



Richard Leo Vandewater

December 29, 1957 - October 23, 2015

Richard Leo "Rick" Vandewater, 57, a retired manager from Albertson's Grocery Stores, died on Friday, October 23, 2015 following a brief battle with lung cancer.

Memorial Service: 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75050. A private family interment will follow at a later date.

Rick was born on December 29, 1957 in Rochester, New York, the son of the late Ronald Desmith Vandewater and Betty Jane White Vandewater. He would attend and graduate from school in New York before moving to Texas at the age of 20.

He would begin his working career in the oil fields of west Texas. The promise of economic growth, his disgust with never ending sand storms, and new jobs in the metroplex would draw him to north Texas. He would have a long career with Albertson's Grocery Stores, becoming manager in each department until becoming store manager.

Rick was known for his jovial personality. Those who knew him best were always getting a text or call from him sharing "the joke of the day". He was an avid reader and always up-to-date on current events, never afraid to share his

opinion. He was a "tinkerer", and enjoyed working on any thing that needed attention.

He is survived by his children: Jeremy Vandewater, Katy Vandewater Barnett and her spouse Brent, Sarah Vandewater, Jason Vandewater; mother, Betty Vandewater; siblings, Pete Vandewater and his spouse Yvonne, Nancy Boggelyn and her spouse James, Sue Vandewater; the mother of his children, Rene Vandewater.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **31**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Tribute Wall



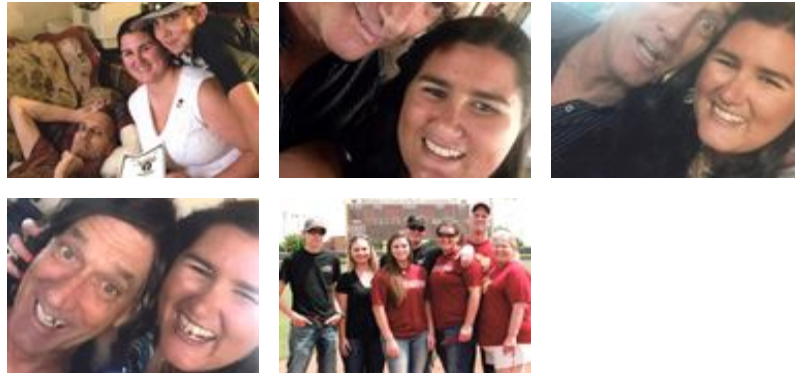
“ Unfortunately, I only knew my cousin Ricky as a child as shown in the first two photos. Wish I had gotten to meet him as an adult. My condolences go out to his family. RIP

Jerry Vandewater

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October 30, 2015 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard Leo Vandewater.



October 30, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ *Warren and Robby Johnson* purchased the *Fruits and Blooms Basket* for the family of Richard Leo Vandewater.



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