



## Richard L. LaCoursiere

November 28, 1962 - November 25, 2015

Richard "Ric" L. LaCoursiere, 52 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at his home surrounded by family. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Joe Herzing officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Monday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and visitation will continue on Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 A.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. Parish prayers will be prayed at 7:00 P.M. on Monday evening at the Shelley Funeral Chapel.

Richard "Ric" Lawrence LaCoursiere was born in Crookston, Minnesota on November 28, 1962 to Lawrence and Rena (Bergeron) LaCoursiere. He grew up in Warren, Minnesota. He was active in theater and band and graduated in 1981. After graduating high school, Ric attended Moorhead State University and finished at the University of Minnesota Crookston. He returned to Warren to work at Bremer Bank and start a family with Diane Smith.

Ric longed for warmer weather, so he moved his family south to Park Rapids in 1997. He moved south again, his eventual goal was Florida but settled in Little Falls in June 2008 to start anew. His first day at his new job introduced him to his new life and future wife. Ric married Heidi (Edin) Klemish on May 26, 2012. The couple had a special bond that was apparent to everyone. They did everything together hand in hand. They served together on the Habitat for

Humanity Board, gardened, and shared a love for sports and classic cars. Their time together was brief, but the last 6 years were his happiest. They traveled to Key West to watch the sunset, zip-lined in the mountains of northern Georgia and hiked in the Grand Canyon. There wasn't a task they weren't afraid to handle as long as they did it together. Ric had the most beautiful singing voice, you couldn't help but to stop everything to listen to him sing. To know Ric was to love him, his quick wit and self-deprecating humor was infectious. He had a special way of connecting with everyone he met. He was thoughtful and put everyone else's needs ahead of his own.

Left to cherish his memory is the light of his life, Heidi LaCoursiere of Little Falls, MN; daughters, Stephanie (Jon) DeYoung of Chaska, MN; Bailey LaCoursiere of Grand Forks, ND; son, Wesley LaCoursiere of St. Cloud, MN; step-daughters, Shawn Edin of St. Cloud, MN; Summer Edin of St. Cloud, MN and Sabrina Wandersee of Little Falls, MN; parents, Lawrence and Rena LaCoursiere of Warren, MN; sister, Nancy (John) Gerszewski of Warren, MN; grandchildren, Liam and Norah DeYoung ; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Emery and Lea LaCoursiere and Albert and Valida Bergeron.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

DEC 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

DEC 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - November 28, 2015 at 10:26 AM



“ *Richard L. LaCoursiere*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I met Ric when he was in Warren, working at the Bremer Bank....Ric's father Larry and I worked together at the local Ford Dealership....Ric was always full of energy and fun....It has been a few years since Ric and I crossed paths...My memories of Ric will always be filled with fondness...May God's Peace comfort all of us that loved Ric....*

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**Terry Yanish** - December 04, 2015 at 01:19 PM



“ *Jennifer Jevning Paumen lit a candle in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere*



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**Jennifer Jevning Paumen** - December 04, 2015 at 11:41 AM

JJ

“ My heart is so saddened to hear of Ric's passing. The first few photos in the photo tribute is how I best remember Ric .....as a little baby and small child. I babysat for both him and Nancy when I was in high school and lived in Warren. I remember Ric as a sweet baby with lots of energy as well as his sister. Rena and Larry were such wonderful, caring parents. After getting married and moving from Warren, any stories I heard of Ric were ones that led me to believe he grew into a man of amazing integrity. I can only imagine how many lives he touched and how much love he left for those closest to him. My sincerest sympathy and earnest prayers go out to all his family and friends that will miss this fine man. May God be your comfort and strength as you adjust to a new life without his physical presence. After viewing the photos and tributes, I'm certain his amazing spirit will live on.  
Joy (Peterson) Johnson-Heller

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**Joy(Peterson) Johnson-Heller** - December 02, 2015 at 04:26 PM

WS

“ Our thoughts and prayers to you, Heidi, and your wonderful family. May God and the wonderful memories you have shared together comfort you all.

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**Wendy Sakry** - December 01, 2015 at 08:14 AM

MV

“ 11/30/'15 to the Family of Ric LaCoursiere, my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I knew Ric when I was in the Knights of Columbus in Park Rapids. He was always so nice and friendly and always had a happy smile on his face. May He Rest In the Arms of Jesus in Heaven. You will be missed my friend but always know that God has you in his fold and you will be smiling down from heaven forever. With Peace, Prayers, Sympathy and Friendship, Mark J. VonBank- Park Rapids, Minnesota.



Mark VonBank - November 30, 2015 at 09:17 PM

AA

“ Anne Pawlowski Anderson lit a candle in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere



Anne Pawlowski Anderson - November 30, 2015 at 09:04 PM

NJ

“ Natalie & Randy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere



Natalie & Randy Johnson - November 30, 2015 at 06:56 PM

NA

Randy and I send our thoughts and prayers to Ric's family at this difficult time. May all of the wonderful memories you made with him stay with you always.

Natalie - November 30, 2015 at 07:09 PM

CP

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Rics's family, especially Larry and Rena, who we have known for years. When Ric was little we babysat him for a few days and he brought along his favorite toy, a ukulele and played and sang: "I've Got a Tiger By the Tail" every day at our house. Even then music was a part of his life. Clayton and Zona Pearson

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**Clayton and Zona Pearson** - November 30, 2015 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard L. LaCoursiere.



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November 30, 2015 at 02:21 PM

RD

“ We knew Ric from his Warren H.S. days, and always thought highly of him. He was fun, polite, talented and a great young man. Our sympathies and prayers are with the family. Memories and love will help you through this difficult time.

*Roger and Judy Diesen*

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**Roger & Judy Diesen** - November 30, 2015 at 02:11 PM

ET

“ *LaCoursiere Family :*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Ric was always dedicated to serving the Public and Communities in which he lived. I worked with Ric at Bremer for many years and I don't think you could find a more hard working person and always put the customer first. Cherish his memories !*

*Ed and Linda Turn*

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**Ed and Linda Turn** - November 30, 2015 at 11:10 AM

NW

“ *When Ric moved to Park Rapids across the street we clicked immediately.*

*We spent most evenings rain or shine taking the kids for a long walk around the neighborhood. During the summer we would take the kids out on his boat and in the winter we would take the kids sledding at Headwaters country club.*

*Ric was always there to lend a hand no matter what was needed. In any discussion Ric always took the glass half full side.*

*You could not have a better friend in your life. He was like a second father to my kids.*

*I have known a lot of people but I have never known anyone who knew so many people and was well liked by them all.*

*With all the time we spent together, if I could double that time it would still not be half enough ! Once in a lifetime friend.*

*Good bye Maboose !*

*Neil, Deb, Lance and Blake Willet*

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**Neil Willet** - November 29, 2015 at 06:12 PM

TP

“ I had the pleasure of growing up with Ric. All the way from kindergarten to graduation. Now most people know that Ric was in theater and sang alot, what they didn't know was about his football skills. In 5th grade I had one experience I will never forget. My team, at recess was playing against Ric's team, Ric was hauling butt coming around the left side on a sweep. All of a sudden I found myself and Chris Johnston grabbing onto Ric and having one heck of a time tackling him. When we hit the ground, you could hear a snap, just like a pencil broke. It was Ric's collarbone. We picked him up and he walked into the school, unattended saying "ow ow ow" the whole way to the door. We never got in trouble, he didn't say a thing to the staff.

Ric always was like that, he always made you feel like "he had your back". I am sad that he is gone, sorry for his family, but Ric just made you feel special if he was around. I wish I could say more, but he was my friend, and that's everything to me. Good bye Ric, my friend.

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Timothy Palm - November 29, 2015 at 04:30 PM

SJ

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Ric was my neighbor and classmate in Warren, and although I hadn't seen him for quite some time, my heart is heavy hearing of his passing. He will be missed. Prayers to you all for strength and healing.

Sandy Johnson

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sandy johnson - November 29, 2015 at 03:56 PM

TF

“ *The Donna Bergeron Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard L. LaCoursiere.*



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**The Donna Bergeron Family** - November 29, 2015 at 03:23 PM

DT

“ *Although it's been many years since I've seen Ric, I remember him as a kind and gentle person. His death is too far too sudden and shocking. We are thinking of him, his family, and friends. Our hearts go out to all.*



*Deb Bergeron & Ted Lambrukos  
Concord, NH*

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**Deb and Ted** - November 29, 2015 at 03:10 PM

MV

“ *My prayers and sympathies for Ric's family. It was a pleasure to know Ric and I am so thankful for memories to hold dear. May God watch over you all during this time.*



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**Mary Kay Voll** - November 29, 2015 at 01:58 PM



“ I had the pleasure to know Ric through his musical talents and also serving the Catholic church as alter boys. We sang together at WHS in musicals, the Madrigals, and our barbershop quartets throughout our education there. I also witnessed his skills with his trombone in marching band, concert band, pep band, and brass quartets for districts. Ric will be missed here on Earth, but the heavens will be blessed with his rich voice, musical skills, and soulful spirit. God bless you Ric and my thoughts and prayers extend to all of you his family.

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**Robert Plencner** - November 29, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard L. LaCoursiere.



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November 29, 2015 at 01:05 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family during this sad time. I remember his humor and the wink you would get along with it. Always a gentleman. God bless you Ric!

*Ron and Linda LaBine*

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**Ronnie LaBine** - November 29, 2015 at 11:07 AM

DZ

“ *Diane Zalasin lit a candle in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere*



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**Diane Zalasin** - November 29, 2015 at 09:56 AM

T1

“ *The Class of 1981 purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard L. LaCoursiere.*



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**The Class of 1981** - November 29, 2015 at 09:06 AM

JN

“ *Jerry And Connie Narlock lit a candle in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere*



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**Jerry and Connie Narlock** - November 29, 2015 at 08:44 AM

SO

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!  
Dave and Sheryl Olsonawski*

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**Sheryl Olsonawski** - November 28, 2015 at 11:58 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard L. LaCoursiere.*



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November 28, 2015 at 03:38 PM



“ *Cindy And Ralph Melgard lit a candle in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere*



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**Cindy and Ralph Melgard** - November 28, 2015 at 02:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard L. LaCoursiere.*



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November 28, 2015 at 02:00 PM



“ *Jack & Delores Sedlacek lit a candle in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere*



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**Jack & Delores Sedlacek** - November 28, 2015 at 11:26 AM

MH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. We have fond memories of Ric throughout his service to the community of Warren. There wasn't much he wasn't involved with. I also enjoyed my working relation with him as Marshall County Recorder. He was always, very kind and caring and added just a pinch of humor. God Bless! Marion & Glenn Halvorson

Marion & Glenn Halvorson - November 28, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieux Funeral Homes - November 28, 2015 at 10:16 AM

TL

“ I thank God for this great friend. I have so many memories. It just hurts so much to share right now. My heart goes out to his parents, Larry and Rena. To his wonderful Wife Heidi. To his children he was so proud of...Stephanie, Bailey and Wesley. And to Nancy, his loving sister.  
Tim Larson

Tim Larson - November 28, 2015 at 10:08 AM

RW

“ Sending my condolences to the entire family. I remember listening to Ric play guitar around the camp fire and thinking he had such a beautiful gift from God. He was always so kind and God received another amazing voice in his Heavenly choir. -Rachel (Dahlman) Welin

Rachel Welin - November 28, 2015 at 12:24 AM

KJ

“ My sympathy and love to all of Ric's family at this time . I have many wonderful memories of him from Warren. We had many wonderful conversations. He will be greatly missed. Karen Jurchen (Ljungggren)

Karen Jurchen - November 27, 2015 at 09:06 PM

BB

“ Everytime we would go to little falls to see Heidi and Ric, I would be standing right next to Ric and he would jokingly ask everyone "Where'd Beckey go" "Does anyone know if Beckey showed up?" Then we would laugh and carry on with conversation after he "found me", he is missed alot, by so many people.. I will definitely miss "Has anyone seen Beckey?"



Beckey Betterman - November 27, 2015 at 08:11 PM

HE

“ *The first time I met Ric was at an Upsala Lions Club event a number of years ago. My sister Heidi introduced him as her boss, as they were both working for the Randall State Bank at the time. After only a few minutes, it was obvious to me that Ric was head over heels in love with my sister.*

*Not long after, they were a couple. It always amazed me how Ric's love for Heidi never wavered, only becoming more and more pronounced. He would open doors for her and do little things like insist on washing the dishes to show how much he cared for and adored her. Together, they created a beautiful home and a wonderful life.*

*Always a great husband and partner to my sister, Ric was a caring, guiding father to each of their many children. Involved in numerous community and family activities, Ric was a well-regarded and much admired friend to all who came into his life. He was a very smart, witty and compassionate man who will be missed dearly by countless people.*

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**Heather Edin** - November 27, 2015 at 08:04 PM

 Kallie  
Harden

“ *I remember when ric always told me and Sabrina we were grounded. Even when we were in a rush, he still made us laugh all the way out the door. I pray for the family during this hard time.*



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**Kallie Harden** - November 27, 2015 at 07:44 PM

HL

“ 9 files added to the album Ric



Heidi LaCoursiere - November 27, 2015 at 07:36 PM

ML

“ I remember when Ric and my brother Russ would serve Mass together. I don't think either one of them could keep a straight face. It was a little better when Fr. Nistler would sit between them.

Some one told me yesterday... I bet Ric and Russ are celebrating Thanksgiving today together in heaven.

Mike Lamb - November 27, 2015 at 07:14 PM

RP

Im so sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of Ric as we sang together many times at WHS back in the day. Musicals, barbershop quartets and the Madrigals group were lucky to have that deep voice of his and he sure could work a trombone. The Earth will miss you but the heavens will be blessed with your music.

Robert Plencner

Robert Plencner - November 28, 2015 at 10:12 AM

CJ

Ric played trombone in the high school band. He was always a team player and fun to be around.

Carol Johnson - November 28, 2015 at 04:34 PM

FB

“ Frank & Julie Becker lit a candle in memory of Richard L. LaCoursiere



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**Frank & Julie Becker** - November 27, 2015 at 04:18 PM

FS

“ Rick would bring the (small) children to Mass in Warren, and he would ball them out for not paying attention. It was necessary to point out to him the kids were good, it was grandpa behind them who kept distracting them. Then he remembered dad would do that to him and his mom would ball him out for horsing around. He was a wonderful sense of humor and great love for his children. Know that he was a great friend to me and a great lover of his kids. He loved you beyond measure.  
Fr. Mike Sullivan

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**Fr. Mike Sullivan** - November 27, 2015 at 01:42 PM

RC

“ So sorry to hear about your loss.

*Roger and Darlene Chirhart*

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**Roger Chirhart** - November 27, 2015 at 01:31 PM

WE

“ The best son-in-law we could have ever wished for. He will be sorely missed. His kindness and wit will be missed here on earth . Go with God Ric until we meet again in Heaven with you and our Lord Jesus. Walt and Aleta Edin

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**Walt and Aleta Edin** - November 27, 2015 at 01:10 PM

JL

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ric's passing. The few opportunities we had to see him when we visited Minnesota or when he came to Washington to spend time with us he was always gracious and friendly. Our prayers are with his family and loved ones at this very difficult time.

*Judy Lisher - Edgewood, WA*

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**Judy Lisher** - November 27, 2015 at 11:38 AM

JZ

“ Steph, Baily, Wesley, Though Ric had a few faults, he was still your father, and his love for you will never dull. May he rest peacefully in the arms of Christ.  
Know that you are in my prayers, and if it works out I will be there for you. God Bless you and your family, Dcn. John Zinniel

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**John Zinniel** - November 27, 2015 at 10:47 AM

KH

“ Ric was such a great guy. Serving on the board of Habitat for Humanity with him was truly a pleasure. He cared so much for others, and when he decided to do something, he put 100% into it. Even though I didn't know him long, he is someone I will miss. He's one of those people who could get along with anyone.

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**Kyle Hoggarth** - November 26, 2015 at 12:02 PM

GB

“ I met Ric singing in the bass section at St. Mary's church in Little Falls. Not only was he blessed with a terrific bass voice, his level of musical talent and his quick-witted sense of humor will be greatly missed. Prayers will be said for your journey home, Ric.

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**Greg Brand** - November 26, 2015 at 10:06 AM

DB

“ Ric was a solid bass voice that I would hear in choir behind me as we sang our praises to the Lord. I will miss his voice, his cordial laugh and his good sense of humor. I will pray for his soul as he journeys home. God bless you.

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**Darlene Brand** - November 26, 2015 at 09:58 AM

DD

“ Rick worked on the farm with Dean Dahlman when he was a teenager. When he was in college and getting a bit frustrated with his studies, he would remember the dirty work of being on the farm. That gave him incentive to keep working towards his goal of getting through college. Our thoughts and prayers are with his entire family.<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-5.png>

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**Dean and Joanne Dahlman** - November 26, 2015 at 09:19 AM