



Richard Joseph Kraus

February 21, 2018

Kraus, Richard Joseph age 61 of Edina, MN, formerly of Lakeville and Owatonna, passed away from cancer on February 21, 2018. Rick was born on May 13, 1956 and grew up on a farm near Waseca. He graduated from Winona State University and married Dawn Root on June 19, 1976. He had a 36-year career in human resources at Apogee Enterprises, Federated Insurance Companies, and Saint Marys Hospital. He was devoted to his family, faith, work, and community. Rick is survived by his loving wife, Dawn; sons Jacob (Jacqueline) and Andrew (Erika); grandchildren Vivian, Dylan, Owen, and Stella; siblings Joan (Vern) Koester, Jim (Marcia) Kraus, Steve (Benjy) Kraus, twin Ron (Kathy) Kraus, Tom (Sue) Kraus, Peter (Annette) Zimmerman, Paul (Andrea) Zimmerman, and Mariia (Roger Skalbeck) Zimmerman; and many other relatives. He was preceded in death by parents Edward Kraus and Vivian Kraus Zimmerman, and stepfather James Zimmerman. Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina. Visitation begins at 10:30 a.m. prior to the service. Private burial at Fairview Cemetery in Hayfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Mayo Clinic Cancer Research or Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dawn, I was saddened to see Rick's obituary in the paper. I was hoping to have you two stop over sometime to see us on your way back from Rochester. I was concerned when I sent him an email and he didn't write back like he usually did. I enjoyed working for/with Rick at Federated. I will always remember how he surprised Bob and I by paying for our meal at the Hubble House for our anniversary when we were on our way back from Rochester. I am so sorry for your loss. I know he was a great husband, father, grandfather, and community worker.

Marlys Stark

Marlys Stark - March 08, 2018 at 09:59 PM

RR

“ Dawn and family,

My deepest sympathy to you and the boys and extended family. Rich leaves a great legacy — you should all be so proud.

Love, your cousin Renae (Oeltjenbruns) Ronquist

Renae Ronquist - March 01, 2018 at 02:52 PM

DS

“ I have fond memories of the Kraus brothers Rich & Ron. How could anyone forget the Cheri Pipe band. I looked for our first communion picture of all of us cute little 2nd graders but I did not find it yet, but I will. I'm sure God is watching out for Rich right now. He knows the faith all of us Sacred Hearters had. My thoughts and prayers are with you Dawn & Ron & family. Love Donna Salzle

Donna Salzle - February 26, 2018 at 10:06 PM

JK

“ Dawn and family,

You may not remember me, but I worked in the Viracon Human Resources Department when Rick was in charge of the department. I remember him well, as he was one of the "best" bosses I ever had the honor of working for. My husband passed away four months ago and so I know the many challenges in the months ahead for all of you. Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers. May God comfort you in your sorrow.

Jean Kiefer

Jean Kiefer - February 24, 2018 at 03:04 PM

MI

“ Rick was always very inspiring and took the time to help me with business and growth situations. I appreciated the way he listened and I loved listening to him talk. He helped me become a better listener! I always anticipated his take on the way he would go about handling certain situations. Rick was good people and will forever be an influence for me you will be missed god bless the family
Mike

Mike - February 24, 2018 at 07:15 AM

BR

“ Rick was kind to all, even those of us who only worked with him a few times. His intellect was very apparent from the minute you met him but his care and kindness is what you never forgot. He will be missed.

Brandon - February 23, 2018 at 03:42 PM

JE

“ I was lucky to share family with Rick; I'm aunt to two of his grandkids, sister to his daughter-in-law. It was always a treat spending time with him at family events. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and such a calming voice. He will be missed tremendously by our entire family. We are holding Dawn, Andrew and Erika, Dylan and Stella, Jacob and Jacqueline, and Vivian and Owen in our hearts. We love you all and are thankful we got to be a part of Rick's life. What a legacy he leaves behind in his family. <3

Jess - February 23, 2018 at 02:12 PM

AN

“ Will miss Rick's sense of humor, ability to never forget a name, and passion for all he did. Heaven will be a much more organized place with Rick there!!

Andy - February 23, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Kraus.



February 23, 2018 at 12:38 PM

AN

“ My sincere condolences go to the Widow and family of Rick. The hardest part of life is losing a loved one. I would like to share a Comforting thought from the bible found at Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus."

Anastasia - February 23, 2018 at 08:11 AM

TJ

Dawn, I just saw the news about Rich in reading the Waseca paper online and wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. My prayers go with you and the kids in the days ahead. Blessings to you all. Terry Jeddloh

Terry Jeddloh - February 23, 2018 at 07:01 PM