



## David Wayne Rager

April 16, 1963 - December 26, 2021

David Wayne Rager, age 58, of LaPorte, Indiana, left this earth and entered into heaven on December 26, 2021. He was born on April 16, 1963 to Gilbert and Marcia Rager of Chicago Ridge, Illinois, where he grew up with his ten siblings. David graduated from H.L. Richards High School. He attended Christian Hill Church in Orland Park, Illinois where he met and married the love of his life, Vonda Finney. Together they had nine children. David was an Army veteran having served from 1981 to 1986 and he was so proud to have served. He was an avid sports fan, especially loving his Chicago teams. He never missed an opportunity to talk sports, movies or music with anyone that he could. He loved music, live shows were his favorite. He hardly missed a chance to meet up with friends and family anywhere that a good cover band was playing. David was a hard worker, working as a truck driver for more than twenty-five years. He loved working festivals and fairs as a set-up foreman, using his take-charge attitude to make sure everything went off without a hitch. David loved his family more than anything. He was so incredibly proud of his children and grandchildren. He had nicknames for everyone. David was never one to turn down a drink with his sons and daughters, brothers and friends. David was a fierce and loyal friend to many. He leaves behind a big and loving family. David was met at the gates of heaven by his father, Gilbert, his sisters, Dawn and Denise and his grandparents Elmer and Lone, father-in-law, Frank, his sister-in-law, Debbie and his brother-in-law, Jim. He is survived by his wife of thirty-eight years, Vonda (Finney) Rager, his children, Erin

Rager Queena (Robert), David W. Rager, Jr. (Kim), Nicholas Rager (Amie), Benjamin Rager (Erin), Alexis Rager (Zach), Dylan Rager, Rachel Rager, Lucas Rager and Samuel Rager; grandchildren; Kyleigh, Gavin, Ethan, Evelyn, Liam, Cobie, Sylar, Treva, Taggart, Eleni, Emilia, Eleanora, and Elias. David is also survived by his mother and stepfather, Marcia and Jim Przechera, mother-in-law, Barbara Finney and his siblings; Daniel Rager (Connie), Donald Rager, Daryl Rager (Claire), Dale Rager, Dennis Rager, Dina Rager, Darren Rager, Douglas Rager, Dustin Rager (Jessica), Michael Rager and Rhonda Rager-Robisheaux, and many nieces, nephews and extended family members. A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until time of funeral at 3:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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## funeral

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ So saddened to hear about the passing of this man. I never met Dave personally but the stories I've heard Jordan tell I could just tell he was a great man and a family man. My condolences to the Rager family and friends.

Jayden - January 09, 2022 at 10:33 PM

KR

He was my grandpa and I am now going to therapy 🥹

kim Rager - February 22, 2025 at 01:36 PM

KR

This is Kim rager and David Rager's daughter

kim Rager - February 22, 2025 at 01:37 PM

RM

“ To the entire Rager Family,  
So sorry and so saddened to hear of the passing of Dave! He was a friend and a teammate for years with the 12” Road Pops softball team. He was a fiercely loving and loyal family man. I Loved talking/debating about any topic with him. He was a unique and genuine guy! He rarely missed a game with us, whether it was local, in state or out of town. With just about every brother of Dave's, playing for us, I knew our team was well stocked every game. I'm grateful Dave and his family was a part of our lives. He will be missed, never forgotten and will live on in our minds, hearts and souls! God Bless Dave and the entire Rager Family. Rest In Peace my friend!

Love, Rick & Chrissy Mundo

Rick Mundo - January 08, 2022 at 02:01 PM

BG

“ I’ve got fond memories of running track and cross country back at Richards High School with Dave (and Dan). I’ve thought about those times quite a bit recently once I learned about Dave’s failing health. He was a good teammate back then and, though we weren’t a great team, we all shared a bond that distance runners often do - lots of time on the streets of Chicago Ridge, Oak Lawn, and the trails of Pioneer Woods. I lost track of Dave after graduation but connected with him a few years back on Facebook. I’m saddened now that I didn’t take the opportunity to keep some of those conversations going. My condolences go out to Vonda, Dan and the entire Rager clan and I hope that his family and close friends can find peace at what I’m sure is a very difficult time.

*Bob Galbreath*

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**Bob Galbreath** - January 08, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ Anything for You was purchased for the family of David Wayne Rager.



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January 07, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Wayne Rager.



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January 07, 2022 at 01:29 PM

CH

“ I met Dave when my family moved in next door when I was going into the 3rd grade - summer of 1972. When I got married in 1988, Dave stopped by our reception. That's when I found out that his wedding anniversary was on that same day. It was so sweet he took the time to stop by to say congratulations. Many years later, after I moved to California, we reconnected. He would let me know when he would be out here for a haul so I could drive up to see him. I will always cherish the last time when he spent the night at our house and me, him, and Ken stayed up talking all night. I'm going to miss his friendship. My heart goes out to the whole Rager family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Carolyn, Ken, & Kristofer

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**Carolyn Horacek** - January 06, 2022 at 10:48 PM

AP

*Beautiful!*

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**Andy Pederson** - January 08, 2022 at 01:40 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of David Wayne Rager.



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January 06, 2022 at 10:36 PM

JE

“ I met Dave in 2013 while I was working at one of those music festivals he loved so much. He became a friend immediately. While we had not seen each other face to face in a few years I would always get a text every now and then to ask how I'm doing. He was a amazing friend. My heart goes out to his family. You guys were his whole world. Rest In Peace my friend.

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**Jen** - January 06, 2022 at 07:29 PM

AP

Very cool!

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**Andy Pederson** - January 08, 2022 at 01:41 AM

AP

“ Dave, Danny and Dawn were three of my first friends at my family's new church, Whittich Memorial on Chicago around 1974. Over the years growing up at what became Christian Hills Full Gospel, I shared many good times with Dave. Like Darren said, we played softball and basketball in church leagues. We also played tackle football and soccer at Shepard HS occasionally after Sunday services as well as lob league baseball in Mt. Greenwood and by the Chicago Ridge water tower. Of course, there was youth group on Wednesday's and most Friday's there also was an activity. We drifted apart in our early adult years but were able to reconnect on FB. I enjoyed visiting with Dave online usually in the middle of the night while we both were supposed to be working. Dave posted to me in a distinct way to my timeline on FB instead of tagging me like most might. Im missing you already, Hack but I will meet you in Heaven for the pickup basketball games you no doubt are organizing already!! Love you! And Vonda, love you as well!!

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**Andy Pederson** - January 06, 2022 at 12:21 PM

DS

*Well said Andy ! I just can't believe he's gone...life is so fragile and short !! Darren*

**Darren Schombert** - January 08, 2022 at 11:26 AM

WF

*“ With love, your Seacoast family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Wayne Rager.*



**With love, your Seacoast family** - January 06, 2022 at 11:00 AM

GC

*“ Gail and Tom Crist purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Wayne Rager.*



**Gail and Tom Crist** - January 05, 2022 at 11:33 AM



*“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Wayne Rager.*



January 05, 2022 at 01:13 AM

TB

*“ I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are going out to everyone who loved Dave.*

**Tammy (Hamersly) Bellettiere** - January 04, 2022 at 06:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wayne Rager.*



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January 04, 2022 at 01:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Wayne Rager.*



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January 04, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ *Rest in peace Dave. Prayers to your family.*  
*Tammy Welch Beebe*



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**Tammy Welch Beebe** - January 03, 2022 at 11:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Wayne Rager.*



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January 03, 2022 at 05:34 PM

DS

“ I have several memories: 1) riding the bus to church each Sunday starting at age five, between our two families we filled the bus !! 2) walking to high school (Harold L. Richard's) with Dave and his brother Danny for two years (until Dave graduated and Danny moved schools). Through rain, snow and sunshine we went about 1 1/4 miles everyday down 107th street. 3) playing softball and basketball at Christian Hills from Saturday morning practices to Tuesday night game days ! My brother picking up the Ragar boys and their mustard sandwiches !! 4) all the way up to reconnecting with Dave by playing fantasy baseball- he was just as competitive as I remembered him !! What he always said during the season was "I'm kickin ass And chewing gum" - let's just say 'he chewed a lot more gum !!' I owe you a pack when I see you again in Heaven !!  
Darren Schombert  
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**Darren Schombert** - January 03, 2022 at 05:29 PM

AP

*This is so good, Darren!*

*Andy Pederson*

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**Andy Pederson** - January 06, 2022 at 12:09 PM

GG

*Darren, I was friends with your brother Dwayne at Richards but lost contact with him. Did he pass? Grace Greco (Lombardo).*

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**Grace Greco** - January 26, 2022 at 05:32 PM