



Richard Ross

February 24, 1936 - August 13, 2024

Richard Ross, age 88 years, a resident of rural Vienna, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 12:30 P.M. at his home.

Richard was born February 24, 1936 at the family home in the Bloomfield community in Johnson County Illinois. He was the son of John D. "Buck" Ross and Inez (Haden) Ross.

On July 12, 1958, Richard was united in marriage to Evelyn Fairless at the First Baptist Church in Vienna. She preceded him in death on December 7, 2017.

Richard is survived by: his children – Mike (his wife, Christine) Ross of Vienna, Mitch (his wife, Linda) Ross of Vienna, Marshell (his wife, Jennie) Ross of Simpson, and Mona (her husband, Mike) Reeder of Vienna; grandchildren – Alex (his wife, Kirsten) Ross, Nathaniel (his wife, Maddie) Ross, Gabriel Ross, Josh (his wife, Jeri) Ross, Natasha (Luke McCowan) Ross, Savanna (her husband, Garrett Craddock) Ross, Marissa (Aaron Taylor) Ross, Amber (Matt Jennings) Smith, Fayth (Jesse Mouser) Smith, Ryan Reeder, Randy Reeder, and Rebecca (her husband, Wyatt) Robinson; great grandchildren – Kora, Evelyn Nolan, Eli, Emersyn, Jhett, Jace, Jax, Bryley, Dyer, Emma, Everlee, and Marshell; sisters – Barbara Ackmann of Buncombe and Louise Thomas of Simpson; brothers – Lowell Ross of

Simpson and Jim (his wife, Kay) Ross of Vienna; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents & wife, Richard was preceded in death by a sister – Ruth Sampson.

Richard was a graduate of Vienna High School. Following graduation, he enrolled in a carpenter's training program and served an apprenticeship. Richard was employed as a carpenter at the Choate Mental Health Center in Anna for 32 years, prior to his retirement. He also worked as a carpenter for Tom Anderson construction and was a member of the Carpenters union. Richard was also a lifelong farmer and member of the Johnson County Farm Bureau.

Richard served from 1972 – 2015 as a member of the Cypress Grade School Board of Education.

He was an avid outdoorsman. Richard enjoyed fishing and hunting, particularly coon hunting. He also enjoyed riding over his farm and checking on his cattle.

Richard was of the Christian faith.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon, August 18, 2024, at 2 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Scott Harner will officiate.

Burial will be in the Church of God Cemetery, north of Cypress.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 5 P.M. until 8 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Cypress Church of God Cemetery, c/o Lonnie and Judy Dunn, 460 State Route 37 North, Buncombe, Illinois 62912.

To share a memory of Richard or to leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.baileyfh.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Cemetery Details

Church of God Cemetery

40 Church of God Road
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

AUG 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I am Evelyn's 1st cousin, she lived with us for a little while after Shelby passed and I spent 2 summers living with Richard and Evelyn while in high school ... my visits over the years are very special memories .. and now Paul Fairless is gone too. Parts of life are so sad as our loved ones go before us ... Thank you Jesus for the promised reunion. Love all my Illinois Family Steve F.

Steven Fairless - May 26, 2025 at 09:44 AM

VG

“ Richard was a really sweet guy who always came by the food truck for his free ice cream he will be missed my prayers go out to his family rip richard

vickie green - August 21, 2024 at 02:41 PM

JH

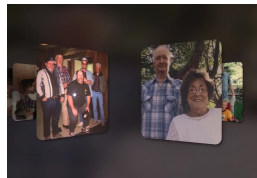
“ Jed Hand lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Jed hand - August 19, 2024 at 05:58 AM

BH

“ 1 file added to the album Richard Ross



Bailey Home - August 18, 2024 at 07:12 PM

JT

“ Wes & I offer our sincerest condolences to all family members and friends who loved him. Necie & Wes Trammell.

joy Trammell - August 17, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry for your loss



Debby Brown - August 17, 2024 at 06:10 PM

JM

“ Richard was a kind hearted and gentle man that welcomed me into his home and the Ross family. I will miss chatting with him in Mike and Christine's kitchen about farming, cows, fishing, and hunting, as well as his kind-heart joking about my inability to shoot straight and hunt deer.

Jim McMahon - August 17, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JM

“ Jim & Kay, Ty, Michelle, Mattie, Maggie lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Jim & Kay, Ty, Michelle, Mattie, Maggie - August 16, 2024 at 10:59 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Ross.*



August 16, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Jim and Tammy McMahon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ross.*

Jim and Tammy McMahon - August 16, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ *Jim and Tammy McMahon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Ross.*



Jim and Tammy McMahon - August 16, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ *Mike, Mitch, Marsh and Mona and families so sorry to read of your Dad's passing he was a good man and we know he will be missed by all of you. May God comfort in the days ahead. With Love and sympathy, Jerry, Judy and Jay Phelps.*



J Phelps - August 16, 2024 at 09:01 PM

RA

“ *Reice and Loren Pribble/ The Albrights purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard Ross.*



Reice and Loren Pribble/ The Albrights - August 16, 2024 at 10:19 AM

NR

“ *Nicholas & Amber Robinson purchased the Sweet Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Richard Ross.*



Nicholas & Amber Robinson - August 16, 2024 at 10:14 AM

CB

“ *Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross*



Carol Bryant - August 16, 2024 at 10:12 AM

CB

Sending Prayers and My condolences to the Family during this difficult time of loss.

Carol Bryant - August 16, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ Sad to hear that Richard is gone from among us. We were only 2nd cousins, but my connection to all the Ross family has always felt much closer. May all the family be comforted by all the special memories and for the faith that we hold.

Bruce Wilson - August 16, 2024 at 09:27 AM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Teresa Richerson - August 16, 2024 at 08:33 AM

GB

“ Glenn Brown lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Glenn Brown - August 15, 2024 at 10:10 PM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Margaret Mathis - August 15, 2024 at 09:53 PM

CB

“ Chris And Kim Bent sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Ross



Chris and Kim Bent - August 15, 2024 at 07:02 PM

AS

“ Angie Street lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Angie Street - August 15, 2024 at 07:01 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Vicki Eastwood - August 15, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ Robert And Lori Taylor lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Robert and Lori Taylor - August 15, 2024 at 05:33 PM

LD

“ *Lonnie And Judy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross*



Lonnie and Judy Dunn - August 15, 2024 at 03:44 PM

WJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family. Such a kind man.*



Wayne and Kathy Jennings - August 15, 2024 at 03:32 PM

BA

“ *So sorry Robert and Brenda Ames*



Brenda Ames - August 15, 2024 at 03:03 PM

LT

“ *Lowell And Susie Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross*



Lowell and Susie Trovillion - August 15, 2024 at 02:21 PM

CW

“ *Clearon & Jane Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Ross*



Clearon & Jane Wright - August 15, 2024 at 12:28 PM

CW

*Praying for his family asking God to comfort them. I will miss my cousin, Richard.
Sending sympathy and love, Jane.*

Clearon & Jane Wright - August 15, 2024 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Ross*



John Slack - August 15, 2024 at 11:06 AM

AC

“ *Alice Clover lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross*



Alice Clover - August 15, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JT

“ J. C. & Tammy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



J. C. & Tammy Thomas - August 15, 2024 at 09:31 AM

SJ

“ Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Steve & Darla Jones - August 15, 2024 at 09:00 AM

DS

“ Diana Steele lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Diana Steele - August 15, 2024 at 07:45 AM

JW

“ Jaeda Willis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Ross.



Jaeda Willis - August 15, 2024 at 06:19 AM

JW

“ Jaeda Willis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ross.

Jaeda Willis - August 15, 2024 at 06:19 AM

BB

“ Billy & Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Billy & Nancy Belford - August 15, 2024 at 12:07 AM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Justin & Tricia Hartline - August 14, 2024 at 09:30 PM

KB

“ Kenny And Diane Baker lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross



Kenny and Diane Baker - August 14, 2024 at 09:21 PM

CH

“ *Charles And Cindy Harner lit a candle in memory of Richard Ross*



Charles and Cindy Harner - August 14, 2024 at 08:14 PM

DH

“ *Dallas And Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Ross*



Dallas and Charlene Harner - August 14, 2024 at 08:09 PM