

## Richard "Rich" Froehle

September 19, 1943 - October 17, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. October 22, 2021, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN for Richard "Rich" Froehle age 78, who died peacefully in the early morning hours of October 17 at Assumption Nursing Home. Inurnment will be in the parish cemetery.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond. Visitation will continue Friday morning from 9:00 – 10:15 at the funeral home.

Rich had been battling PSP-Parkinsonism for 5-7 years, for most of that time undiagnosed. It was debilitating to a man so active, but he never stopped fighting and always kept his sense of humor and kind demeanor to the very end.

Rich was born on January 19, 1943, in Aitkin MN. He attended both St. John's Prep and University where he met the love of his life, Eileen. They were married in Manannah, MN on June 29, 1968. They had two boys, Luke and Jacob. In 1974 they purchased 10 acres of land outside of Cold Spring and Rich began his opus, building their home from scratch which became a labor of love and a lasting tribute. Rich worked 12 years as a social worker at the St. Cloud Children's Home and eventually moved on to work at his alma matter, SJU where he worked in the carpentry shop and then on grounds

maintenance until his retirement at the age of 68. He loved working with the students at SJU and was always around wood in one way or another.

Rich will always be remembered as a gentle giant, a lumberjack, an adventurer, but mostly to both that knew him briefly and those that knew him best as one of the most kind, loving, humble and selfless people they would come across.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jacob, his brother, Chuck and his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen; son, Luke (Carla); grandchildren; Bishop and Nora; siblings, Pat, Kathleen, Art, Bob, Muggs, and Joe; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials are preferred to the family in lieu of flowers.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

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## Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
501 Main Street  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Rich" Froehle*

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January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *I started working at Assumption Community last year, and within a few short days made company with Rich. He told me many stories and hilarious one-liners, all with a smile on his face. He was always talking about his family and his wonderful wife Eileen. He was such a gentle, caring, and loving man. During the good times and the bad, I gave Rich as much company, love, and care as I could. I am honored to have had the opportunity to care for Rich. Shortly, he became more than somebody I cared for, he was family to me. To all family and friends: I am so sorry for your loss. I know Rich loved you all dearly!! There was no doubt that his family was what mattered most to him. Rich will, and has already been greatly missed by me and the Assumption family. Sending love, happiness, and good health to you all!*

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**Grace Koenig** - October 21, 2021 at 02:54 PM

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“ I started working at Assumption last year, and within a few short days made company with Rich. He told me endless stories and hilarious one-liners, all with a smile on his face. He was always talking about his family and his wonderful wife Eileen. He was such a gentle, caring, and loving man. Despite having Parkinson's, he never let anything get in his way and taught me that the sky is the limit. I am honored to have gotten the chance to care for him. He was more than just a resident I cared for, he was family to me. During the good times and the bad, I gave Rich as much company, love, and care as I could. To all family and friends: So sorry for your loss. I know Rich loved you all dearly!! There was no doubt about it. Rich will, and already has been greatly missed by me and the Assumption family. Sending love, happiness, and good health to you all!!

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Grace Koenig - October 21, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Froehle.

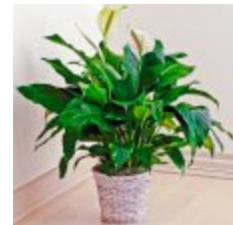


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October 21, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Froehle.



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October 21, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Froehle.



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October 21, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket* was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Froehle.



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October 20, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *What a nice tribute this obituary is to a great man by all accounts! My condolences to the Froehle family and friends. I was very happy to meet him, listen to some music, and see the wonderful house he built on a guided tour when I met him through my buddy Luke when a bunch of us friends were visiting.*

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**Matt Hastert** - October 20, 2021 at 01:36 AM



“ *To Rich's family-- we are so very sorry for your loss. What a dear man in a very dear family. God bless--*

*Tom and Laurie O'Neill*

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**Tom and Laurie O'Neill** - October 19, 2021 at 06:50 PM