



Richard W. (Rick) Nielsen

May 20, 1950 - April 6, 2016

Richard (Rick) Nielsen passed away Wednesday, April 6 peacefully in palliative care at Essentia Hospital in Fargo.

Rick was born May 20, 1950 to Wayne and Myla (Eggert) Nielsen. Sports were his passion in life. Rick graduated from Valley City High School in 1968. He was the Sports Editor for the Valley City Times Record for many years and later became the Sports Editor for the Jamestown Sun. He loved covering all sports and was a very talented writer and photographer in which he received many awards. Rick also worked for Tharaldson Properties and VC Super 8 Motel.

Rick is survived by his mother, Myla Nielsen of Valley City, sister, Deb (Nielsen) Feuerherm, and two brothers, Bruce (Cheri) Nielsen and Mark (Stacey) Nielsen all of Valley City, one son, Jade (Jamie) Nielsen of Fargo and 4 grandchildren, Ingrid, Cash, Keenan and Henley Nielsen. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Rick was preceded in death by his son, Josh Nielsen, his father, Wayne Nielsen, brother, Randy Nielsen and brother-in-law, Mike Feuerherm.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Family of Rick - so sorry for your loss. Rick and I were friends for many years. We also work together at the Times-Record. Rick was truly a great and gifted sports writer.

Will miss him.

Pam Stark

Pam Stark - April 11, 2016 at 09:49 AM

MP

“ I had not worked at the Times-Record for long before Rick trusted me to help him cover some basketball games in the busy winter season. On my very first assignment he sent me to Verona. I packed up my gear, loaded my camera and drove to Luverne - a town that had not even had a school for 20 years. I drove to the abandoned school and was stunned to think Rick had sent me on a wild goose chase. By the time I got back to the office, Rick was back from a Hi-Liner game and already typing. I dropped my camera bag on the desk and loudly announced that there no SCHOOL in Luverne anymore. He could have been angry; he could have been sarcastic; he could have been a lot of things. He just smiled at me and said, "I know they both have "Ver" in them, but I sent you to Verona. Easy mistake."

I'm sure he laughed his head off when I left the office, and for the next couple of weeks he did lay a road map on my desk with the little town he was sending me to circled in bold black marker.

He was fun to work with, but most of all he taught me how to write sports - that small town athletes deserve big time attention too. He wrote circles around me. He was the best. Rest in peace, my friend.

Mary Pomeroy - April 09, 2016 at 10:43 AM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Rick was one of the good guys and was a good friend during our time in Valley City. Bill Cahill Family

Bill Cahill - April 09, 2016 at 09:39 AM

PB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Nielsens. I'll forever remember the special piece that Rick wrote in tribute to Josh. It was a personal essay that I used in my high school English classes- a great example of Rick's unique writing style. May he rest in peace.

Patrick Blake - April 08, 2016 at 09:33 PM

DL

“ Sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Loved reading his work as a sports writer in *The Valley City Times Record*. His work helped inspire me to write..rest in peace. And God bless for peace to all family.

Doug Leier - April 08, 2016 at 05:36 AM

DJ

“ Myla and family, Rick was indeed one of the good guys and someone is was proud to call my friend. He was a talented writer and he always put a name with a face. He will never be forgotten by me. God bless all of you.
Duane Johnson

Duane Johnson - April 07, 2016 at 07:17 PM