



## Richard "Rick" Eccles Jr.

October 17, 1943 - May 7, 2017

Dateline: Alton

Heading: Richard "Rick" Eccles Jr.

Richard Franklin "Rick" Eccles Jr., 73, died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2017 at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born October 17, 1943 in Alton, he was the son of Richard F. Eccles Sr. and Lelia (Down) Eccles. Rick graduated from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. He served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked at the Olin pistol range, taught conceal and carry classes and was a member of the NRA. He worked as superintendent of recreation for Alton Park and Recreation and later retired from SIUE. Surviving is a daughter Karen Eccles of Alton, a son, Darren Eccles of Cleveland, OH, a sister, Cynthia Renee Eccles of Florissant, MO and extended family and friends. Along with this parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Ann Eccles. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 11, 2017 with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Pastor Bill Veith will officiate. Burial will be private. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Funeral

MAY 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Rick" Eccles Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Richard "Rick" Eccles Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Rick Eccles family he was one of the finest man I knew and went out of his way to help others he will be sadly missed by all who knew him Gina Walters*



**Gina Walters** - May 15, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ *Rick worked for our limousine service as a driver for several years in the early 90's and was well liked by all of our clients. He was a great driver and a good friend to us. We were saddened to hear of his death. We know he will be missed by all who knew and loved him. We extend our condolences to the family and to his friends. Bruce and Melanie Rhodes Champagne Limousines*

**Melanie Rhodes** - May 11, 2017 at 10:55 PM

DJ

“ Prayers and sympathies go to all Rick's family and friends. Rick's character can be witnessed in his actions throughout the time I knew him and I can attest to his honesty, character and his true kindness to others. Rick had an infectious smile and gave from his heart to all his friends. Veteran, educator, patriot.....the list was impressive but friend described him the best. I suppose you and Bob and already planning some fun for when we all get together again. Peace my friend, you will be missed and the range will never be the same without you. Denzel.

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**Denzel Jines** - May 10, 2017 at 05:45 PM

IB

“ Interface Security St. Louis Branch purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard "Rick" Eccles Jr..



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**Interface Security St. Louis Branch** - May 10, 2017 at 11:23 AM

TS

“ Tanya, Brandon, Meaghan & Bogey Hills Dental Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rick" Eccles Jr..



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**Tanya, Brandon, Meaghan & Bogey Hills Dental Staff** - May 10, 2017 at 10:23 AM

JD

“ I meet Rick at Piasa shooting club. He was very helpful when I was starting out shooting Bullseye. He had a great sense of humor always enjoyed talking to him.

John DeMoss - May 09, 2017 at 06:51 PM

GL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time of loss.  
Greg and Catherine Lister

Greg Lister - May 09, 2017 at 12:50 PM

SM

“ SOE, COE & Marketing purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Richard "Rick" Eccles Jr..



SOE, COE & Marketing - May 09, 2017 at 12:14 PM

JE

“ Rick was a dear friend with a contagious smile that everyone loved. He was a fellow friend of the group in high school, called the "REJECTS" a group loved by everyone. Rick, you will be missed everyone, especially by friends and family. May God bless you and your soul rest in peace.



Jerry Evans

Jerry Evans - May 09, 2017 at 09:51 AM