



## Richard T. Vollbrecht

August 8, 1938 - September 17, 2025

Richard T. Vollbrecht, age 87, a longtime resident of Hebron (formerly Thornton, Illinois), passed away on September 17, 2025. He was the beloved husband of the late Judith (née Keller); loving father of Nancy (Joseph) Trama, Gerald (Elena) Vollbrecht and Christine (Michael) Kuemmeth; devoted grandfather of Michael (Annmarie) Crose, Amber (Matt) Millis, Richard Vollbrecht, Jerry Vollbrecht, William (Daryl) Kuemmeth, Robert (Alyssa) Kuemmeth, Daniel (Megan) Kuemmeth and Caitlin (Daniel Gray) Kuemmeth; brother of Ronald and Adele. Richard was preceded in death by his brother, Robert and sister, Joan.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, retired employee of Northern Illinois Gas, and former Thornton Township Trustee. Throughout his life, Richard had a great sense of humor and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Interment will take place on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, IL. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

Elwood, IL

# Previous Events

## Inurnment

SEP **23**. 1:30 PM (cst)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 W Hoff Rd  
Elwood, IL 60421-9309  
(815) 423-9958

# Tribute Wall

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“*Condolences from the Gutsch and McCarthy families. Now the Gas Company guys can have their cup of coffee. May his memory be a blessing.*

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**Christine McCarthy** - September 25, 2025 at 09:08 AM

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“*Rich was a dear friend to Bob and me for many many years. I stood up to their wedding and he stood up to ours. He was devoted to Judy and his family and was always fun to be with. I have many happy memories of our times together and I will never forget him.*  
*Lois*

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**Lois bayr** - September 23, 2025 at 02:50 PM

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“*I went to school with Richard and we became good friends. After H.S. graduation we joined the Marines together and after boot camp we both were assigned to the Marine Corp Air Wing. After graduating from training we were given a choice of which Marine Air Base we wanted to be assigned to. Richard wanted to go on a Mediterranean Cruise on an aircraft carrier so he chose Cherry Point Maine Corp Air Base in N.C. I wanted to stay in the States so I chose El Turro Air Station in California. Leave it to the Marine Corp I was sent to Japan and Richard, who wanted to see more of the world stayed in N.C. for the time he was in the Marines. We were both offered the chance to muster out of the Marines at the same time. Richard fell in love with my sister, Judith and they married in 1961. Jim Keller Judy was my grammar school and high school friend. I married Judy's brother, Jim We have fond memories of family events. Jim and I agree that Richard was the best loving husband and father.*  
*Maryann Keller*

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**Jim and Maryann Keller** - September 22, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard T. Vollbrecht.*



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September 22, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ *Nancy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard T. Vollbrecht.*

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**Nancy L.** - September 20, 2025 at 10:19 AM