



David "Ponch" Rausch

September 23, 1946 - June 7, 2019

David "Ponch" Rausch, age 72

Richmond

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Ponch Rausch died at the St. Cloud Hospital on June 7, 2019, surrounded by his loving family, due to injuries sustained in an accident on June 4, 2019. He was born on September 23, 1946 to Clarence and Alverna (Braegelmann) Rausch. He married Janet Lemke on September 19, 1970 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Richmond, MN.

Ponch served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1968. For most of his career, he worked in the grocery industry as a meat manager. In his retirement, he worked at the Richmond A&W and for the City of Richmond and City of Cold Spring. He had a passion for sports, especially baseball. He was a player and manager for the Richmond Royals and was inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2016. He was an umpire, member and treasurer of the CMUA. He was a dedicated member of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, the community of Richmond and ROCORI Schools. Ponch enjoyed traveling and attending his grandchildren's activities, wood cutting with his

son, the annual trip to Pinehurst Resort, gardening, and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, and their children Jennifer, Jodi (Rick) Jude, Jason (Terrie), and Jessica (Duane) Krueger; grandchildren Hannah Bergner, Ava Trettel; Dylan, Taylor, and Rylee Jude and Brynlee Rausch; his siblings Tom (Deborah Grant), Robert (Diane), Mary (Dave) Huettl, and Jean (Frank) Kunze.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Alverna; in-laws, Bill and Lena Lemke; brothers-in-law, Donald Lemke and Florenz Vogt.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Richmond. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond, MN. Visitation will continue from 12:00 – 1:45 p.m., Wednesday afternoon at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Cemetery

Richmond, MN 56368

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Richmond
151 Oakwood Ave. SE
Richmond, MN 56368

Visitation

JUN 12. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Mass

JUN 12. 2:30 PM (CT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *David "Ponch" Rausch*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of David "Ponch" Rausch.*



June 11, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ *What a surprise and loss. We've known Ppnch over the years through our baseball experiences. Playing each against other, umpiring our games and recently serving together on the Amateur baseball Hall of Fame committee.. He was great and considered him a friend and will be missed by all.. We offer to the family Our Deepest Sympathy on your great loss. Ours prayers are with you all.*

Carol and Rueben Nathe, Litchfiled

Rueben & Caroline Nathe - June 11, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of David "Ponch" Rausch.*



June 11, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of David "Ponch" Rausch.*



June 11, 2019 at 12:38 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of David "Ponch" Rausch.*



June 10, 2019 at 11:03 PM



“ *Pinch was the best guy I knew and a very good friend*

Sheldon Lang. - June 10, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of David "Ponch" Rausch.*



June 10, 2019 at 06:01 PM

DB

“ Janet, there are no words to express how sorry we are to hear of Ponch's death. These are sad times, but we have lots of good memories of the days we all hung out together. He was always ready to join in and have some fun, might even drink a beer or two. Ponch will be missed in Richmond. DeeDee told me how involved he was with baseball, etc. You and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers. Bob and Donna Backes

Donna Backes - June 10, 2019 at 04:50 PM

JH

“ Jeff Hippler purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of David "Ponch" Rausch.



Jeff Hippler - June 10, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of David "Ponch" Rausch.



June 10, 2019 at 01:22 PM

AJ

“ So sad to hear this, god's blessings to all the family.

Alan and Kathy Jude

Alan and Kathy Jude - June 10, 2019 at 12:26 PM

BA

“ *Rausch Family,*

We are extending our deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on the tragic death of Dave. As a 1964 classmate at St. Boniface HS he always seemed to have a smile on his face and was a great competitor in sports. May memories ease your sorrow. So sorry for your loss.

*Sincerely,
Bob & Marty Ahles
St. Cloud, Minnesota*

Bob Ahles - June 10, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of David "Ponch" Rausch.*



June 09, 2019 at 09:07 PM

KH

“ *Sending prayers and hugs during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss.*

Karen Hoppe - June 09, 2019 at 08:16 PM