis Hobbs of Richland, MO; brothers: Francis Eugene Hobbs (Doris) of Climax, MO, and Tim Farmer (Kelly) of Hendersonville, TN; sisters: Holly Joy Hobbs (Travis), Sue Pentecost, and Dalene McDaniel (Kenneth), all of Richland, MO; mother-in-law: Nancy Helms of Warsaw, MO; sister-in-law: Irene Handley (John) of Avon Park, FL; brother-in-law: John Fluty (Shamane) of Warsaw, MO; one aunt: Dorothy Mayhew of Crocker, MO; one uncle: James Boren (Sue) of Swedeborg, MO; his greatly loved fire family, his brothers and sisters; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Our community was greatly blessed to have such a man as Rick who truly did have a servant's heart. His devotion and dedication were unmatched. Though he may be gone from our sight, Rick Hobbs's legacy will live on forever, so remember him with a smile.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 19, 2021, in the RHS Gymnasium of Richland, Missouri with Dustin Britzman officiating. Speakers, and dear friends, Ed Fowler read the obituary, while Matt Sutcliffe shared his favorite stories about Chief Hobbs. Son, Russell Hobbs gave a touching eulogy about his beloved father, and daughter-in-law, Danielle Hobbs shared several of "Rick quotes and thoughts." Uniformed Personal saluted Rick one last time before Chief Hobbs was taken on his final ride on the back of a Fire truck to Oaklawn Cemetery where Chief Hobbs was laid to rest. Escorts included Ed Fowler, Doug Yurecko, Jarrod Arnall, Brandon Bradstreet, Michael Campbell, Dustin Britzman, Jacob Gormley and Bob Sperberg. Honorary escorts included Gene Hobbs, Mike Hobbs, Ralph Forester, Bob Williams, Tim Farmer, Rick Grno, Robert Smith, Matt Sutcliffe, Phil Pitts, and Skip Hankins. Dustin Britzman opened the graveside service. The Proclamations and Resolution #2766 was given by State Fire Marshall, Tim Dean. Rick's first cousin, Representative, Don Mayhew presented the American flag, while Bill Hardwick presented the Missouri flag; both flags had been flown over the state capitol during the week of Rick's passing, and were presented to Rick's wife, Robin. Two Fireman folded the draped flag from the casket as Taps were being played before it too was presented to Robin before the Ringing of the Bell Ceremony began. A lone helicopter flew over just before Pulaski County 911 operator gave the Last Call for 1301 Chief, and Battalion Chief 109903, Rickey Lee Hobbs was given, his Last Alarm. Bagpipes played "Amazing Grace" at the conclusion of Chief Hobbs's service.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in memory of Rick Hobbs and can be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences can be sent at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 22, 2021 at 11:21 AM

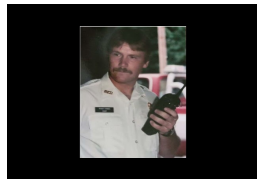


“ *Rickey Lee Hobbs*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Clayton Gregory - January 04, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *No words can ever truly say, how we feel; and there are no words to give you true comfort at a time like this. Hopefully there is comfort knowing that he didn't "talk the talk"..he was a leader when it came to "walking the walk!" HE TAUGHT THE CLASS. Thank you for sharing such a good hearted soul with all of us. Love ya, Rick. A true angel entered heaven with honors.*

Debbie Masuch Hobbs - September 19, 2021 at 09:35 PM

WW

“ Sorry for your loss.
Prayers for the FAMILIES 🙏
Know Rick & Robin many years.
Thank Rick for this Service in Fire
Department.
And helping my Family in emergency needs.
Also at City of Richland & Reserve Officer. 🙏



Wm&Ana Willoughby - September 19, 2021 at 11:16 AM

JP

“ No one worked harder to make the City of Richland and the Tri
County Fire Department wonderful... he was a friend to all...
prayers for the entire family 🙏

John and Kathy Parrish

John and Kathy Parrish - September 18, 2021 at 10:01 PM

MS

“ Marge Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of
Rickey Lee Hobbs



Marge Scott - September 18, 2021 at 06:29 AM

JS

“ John And Jodi Smith lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs



John and Jodi Smith - September 17, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ 146 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 17, 2021 at 04:03 PM

CH

“ With deep sorrow. You were a great person and you will be missed
❤️

Christina McFarland-Helms and Tony Helms - September 17, 2021 at 01:28 PM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Rick will be greatly missed, he did a lot for Richland. Prayers going your way.

James and Tana Mitschele - September 16, 2021 at 07:59 PM

GL

“ *Gudrun Landreth lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



Gudrun Landreth - September 16, 2021 at 05:44 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



linda cole-schonbok - September 16, 2021 at 04:26 PM

DE

“ *Holly and other family/friends - We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this period of great mourning. While we didn't have the pleasure of knowing your loved one the impact he made is rather obvious, especially in the firefighting world. May he rest in peace and may you all find peace in your memories made over a lifetime.*



Dennis - September 16, 2021 at 03:38 PM

CJ

“ *Charles Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



charles jackson - September 16, 2021 at 01:44 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



Brenda Smith - September 16, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CG

“ *Robin and Russell, Prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Rick done a lot for the community. He will be missed. Carol & Jerry Gideon*



Carol A Gideon - September 16, 2021 at 09:55 AM

DP

“ *David Pemberton lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



David Pemberton - September 15, 2021 at 11:15 PM

JS

“ *John And Jodi Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



John and Jodi Smith - September 15, 2021 at 10:59 PM

CJ

“ *Carlene Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



carlene jackson - September 15, 2021 at 10:34 PM

CJ

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carlene jackson - September 15, 2021 at 09:41 PM

CJ

“ *My condolences go out to the family. I am very sorry for your loss .Rick was a kind man and will be greatly missed*

carlene jackson - September 15, 2021 at 05:56 PM

VS

“ *Valorie Pentecost Springer lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



Valorie Pentecost Springer - September 15, 2021 at 04:38 PM

DL

“ *Dana Lane lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



dana lane - September 15, 2021 at 03:55 PM

SH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Skip and Marla Hankins - September 15, 2021 at 03:37 PM

SH

“ *Skip And Marla Hankins lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



Skip and Marla Hankins - September 15, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Margie Becker lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



Margie Becker - September 15, 2021 at 02:48 PM

GA

“ *I left Richland in 1977 and didn't come back till 2010. Even when I would come down and see mom and dad and saw Rick in town he would always flag me down. He would say good to see you cuz. Now he wouldn't just do this once it was every time he saw me. He would take the time to talk if only for 5 min or so. I will never be able to drive past the fire station without thinking of him. Good memories for sure.*

George Adkison - September 15, 2021 at 02:16 PM

BH

“ *In the beginning the friendship between my family & Rickey's was connected through horses. We spent a lot of time together as young children and often fought like siblings. One afternoon we got into rock throwing (it was summer, so no snowballs) and I threw a rock & he failed to duck. I beamed him smack in the middle of the forehead, he got a scar out of it and I got the butt warming of my life! But there were no hard feelings, that's just the kind of person he was - even as a kid.*

Brenda Robinson hunt - September 15, 2021 at 02:15 PM

NA

“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs



Nancy - September 15, 2021 at 02:12 PM

DH

“ Della & Russ Hage lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs



Della & Russ Hage - September 15, 2021 at 02:11 PM

GH

“ Rick was a great man was a big part of my life and will always have him in my heart. Made me in to a good firefighter and was there with me when I lost my dad and when I had my stroke there was no time he was there for me god bless Russ and Roben

gary hess - September 15, 2021 at 02:03 PM

CG

“ Chief Hobbs spent countless of hours serving the public in various ways, Chief we love you and Miss you 1301! We got it from here.

Clayton W. Gregory - September 15, 2021 at 01:59 PM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - September 15, 2021 at 01:46 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Hobbs*



Shirley Henry - September 15, 2021 at 01:28 PM