



Ricky Lane Alsip

May 31, 1956 - November 9, 2021

Ricky Lane Alsip, age 65, of Evansville, passed away Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at St. Vincent Hospital.

Ricky was born May 31, 1956 in Evansville to the late Fred and Jessie (Deer) Alsip. He was an avid sports fan and refereed and umpired sports throughout the tri-state for almost 30 years. Rick known as “Papaw” and his family and grandchildren meant the world to him.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Georgia (Gillespie) Alsip; daughters, Heather Miller, Melody (Bret) Alsip-Beauchamp and Jennifer (Jason) DeBose; seven grandchildren, Caitlyn DeBose, Jacob DeBose, Addison Beauchamp, Marissa Miller, Olivia Miller, Jackson Beauchamp and Autumn DeBose and one great grandchild, Lincoln Haag.

Funeral services for Rick will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Terry Gamblin officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 11:00 AM until service time on Saturday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Evansville Crematory

318 N. Lemcke Ave.
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 13. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ricky Lane Alsip



Pierre Funeral Home - November 11, 2021 at 06:23 PM

AB

“ Just learned about this yesterday. So, so sad. It was always great pulling up to a game and seeing Rick was umping that day. Great guy and sorely missed around the leagues for sure. I've not played in years but I'll remember this guy forever. "What's up big man?!" "I bet you'd love to have that one back." "Striiiiiiiiiiiiike." What a loss to the community. Rest in power big guy. We'll miss ya.

Aaron B - June 03 at 01:28 PM



“ Ricky Lane Alsip

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

RY

“ Friday night league at St Wendel Rick made us keep our beer in foul territory. My friend.

Rick Young - November 15, 2021 at 11:55 PM

LW

“ Rick was a awesome umpire and friend.Us ball players will truly miss you.RIP MY FRIEND.

Lisa wigand - November 14, 2021 at 03:28 PM

BY

“ My condolences to his family, he will truly be missed...on and off the field. I always had much respect for Rick and I'm glad I was able to tell him that.

Byrdie..

Byrdie - November 13, 2021 at 10:26 PM



TH

“ As Chris keenly pointed out, Ricky was a very popular official. As the Umpire Manual says, an official who goes about his business in a professional and friendly manner that dissuades any argument IS RARELY QUESTIONED. That was Ricky.

I enjoyed officiating with Ricky as he always backed you to the hilt(as did Chris) and was easy-going to work with. My nieces and nephews played feeder basketball when Ricky was the ref and they all loved him. He was excellent with kids, many times patiently explaining how they fouled or traveled or any other violation. He was in demand from several leagues.

He was not afraid to draw a line in the sand. Once, when we were doing an adult basketball league, it got testy and Ricky had had enough and went about to yank the two coaches at the scorer's table. I meekly suggested both teams were a bit wound up. His response was priceless: "Well, they're gonna unwind."

He was always in command and you could feel that from the get-go, his voice calling balls and strikes with an air of confidence that sent a message throughout the park. Ricky was truly in the house.

I would strongly urge Tri-State Umpires Association to consider naming a ball diamond, training session, meeting room, etc. (just to throw out an example) after Ricky because he most definitely contributed to the growth of softball and softball umpiring.

This one is hitting me in the gut. He had the heart of a teddy bear and would give you the shirt off his back to keep you from freezing. He helped me several times when I was financially strapped. And he would do it with anybody.

God bless you, Ricky. I know you are in a Better Place. T. Drew Hardin

T. Drew Hardin - November 13, 2021 at 12:29 AM

CR

“ I can't begin to imagine how many games Rick officiated for me in the Parks Department for all of those years. Of the hundreds of officials that I worked with in 35 years, Rick was the most popular referee I ever had without a doubt. His communication skills with players was impeccable. My sincere condolences. Chris Rehn.

Chris Rehn - November 12, 2021 at 11:07 AM

JW

“ A great person taken to soon. Sympathies and prayers for all his family. God rest his soul.

Jenn Wigginton - November 12, 2021 at 09:21 AM

LW

“ Rick was a very good man! He was not only an umpire on the field he was a coach and mentore to all the baseball players at Garvin Park. Rick also was an umpire for my mens softball games 13 years ago. He also was a referee for basketball when my wife Amanda played back in her grade school years! My wife (recently passed) always spoke highly of Rick and always made sure to speak to him at the ball games. He will definitely be missed. Rest well Rick...
Larry Washington & Family

Larry Washington - November 12, 2021 at 12:29 AM



“ 94 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - November 11, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ricky Lane Alsip.



November 11, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ From Steve Hogue : Rick was always my nemesis in grade school and high school playing on the play grounds at Daniel Wertz... we were very good friends but he was just so good at sports.. I tried be as good as him we were always on opposite teams and played against each other it was always good fun competition... he made me a better athlete... He was a Very Good Friend and a Good Dude... No Doubt he'll be missed..

Steve Hogue - November 11, 2021 at 01:02 PM

MR

“ Rick we go all the way back to the pony league days. You were a hell of a pitcher but you couldn't ever strike me out. LOL. We were 1 run away from going to that world series with bases loaded and no outs and still couldn't get me in off of 3rd base. Rick Alsip and Charlie Boberg were are best pitchers. I hate it that you lost your life at such a young age I hope you rest in peace. You were a good friend of mine and we meet at several softball games in the past. I always got enjoyment when I saw you umpiring our softball games

Michael E RYAN - November 11, 2021 at 12:07 PM

EP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He umpired many games, and I would get to know him a little more each time. Our team always loved having him as an umpire. I think he also played baseball with my dad at Reitz, and my dad said he was a very good pitcher. Rick was a great community figure and will be missed.

Eric Priest - November 11, 2021 at 08:05 AM

JM

“ I met Rick and worked with him many times on the softball field. He was a very popular and dedicated umpire. My regrets and sympathy to Rick's family and friends of the family.
MAY HE REST IN PEACE!



Jim Miller - November 11, 2021 at 01:15 AM

DC

“ went to Tekoppel and Reitz with Rick. Always a nice guy. Later down the road in life, we would run into each other while working on the Westside of town and always shared memories of our classmated and friends. So sad he had to leave his family at such a young age. Nice guy.

debbi cooper cain - November 11, 2021 at 12:32 AM



“ Never will I forget my Great Friend Rick , A Great Soul and a Great Person ... Till we meet again my friend ... Scott

Scott Kevghas - November 10, 2021 at 11:55 PM

SM

“ I am saddened to hear about the loss of Rick. All four of my kids now 18, 22, 28 and 34 as well as myself, had him officiating games and he made it a point to get to know each of us. He was more than an official on the court, he was a teacher and mentor. Evansville sports will miss him greatly. May he Rest In Peace and his memory live on.

Scott Mauser - November 10, 2021 at 11:06 PM

MH

“ Rick was always a welcome sight on the field. If he was officiating the game I knew it would be a fun and light hearted game. An amazing guy will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family!

Mike Hagan - November 10, 2021 at 08:24 PM

DM

“ I met Rick in high school and thought of him as really good guy. Dan Moore

Dan Moore - November 10, 2021 at 06:59 PM

GS

“ So very sorry to here of Ricks passing. Prayers to all of the family. I remember the first time I met Rick on a softball field and I threw a guy out at first base for the 3rd out of the inning. He came over to me and said do you know how hard you throw and I said I threw 94 mph in high school. He said I never even seen the ball when it came out of your hand, I just heard it hit the first baseman’s glove. We laughed and our friendship was born. He was one of the sweetest gentlemen and friends I have had. Gob bless you Rick. You have always been a role model to all of us young men. Thanks brother.

Greg Schaffer - November 10, 2021 at 06:53 PM

KF

“ Rick was the most awesome guy I ever knew. I umpired with him and kept score for volleyball with him he was so easy to work with. But, he took my high school age son and worked with him for years. Even ask parks and recreation to put them together. My son adored him and how great he treated him. My condolences to his family he will be missed.

Kathy Fulkerson - November 10, 2021 at 05:36 PM

JH

“ I will not be able to show up to the showing as I will be in Denver! I pray for the family of Rick! He was a great guy! Always fun to talk to and always ready for a verbal challenge! He will be missed! God bless!



jerrod hart - November 10, 2021 at 03:18 PM

JS

“ Very sorry for your family's loss, prayers to you all. I had spent many evenings with Rick through his years of officiating basketball, softball, and volleyball. He was a very nice man and easy to talk to. Always made sure to talk to him as he always expressed so much respect for me and we would share stories about his grandchildren in sports often as I have kids close to their age. I am very saddened to hear of his passing and will deeply miss his presence and friendship at the volleyball courts at nights. A good man and I am sure he was a good dad and grandpa.

James Silva - November 10, 2021 at 12:37 PM

BG

“ What I remember about Rick was when he pitched for Rick-a-Jay Riverside. Man, he intimidated every batter with that wicked fastball. I am always shocked to hear of the passing of a fellow Reitz grad and childhood friend. My sympathies are with Rick's family.

*Bruce Griffin,
Mesa, AZ*

Bruce Griffin - November 10, 2021 at 12:27 PM

TL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was the best of the best. we played many games over the years that he umpired. When you walked up to the field and saw him, you always knew it was going to be a fun game and it was going to be done right. He also umpired for us when we ran a fall league in our town. He was definitely someone you could count on. He will be missed.

Trent and Jamie Lochmueller - November 10, 2021 at 12:04 PM

MG

“ Rick will be missed by all of us. Our condolences to the family. The umpiring and officiating community has suffered a great lose. Rick will be hard to replace, as you could alway count on Rick to help when he could.

Rick will always be remembered by all the Tri-State Umpire Association members and the softball community.



Mike Golini - November 10, 2021 at 11:37 AM