



Richard "Rich" Jacobson

March 11, 1935 - March 23, 2023

Richard L. Jacobson, 88, of Fox Lake, IL, formerly of Richmond passed away Thursday, March 23, 2023 at St. Catherine's Hospital in Pleasant Prairie, WI.

He was born in Genoa City, WI on March 11, 1935, the son of the late Evelyn (Ehle) and Roy Jacobson.

He was married to Arlene Kelly on July 11, 1992, in Richmond.

Rich was preceded in death by his first wife Jeanette (Huff) Jacobson on September 27, 1990 and their daughter Melissa Ann Jacobson on May 18, 2009.

Rich graduated from Richmond-Burton High School in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army during 1957-58 then returned home to run the family farm.

He was a lifetime farmer and a member of the McHenry County Farm Bureau. Rich was a volunteer fireman and a trustee for the Richmond Fire Department for 39 years. A proud member of 4H, the local snowmobile club, and an avid card player. He delighted in serving his community and loved hosting events that brought people together such as Easter egg hunts, hayrides, and pig roasts. He was always up for an adventure, and would drop everything to help anyone at any time. Given the opportunity, he would talk to everybody.

He never met a stranger, just someone he was not friends with yet. Above all else, farming was what he lived for. It was his calling. Rich was a mentor to many, a friend to all.

Survivors are his wife Arlene, step children Susan (the late Frankie) Cherry, Tim (Lisa) Kelly, Tony (Silvia) Kelly; six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, a sister Carolyn (the late Verne) Borst, and many nieces and nephews.

A time of fellowship and refreshments will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Saturday April 1, 2023 at Richmond Fire Dept., 5601 Hunter Dr, Richmond, IL. A time of Thoughts and Reflections will be from Noon until 1:30 p.m., with military honors, then a procession to the farm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Richmond Fire/Rescue District or McHenry County Farm Bureau P.O. Box 1530 Woodstock, IL 60098.

For information, please visit www.ehornadams.com. or call 815 678-7311.

Previous Events

Fellowship and refreshments

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Richmond Fire Department
5601 Hunter Dr
Richmond, IL 60071

Tribute Wall

CR

“ *My deepest sympathies to Rich's entire family..Rich was a very, very nice man. May he rest in peace*

Cindy Reimer - April 06, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Rich was an amazing man and will be greatly missed. I've relied on him for hay for my horses for years and he always insured I had exactly what I needed. I'll always remember the twinkle in his eye and his infectious chuckle. RIP Rich!!!*

Kim Schmidt - March 30, 2023 at 12:24 PM



Jacqueline Randall

“ *My condolences to his family and friends.*

Jacqueline Randall - March 28, 2023 at 01:01 PM

AZ

R.I.P Rich, fellow class mate

Arlene Zarnstorff - March 28, 2023 at 04:34 PM

DO

“ *From a friendship that started in grade school with Rich and Del riding their bikes down Keystone and Burgett gravel roads to a lifelong friendship of helping each other with farming, vacationing together and enjoying each other's company playing cards, eating out and just being together my sympathy goes out to Arlene and the whole family. Donna Olsen*

Donna Olsen - March 28, 2023 at 11:39 AM

KD

“ A great friend to our family. Taught a couple "town kids" a lot about farming and animal husbandry. Very fond memories of Randy and me working with and learning from Rich (& Evan). A true gentleman farmer. Thank you Rich. RIP.

Kevin DeHaan - March 28, 2023 at 07:46 AM



“ Knew him for 40 years. Always in good spirits. First class farmer. Only one thing wrong: drove wrong color tractor! Miss you Rich! Jeff JBT

Alexandra Thurlwell - March 27, 2023 at 06:49 PM

RG

“ Such sad news to hear of Rich's passing. Just a wonderful man who always made you smile. Over the 14+ years I had as Chief of the Richmond Fire Department, I had Rich on my cell phone speed dial. I called Rich several times to cut a fire break for me on farm field fires. He would hook the discs up to his tractor and drive out to help his fire family put out a fire. Thank you Rich for all you have done not only for me, but for the entire Richmond community. You will be missed.

Rick Gallas - March 27, 2023 at 06:40 PM

PG

“ Rich was such a helpful and generous man, who will be missed by many. RIP, Rich and thank you for your service to others in so many ways.

Paula Gallas - March 27, 2023 at 06:28 PM

JS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Rich was a joy to know.*

Joanne Sutton - March 27, 2023 at 05:17 PM

DP

“ *A wonderful friend and neighbor. Spent so many Friday nights going out for dinner then playing cards. A great memory for people, places and events in local history. If you wanted to know, you asked Rich. Rest in peace.*

Dave and Rita Popenhagen - March 25, 2023 at 06:00 PM

AK

I have known Rich since we rode the school bus together to Richmond Burton High School. Rich was everybody's friend and will be missed by all. My sympathy to his family.
Ann Katzenberg

Ann Katzenberg - April 01, 2023 at 10:43 AM

DA

“ *Many fond farming memories with Maggie and me, also Rich was a charter member of the Richmond Trailblazers, landowner, and helper to the club in so many ways. Thank You Rich*

Dick and Maggie Arseneau - March 25, 2023 at 03:16 PM