



## Richard "Rick" Cover Jr.

December 21, 1946 - June 23, 2026

Richard "Rick" Cover Jr., age 79 a resident at Epiphany Assisted Living in Coon Rapids, MN, passed away June 23, 2026.

Preceded in death by daughter, Corrine Cover; father, Richard Cover Sr. and mother, Virginia Cover. Survived by sons, Lance (Katy) Cover and Ross (Katie) Cover, daughter, Valentina (Christian) Cover; brother, Anthony Scott (Chloe) Cover; sisters, Mary (Stuart) Bartholomaus and Pat Hoffer; grandchildren, Elmore, Richard, Camden, Carson, and Miles; many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Rick was a multi-sport athlete, a business owner, and an avid golfer. He was a wonderful loving father. Family was most important to him. He graduated from Hill High School and North Dakota State University, where he played football on championship teams. Rick was highly respected and well loved. He will be sorely missed.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 10:30 AM with visitation one hour prior to the service at the Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids, MN. Lunch to follow Mass from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

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# Tribute Wall

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“ When me, Ross, and Lance were 13, as best I could tell, Rick Cover was the coolest guy in the world.

*I can say that I saw the second ever UFC live on Pay-per-View, because Rick bought it. I told him Remco Pardoel would win it all, and he said, "Keep an eye on that little guy, Gracie..."*

*He also let us build our own driving range in the back yard. We took every blanket in the house and nailed them up between two trees, just so we could hit balls into them as hard as we could. Even in '94, I think he just liked it when we got off the video games. He once burst into the den and said, "Alexander the Great conquered half the world by age 13... what have you guys done today!"*

*Anyone would be blessed to know him personally. He was a smart, funny, generous, and kind mentor. He taught me how to order a steak medium-rare, but was never quite able to get me to slow down when I ate it.*

*And it was his largess toward his son's friend, alone, that gave me access to such quality golf. I remember once in Florida, the skins rule was one tie/all-tie. So we're at like 7 carry-over skins, and I hit this 30ft birdie putt that will obviously net me the money. Now, for whatever reason, he saw this and decided he was done "f---ing around" as he walked up to his own 29ft birdie with a double break... The next hole was worth 8 skins.*

*In 9th grade, Rick allowed me to be dropped off at their house before my dad went to work, so that I could jump on the bus with Ross and Lance. This was the primary reason a St. Paul kid got to go to Stillwater, even though I lived outside the district. This changed the trajectory of my life, and therefore my children's lives. I have debts to this man I cannot repay.*

*Long live the legacy of Rick Cover.*

*See you in heaven, sir.*

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**Tim Johnson** - 51 minutes ago

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“*Dave Lovick Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Rick" Cover Jr..*



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**Dave Lovick Family** - 2 hours ago