



Richard L Grise

September 12, 1948 - January 28, 2025

Richard L. "Rich" Grise, age 76, a lifelong resident of Kankakee passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at his home. He was born September 12, 1948 in Kankakee, the son of Leander & Ethel (Steward) Grise. Richard married Tina M. Guenette on June 7, 1969 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on June 10, 2019.

Rich was a fabricator/welder for the City of Kankakee and partner owner/operator of Uptown Paint & Body. He was big into drag racing, NASCAR, and US 30. Rich was a huge Elvis fan, liked to joke and have a good time, and enjoyed playing cards and dancing.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam Conflict.

Rich was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are three daughters, Gina & Joseph Bergman of Bourbonnais, Leanne & Clayton Provost of St. Anne, and Sarah & Ryan Kimberlin of St. Anne; one sister, Nancy Habing of IA; one sister-in-law, Mary Grise of Bradley; one brother, James Grise of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Jacob Bergman, Wesley Provost, Will Provost, Duke Kimberlin, and Demi Kimberlin; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his wife, Tina Grise, Rich is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Roger Grise and David Grise; brother-in-law, Chuck Habing; and niece Lisa Grise.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private inurnment will be held for Richard and his wife at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

A celebration of life will be held at Smitty's Bar in Kankakee on Friday, February 7, 2025 starting at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the donor's preferred charity to benefit Veterans.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

Smitty's Bar
1098 West Station Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I was so sorry to hear of your dear Dad's passing. It is difficult to lose both parents. Richard was a character, considerate, and feisty. Praying that God comforts your family.

Sue Bennett - February 06, 2025 at 02:42 PM

FF

“ Fitness Premier Family purchased the Lavender Gift Basket for the family of Richard L Grise.



Fitness Premier Family - February 05, 2025 at 01:27 PM

LB

“ Our sympathy to Leanne, Gina and the Grise family. Now you have your memories and two wonderful parents smiling down on you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Les and Pat Blanchette

Les and Pat Blanchette - January 31, 2025 at 02:19 PM

TS

“ So sorry to you girls! I am glad you had a great dad!

Tim Schweigert - January 31, 2025 at 09:17 AM

MR

“ Marilyn Roy lit a candle in memory of Richard L Grise



Marilyn Roy - January 30, 2025 at 07:29 PM

KW

“ Rich was a great man and a better friend. He will be missed. Ken White Valparaiso In.

Ken White - January 30, 2025 at 07:00 PM

SA

“ Stephanie Allen lit a candle in memory of Richard L Grise



Stephanie Allen - January 30, 2025 at 05:35 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss. Carrie Klonowski Maday

Caroline Maday - January 30, 2025 at 04:34 PM

DF

“ I remember going to the Kankakee Speedway Dave and Rich loved the races ❤️ praying for all 🙏❤️

Diane French - January 30, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *RIP classmate.*



Bob Schneider - January 30, 2025 at 01:43 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Koerner lit a candle in memory of Richard L Grise*



Brenda Koerner - January 30, 2025 at 12:39 PM

BK

My sincerest sympathy to you and your family.

Brenda Koerner - January 30, 2025 at 12:40 PM

KT

“ *Karla Tall-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Richard L Grise*



Karla Tall-Taylor - January 30, 2025 at 12:27 PM

CB

“ *Fly High Rich!!! Give Tina a big hug and kiss.*

Cindy Bittmann - January 30, 2025 at 11:03 AM