



## Mr. David John Ripplinger

March 2, 1947 - January 11, 2021

Ripplinger, "Rip" David J. (73) crossed over peacefully at his home in Crystal MN, where his family gathered for parting wishes, on 01/11/2021. Rip showed his strength against health issues the last 2 years but it was his time to join the ancestors in heaven. Preceded in death by his parents Christ & Mary, Son David Jr. and grandchildren Bryer, Simone and Red Eagle. Rip was born in Tacoma, WA 3/2/1947. He led a full life described by him as "One Hell of a Ride". He enjoyed many adventures early in life which helped develop his passions. Proudly served in the US Marine Corps in Vietnam, 1965-69. After returning, Rip continued his passions of hunting, fishing and building his life's work, a Master Carpenter. Rip aided in the recovery of many struggling with addiction, an affliction he had also struggled with. Rip is survived by daughters Stacy (Matt), Jessica and Jamie (Justin). His daughters enriched his life with his loving grandchildren Sydney, Tayvion, Cole, Keontae, Kailynn, Brayden and Unity. Also survived by brothers Wally, Charles (Sherry), Kenny (Laurie); sister Joyce & the 8 nieces and nephews they blessed him with. The mother of his children Margaret Belille-Necklace & God daughters Shannon and Ashley. The Muehlberg/Lenzen Family and a very special person whom prefer their love remain with them alone. His parting lessons to his family was for them to be "full of kindness, integrity, honesty, honorable, trustworthy and full of love". His character exuded these qualities with pride. Rip's Private Memorial will take place 1/22/2021 at 11:00am in Hopkins MN from 11-12pm and can be viewed by the public by going to [Washburn-McReavy.com](http://Washburn-McReavy.com) and

click on the obituary tab, search David Ripplinger, and refer to the photo/video tab on his obituary page to view. Interment with military honors will follow at Fort Snelling at 12:45pm (FB video "Rip's Memorial Page"). Donations can be made out to: In Memory of Rip West Suburban Alano 5235 Woodhill Rd Minnetonka MN, 55345. Washburn-McReavy.com Hopkins Chapel 952-938-9020

# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel  
1400 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
(952) 938-9020  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of David J. Ripplinger in memory of Mr. David John Ripplinger



Washburn-McReavy - January 18, 2021 at 10:03 AM



*Hello, My name is Donna Clark Niemi, I grew up with David and his sister Joyce and brothers, I was so sorry to Hear of his passing. To his Family and sibilings< Joyce, Wally, Charlie and Kenny I send my sympathy and prayers.. Sincerely Donna*

Donna Niemi - January 18, 2021 at 05:52 PM

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*Although I knew Rip less than a year he had truly made an amazing impact on me.  
He reminded me so much of my grandfather and we loves talking about horses and what projects I should be aware of to do and how in my home.  
Your kindness, huge heart and wonderful conversations will always be cherished in my heart.  
All the best my friend. Rest in peace Rip.  
Love, Ireen Sommer*

Ireen Sommer - January 21, 2021 at 08:57 AM

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“ *David Ripplinger was humorous, hard working dedicated and caring. He was the builder of West Suburban Alano. He also built a room in the Malinowski house. with love and sympathy. Mike and Janet Malinowski*

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**Janet Malinowski** - January 22, 2021 at 11:45 AM

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“ *Your friend, Ireen Sommer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. David John Ripplinger.*



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**Your friend, Ireen Sommer** - January 21, 2021 at 08:49 AM