



## Richard W. "Ricky" Champion

July 25, 1959 - September 5, 2016

Richard Wade "Ricky" Champion, 57, a resident of rural Tunnel Hill, passed away Monday, September 5, 2016, at 7:26 PM at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, Illinois.

Ricky was born July 25, 1959 in Marion, Illinois. He was the youngest child born to Cecil and Thelma Louise (Farley) Champion.

Survivors include: 3 brothers – Herb (his wife, Patsy) Chance of Ozark, Cecil Ray Champion of Tunnel Hill, and Howard Louis Champion of Murphysboro; a sister – Patricia Kay Champion of Murphysboro; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Ricky was preceded in death by: 2 brothers – Glenn Edward Chance and Larry Russell Champion; and a sister – Carolyn Louise Soper.

Ricky had been employed as an engineer in the marine industry by Ingram Barge Company.

He was a skilled artisan and was known for his woodcarving and painting ability. Ricky enjoyed horseback riding. He was of the Baptist faith.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2016, at 1:30 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial will be in the Woodside Cemetery near Tunnel Hill.

Visitation will be held from 12 Noon – 1:30 PM Sunday afternoon at Bailey Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4503 West DeYoung Street, Suite 200C, Marion, IL 62959, or the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodside Cemetery

Harpertown Lane  
Tunnel Hill, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard W. "Ricky" Champion*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Elizaberth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion*



**elizaberth kerley** - September 09, 2016 at 03:16 AM



“ *John Morris lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion*



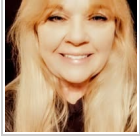
**John Morris** - September 08, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion*



**Lora Goddard** - September 07, 2016 at 08:44 PM



“ Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion



Teresa Anderson - September 07, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ Debbie McCuan lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion



Debbie McCuan - September 07, 2016 at 05:09 PM



“ Ravi And Tammy Morris lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion



Ravi and Tammy Morris - September 07, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ To Ricky's family, sorry for your loss. I remember him in grade school, my sympathy to all of you. Judy McCuan Phelps.



Judy McCuan Phelps - September 07, 2016 at 04:08 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Webster lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion*



**Lisa Webster** - September 07, 2016 at 11:21 AM



*Sad to learn about your Uncle Ricky's death. It seems like it was from cancer, which took my brother as well.*

**Don Thieme** - March 30, 2021 at 07:23 PM

Lisa Holston

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Lisa Holston** - September 07, 2016 at 11:19 AM



*What a great picture of your Uncle Ricky!!! That is either at the Creal Springs house or one of the trailers in Murphysboro. The watercolor on the wall behind him was painted by my father's aunt, Melita Hofmann.*

**Don Thieme** - March 30, 2021 at 07:25 PM



*Ricky was my brother-in-law for a while but we were also great friends. He was beloved by all who knew him. He passed away far too early.*

**Don Thieme** - March 30, 2021 at 07:29 PM

Lisa  
Holston

“ *Lisa Holston lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion*



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**Lisa Holston** - September 07, 2016 at 11:17 AM

DT

“ *Doug Thorne lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion*



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**Doug Thorne** - September 07, 2016 at 10:52 AM

PM

“ *Pam Morris lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion*



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**Pam Morris** - September 07, 2016 at 09:36 AM

DB

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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**Diane Boget** - September 06, 2016 at 06:32 PM

PM

“ Pam Morris lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion



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**Pam Morris** - September 06, 2016 at 05:34 PM

PM

“ Pam Morris lit a candle in memory of Richard W. "Ricky" Champion



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**Pam Morris** - September 06, 2016 at 04:41 PM