



Richard Harrison Boyer

April 28, 1944 - December 4, 2025

Richard H. Boyer, 81, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 1:10 a.m. at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Rick was born on April 28, 1944, in Decatur, Illinois, to the late Harrison L. Boyer and Dorothy C. Brumfield. He married Mary Kathleen O'Connor on January 28, 1967, in Alton, Illinois, and together they built a loving family and life.

Rick proudly served in the United States Army Reserves before owning and operating his own insurance claims company, a career marked by dedication, integrity, and strong relationships within the community. He deeply loved spending time with family and friends, especially while boating and playing golf—two of his favorite pastimes that brought him great joy. Nothing, however, brought him more happiness than watching his four grandchildren play in their many sporting events; he was their biggest fan and took great pride in supporting them.

Along with his wife Mary, Rick is survived by his two daughters, Suzanne (Ed) Boyer-Baker of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Beth (Robert) Stephan of Godfrey; four cherished grandchildren, Ty and Tre Baker and Maya and Alex Stephan and his sister, Nancy Wendle (Denis).

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Barbara Byrkit (Bob). Visitation will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. until time of memorial service at 7:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, Illinois. An online guestbook is available at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL

Memorial Service

DEC 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ I didn't see Rick had passed until after the visitation and service, I am sorry that I missed this. I remember the wedding as I was working with Mary at the time. I am so sorry Mary and family for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Darlene (French) Fisher.

Darlene Fisher - December 09, 2025 at 04:21 PM

DP

“ Devin Peipert purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.



Devin Peipert - December 08, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.



December 08, 2025 at 02:24 PM

EW

“ Suzanne and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Suzanne and Tre are dear to me, and I am sending you all my love.

Erica Wood - December 07, 2025 at 08:53 PM

YT

“ *Your Elementary Principal Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.*



Your Elementary Principal Team - December 07, 2025 at 08:49 PM

GD

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Rick's death. He was a great guy. Prayers for his family. Greg and Rose DeCoursey*

greg rose decourcey - December 07, 2025 at 08:21 PM

LD

Deepest sympathy to Mary, Suzanne and Beth. Rick was a terrific guy and wonderful to work for. I worked for Lynch, Boyer, and Maul for 17 years. Prayers to the family.

Loretta Davidson - December 07, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.*



December 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.*



December 07, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.*



December 07, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Mary O and families, during this sad time please accept our sincere condolences. Rick was truly one in a million. Rest in peace Rick*

*Sincerely,
Susie Henesey Pruetzel*

Susie Henesey Pruetzel - December 06, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ *Dylla family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.*



Dylla family - December 06, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.*



December 06, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ *Paul and I are grateful to have known Rick and to have had him as a cousin. We remember the many Thanksgivings and Christmases spent in the basement of Uncle Bob and Aunt Hattie's house on Western, sharing laughter, watching football, and just enjoying one another's company. Rick was a very good man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary, Suzanne, Beth and all of the grandkids. He is at rest but we know your hearts are broken.*

Sue - December 06, 2025 at 08:10 AM



“ *Rick was one of my best friends in high school and there after. We did many things together playing golf, boating and watching football. He will be dearly missed. We are sending condolences to Mary, Suzanne and Elizabeth. We love you all.*

Jerry & Merry Evans

Jerry & Merry Evans - December 06, 2025 at 07:52 AM



“ *Suz- I always loved talking to your dad at the boys' football and baseball games. Sending love and peace to you and your family!*
The Abs

Mickie Abernathy - December 06, 2025 at 02:14 AM

JW

“ We are saddened by the news of Rick’s passing. Our sympathy to Mary, Suzanne Eddie, Beth, Robert and the grandchildren. He’ll be missed by many.

Jane Whobrey - December 05, 2025 at 09:45 PM

JM

“ Rest in peace my old friend!! Jim Millspaugh

Jim millspaugh - December 05, 2025 at 05:52 PM

BN

“ Bill, Kathy, Nick, Steve and Katy Nash purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard Harrison Boyer.



Bill, Kathy, Nick, Steve and Katy Nash - December 05, 2025 at 05:37 PM