



Rick Len Roach

September 18, 1948 - January 4, 2025

Rick Len Roach, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away surrounded by family on January 4, 2025, at the BJC Healthcare – Siteman Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Rick was born September 18, 1948 in Herrin, Illinois. He was the son of Lenville and Rose (Swift) Roach.

On April 14, 1973, Rick was united in marriage to Darlene Kelley. They shared 51 happy years together.

In addition to his wife, Rick is survived by: daughters – Lora (Brannon) Batson of Brooklyn, New York and Lisa (Todd) Mathews of O’Fallon, Illinois; 4 grandchildren – Ollie Batson, Abby, Jack, and Ben Mathews; a sister-in-law – Viola Roach of Johnston City, Illinois; and a brother-in-law – Richard (Joyce) Kelley of Goreville, Illinois.

Rick was preceded in death by: his parents; a sister – Theda Clarida and a brother – Gary Roach.

Rick was a graduate of the Johnston City High School and John A. Logan Community College as well as having attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Rick served honorably in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Germany and served 15 months in Vietnam. He was a member of the Heyde-Pillow VFW Post # 1301 in Marion, Illinois.

Rick was a graduate of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local # 702 apprenticeship program. His working career was as an inside wireman for the IBEW Local # 702, which included 21 years at Southern Illinois University student center in Carbondale. Rick received the highest award given by the IBEW, the "Life Saving Award."

Rick was a member of Saline Lodge # 339 A.F. & A.M. in Goreville. He was also a member of the Goreville First Baptist Church.

His endless curiosity led to many hobbies and pastimes, including woodworking, cooking and painting. Rick also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golfing. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved nature. He could name every tree, plant, bird or fish in the Southern Illinois region.

Rick was happiest, however, when surrounded by his family.

Mourning the death of this unassuming man who could do the extraordinary are his family, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

A service honoring the life of Rick Roach will be conducted Monday morning, January 13, 2025, at 10 AM at Goreville First Baptist Church, 608 W. Main St, Goreville, IL 62939. Pastor Stephen Seaford, Daren Roach and Todd Mathews will officiate.

Burial, with military honors, will be in the Cana Cemetery, north of Goreville.

Visitation will be held Sunday, January 12, 2025 from 5 P.M. until 7 P.M. at the

Goreville First Baptist Church. There will be a further time of visitation from 9 A.M. until the service hour Monday morning, January 13, 2025, at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or to the Goreville First Baptist Church. Memorial envelopes will be available at the church or may be mailed in care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

The funeral service will be livestreamed on the First Baptist Church – Goreville Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Cana Cemetery

Goreville, IL 62939

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
608 West Main Street
Goreville, IL

Visitation

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
608 West Main Street
Goreville, IL

Service

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
608 West Main Street
Goreville, IL

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying the LORS gives you comfort.



Jennifer Schierbaum Downs - January 14, 2025 at 10:52 AM

MF

“ Deeply sorry for your loss...What an amazing life & legacy.

Mickey Martin Finch - January 13, 2025 at 11:07 AM

ME

“ Sorry for your loss. Rick will be greatly missed. It was always a blessing to run into him at the student center when I was in college.

Matt Eastman - January 13, 2025 at 10:17 AM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss.

Bruce “Gumball” Marsan - January 12, 2025 at 09:02 PM

CL

“ Darlene and family. My deepest condolences. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time
Carol Hiller Loban



Carol Hiller Loban - January 12, 2025 at 08:14 PM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was a great neighbor. Gary lived up on Benton Avenue north of us for decades. Condolences and prayers for all his family members and friends.

Sandy McPheron Phipps - January 09, 2025 at 07:30 PM

SM

“ Swim Night Moms AKA Kinder Moms purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rick Len Roach.



Swim Night Moms AKA Kinder Moms - January 09, 2025 at 07:30 PM

TF

“ The Salzman Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rick Len Roach.



The Salzman Family - January 09, 2025 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ The Salzman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Len Roach.

The Salzman Family - January 09, 2025 at 10:56 AM

FW

“ From Clancy and Kristy White purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rick Len Roach.



From Clancy and Kristy White - January 09, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rick Len Roach.


January 08, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rick Len Roach.



January 08, 2025 at 09:17 PM

 Nancy Hagans

“ Nancy Hagans lit a candle in memory of Rick Len Roach



Nancy Hagans - January 08, 2025 at 04:10 PM

GH

“ George & Nancy Hagans lit a candle in memory of Rick Len Roach



George & Nancy Hagans - January 08, 2025 at 04:07 PM

BF

“ Barbara Batson & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Len Roach.

Barbara Batson & family - January 08, 2025 at 08:56 AM

BF

“ Barbara Batson & family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rick Len Roach.



Barbara Batson & family - January 08, 2025 at 08:56 AM

BF

“ Bob & Linda Forbes lit a candle in memory of Rick Len Roach



Bob & Linda Forbes - January 07, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rick Len Roach.

January 07, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rick Len Roach.



January 07, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ *Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Rick Len Roach*



Neal & Carol Watkins - January 07, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Rick was a wonderful man. I enjoyed seeing him in at Shell when he would come in for coffee and conversation with all the guys. God Bless you Darlene and the girls. Prayers for you all*

MARY LUKE - January 07, 2025 at 12:36 PM

JW

“ *J. P. Watkins lit a candle in memory of Rick Len Roach*



J. P. Watkins - January 07, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JR

“ *Jeff&Allison Robison lit a candle in memory of Rick Len Roach*



Jeff&Allison Robison - January 07, 2025 at 11:53 AM