



Rick Lee Ostby

January 28, 1975 - January 22, 2021

Ostby, Rick Lee age 45, of St. Louis Park, passed away unexpectedly of cardiac arrest in his home on Friday, Jan. 22, 2021. Rick grew up in Thief River Falls, MN. He was the son of Ron and Ruth (DuPree) Ostby. He attended Lincoln High School, graduated in 1993. He attended Bemidji State Univ. graduating with a Special Ed. Degree. He continued his education at St. Cloud State with a Masters in Special Ed. and then an Administrative degree. He loved teaching, ending up at his dream job at Columbia Academy in Columbia Heights. He was Assistant Principal for the past 11 years. He met the love of his life, Ann (Lilla) and united in marriage May 24, 2008. In this union, they had three children, Nicholas, Alexander and Juliet. He lived for his family and cherished every moment together. Rick was a wonderful husband, father, son and brother. He had a big heart and an infectious laugh. He was a stellar role model for his children and students. He was kind and generous and a great friend. He played and coached baseball, hockey and football. In addition, he was an avid fan of Gopher Athletics, "Row the boat"! Survived by loving Wife Ann; children Nicholas, Alexander and Juliet; parents Ron and Ruth Ostby; sister Lisa (Michael) Heuer; nieces Ella and Lucy; mother-in-law Amy Lilla and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, James Lilla; paternal grandparents Henry and Rosella Ostby; Maternal grandparents Harold and Mary DuPree. Memorials preferred to the family. Due to the Covid 19, a private family only service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, February 5th. Video stream on this link:

washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Rick-Ostby/ A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of Rick L. Ostby in memory of Rick Lee Ostby



Washburn-McReavy - February 02, 2021 at 11:11 AM



We will miss you Rick--Great smile and love will be missed by us all!

Rick Nelson - February 05, 2021 at 02:05 PM

AB

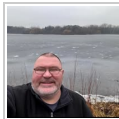
Lots of fun and crazy memories together growing up my friend - you are gone too soon - continued thoughts and prayer from our family to yours.

Aaron Broten - February 05, 2021 at 02:11 PM

AS

The flowers are beautiful. We will miss Rick at Columbia Academy.

Allison Stambaugh - February 05, 2021 at 02:13 PM



You will be missed Rick.

John Vasecka - February 05, 2021 at 03:01 PM

GT

Beautiful service, so sad but yet so uplifting and hopeful. Blessings to all with much love, and lots of prayers. Gretch and Bill

Gretchen Traylor - February 05, 2021 at 03:05 PM

JD

Beautiful memories shared. All our love, prayers, hugs and prayers for God to give you comfort and peace .Love, Uncle Dave, Aunt Judy, Kurt & Ivy, Bren, Kenzie, Jordyn, Dallas and Kristy Dupree.

Judy Dupree - February 05, 2021 at 03:15 PM

BS

Loved the service. Beautiful and thoughtful. It so captured Rick. Prayers and hugs to you all.

Bernie Schmidt - February 05, 2021 at 03:29 PM

KM

Beautiful celebration of Ricks life!! Shared so many things about Ricks amazing fun loving personality!! Sending love and prayers of comfort and hope!!

Kim Monette - February 05, 2021 at 05:01 PM

RT

What an amazing service. I have watched it several times. John was such a great speaker. Learned a few things about Rick. Now life goes on. My thoughts, love and many hugs to all.

Rose Teie - February 05, 2021 at 05:23 PM

AC

John A, what a fun, from the heart, touching tribute to Rick! I retired from CHPS in 2012, so I had the pleasure of getting to know Rick my last 2 years at CA. Always a smile on his face, very approachable, very student oriented, and that gregarious laugh! I am reeling with the rest of the Heights School community. Know that Rick's family, colleagues, and all who loved him are in my prayers. May you be comforted knowing how many lives he has touched for good.

Andrea Cowell

Andrea Cowell - February 05, 2021 at 05:45 PM



What a beautiful service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rick was such a great guy.

Joby and Tammy Looker

Tammy Radtke-Looker - February 05, 2021 at 10:45 PM

AO

Such a beautiful service, thanks for sharing such great detail of Rick. Listening and watching this has brought back a lot of memories growing up together in TRF! Class of 1993💛💙 Thoughts and Prayers to you all.

Amy Olson - February 06, 2021 at 11:26 AM

JM

It's people like Rick who made all of us better people and he did just that. I am so honored to have been his high school head coach in football because he sure made me and the rest of us look pretty good. However, what he did off the field was truly amazing. Love you Rick and we're going to miss you.

Jeff Mumm - February 06, 2021 at 02:47 PM

CS

A beautiful service. I am truly honored that my word were shared. He is such a great example of how to treat people. He touched so many at every stage in his life in the most positive way.

Courtney Skjerven - February 06, 2021 at 05:38 PM



beautiful service. rick will be so missed, thanking him for touching the hearts of so many people. sending endless love.

Hannah Awsumb - February 06, 2021 at 08:47 PM



He was the best ever to get to know

Christian Weltzin - February 23, 2021 at 02:31 PM

EO

*Taught at Columbia Academy for 3 years, Rick was my direct supervisor. Very genuine and gentleman. He treated me with respect and was just. He graciously wrote a recommendation for me. I appreciated your help. Rest In Peace Mr. Ostby!
Evans Onchiri*

Evans Onchiri - April 16, 2021 at 09:29 PM

CW

“ Rick was my assistant principal at CA, I loved this guy like a dad. He was so awesome and I was heartbroken when I learned of his passing. I am happy I got to talk with him one final time a week before his passing. I love you buddy and may you REST IN PEACE.

Christian Weltzin - October 12, 2022 at 12:18 AM

ME

“ Hugs and prayers sent to Ron and Ruth, Ann and family. So, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you. May God bless Ricks memory.

Mark and Linnae Enge - February 05, 2021 at 05:28 PM

SD

“ Sad day, wonderful service, eulogy was heart warming. We watched Rick grow up to become the person his friend spoke about. Our hearts are heavy with a small spot empty.
Uncle Harry and Auntie Sue Dupree

Sue Dupree - February 05, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ We will miss Rick so much! One of our very best friends gone too soon. We will continue to pray for Ann and the kids and treasure all of our wonderful memories!

Mary Steffy - February 05, 2021 at 02:04 PM

RN

“ One of Northland CC all best multi sport Athlete's a great person fun to be around-Enjoy attending Gpher Football games with him over the years he wqill be missed by many-Our best to all of the family-

Ricky Nelson - February 05, 2021 at 02:00 PM

LO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

LaDawn Olson

LaDawn Olson - February 05, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rick Lee Ostby.



February 05, 2021 at 12:01 PM

RK

“ Our memories are many and great. We have had many laughs and yes many cries over the years and we were so blessed to have had Rick in our lives. May his heart and many great memories live on in your hearts always! Gods Love and Ours.

Rodney and Sandy Knutson

Rodney and Sandy Knutson - February 05, 2021 at 10:41 AM

KH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of sorrow. Rick was such a gentle, wonderful person. He will be dearly missed.

Kathy Heuer

Kathy Heuer - February 05, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rick Lee Ostby.*



February 03, 2021 at 04:20 AM



“ *Terry & Darlene Wiseth Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rick Lee Ostby.*



Terry & Darlene Wiseth Family - February 02, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *Class of 1993 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rick Lee Ostby.*



Class of 1993 - February 02, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *So so sorry to hear this Ron and Ruth, your son sounds like a wonderful young man-he will be missed! My heart goes out to you.*

Marvie Johnson - February 01, 2021 at 10:28 AM

PT

Ann My most memorable memory of Rick was at your wedding when Rick got up to speak. He said that not only did he get the woman he loved but he also got a son. After that we realized what a special man he was. You picked well, Ann.

Pammy and Pete

Pamela Trutnau - February 05, 2021 at 04:18 PM