



## Rick R. Epley

August 15, 1960 - March 20, 2020

Ricky Ray Epley, age 59, of Pleasanton, passed away Friday, March 20, 2020 at CHI Health Good Samaritan. Private Family Graveside Services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at the Pleasanton Cemetery with Pastor Dean Hanson officiating. There will be no visitation. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church in Pleasanton or to the family to be designated later. Cards may be mailed to Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home, care of Rick Epley Family, 2421 Avenue A, Kearney, NE. 68847. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence.

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Rick was born August 15, 1960 in Kearney, Nebraska to Donald and Janice (Heisner) Epley. He attended grade school in Kearney and Amherst and later graduated from Pleasanton High School in 1979. He worked delivering livestock feed after graduation. In 1985, he began working with Landscapes Unlimited as a heavy equipment operator and spent the next 16 years traveling around the United States and even Jamaica building golf courses. He helped build several PGA courses and met Arnold Palmer, Hale Irwin and Greg Norman. In 2004, he decided to quit traveling and worked for a year as a Youth Security Specialist at YRTC. He then went back to operating heavy equipment for Bob Cook Construction and in 2009 started work at the Buffalo

County Department of Roads.

He married Stacey Keen in 1991. They later divorced but Rick continued to be involved in his stepdaughter's life and was very close to her two children.

He was a talented guitar player and singer and spent many hours playing music with his dad, uncles and nephews. He was a very compassionate person and would help anybody in any way he could.

He is survived by his step-mother Roberta Epley of Texas; sister Becky (Tom) Eckhout of Pleasanton; brothers Rod (Patti) Epley of Phoenix, AZ and Ron Epley of Pleasanton; his step-daughter Alisha Quintana and her children Koby and Brielle; step-sister Bobbi (Warren) Froscheiser of Texas; step-brothers Gary (Mary) McGee of Kearney, NE and Nathan (Laura) McGee of Kansas; nephews Jeff (Bekah) Eckhout, Mitch Eckhout, Ryan Eckhout, Blake Eckhout, all of Pleasanton, James Harper of Phoenix, AZ, and Eric Epley of Omaha; nieces Becky Epley of Phoenix, AZ and Madison Epley of Durango, CO; great nephew Henry and great nieces Addy and Aurora; four aunts and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1971, his father in 2007, his grandparents, several aunts and uncles and a cousin.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pleasanton Cemetery**

Pleasanton, NE 68866

# Tribute Wall



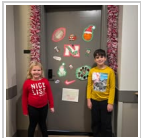
“ Rick R. Epley

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ We could always find comfort in my dad's humor, EVEN if I was the butt of the jokes... I'll never forget when the tornado sirens went off and we talked about taking shelter.. in a panic I'm running around looking for my makeup.. in disbelief my dad rolled his eyes. Then after that every single time the sirens would go off my dad would throw his hands in the air and run around the house and say "my makeup my makeup" the kids would laugh and it was funny every time. As was the majority of anything he ever said. There will never be another him. A loyal personable comforting and comical spirit that can NEVER be forgotten or replaced.

Alisha epley quintana - April 25, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ Rick came to YRTC during a respite from land leveling. He was a good supervisor and example for the youth. He regaled us with stories of the beautiful golf courses he shaped. May his memory be eternal.

Tim O'Dea - March 25, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ Rick was a great friend of mine and my husband (and our entire family). He was a jewel of a man/person. We met Rick in Austin, Tx in 2001. From there my husband and Rick worked together in Muscle Shoals, AL, Point Clear, AL, Wilmington, NC, Lajitas, TX, back to Wilmington, NC. We had so much fun together. One of my faves was in Point Clear,AL. We were out a bar and they were doing Karaoke — well Mark signed Tick up and told the DJ that Rick was the Governor of Nebraska. The entire night everyone thought Rick was the Governor of Nebraska 🤔😂. Of course Rick was a great guitar player and singer. We will miss you. Rest In Peace “Governor”. Love Mark and Ali White and family

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**Alison White** - March 25, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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*I remember hearing that story. :)*

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**Alisha epley quintana** - April 25, 2020 at 07:00 PM

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“ Rick was truly one of a kind. I was always glad to see him. He had a way of making everyone feel a little bit special. Rick was a kind heart that put his family and friends above himself. He loved to get together with friends and family, sing songs, tell stories and jokes, and enjoy life! I wish the world had more people like Rick in it! We would all be better off if it did. He will be missed so much! I will be waiting to tell more stories and share more memories when we can all finally get together again.  
Kevin Eckhout

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**Kevin Eckhout** - March 24, 2020 at 10:11 PM

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“ Went to grade school with Rick at Bryant elementary in Kearney. Was a good friend and always smiling. Rest In Peace my Friend

*Tom Smith  
Bloomfield Nebraska*

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**Tom Smith** - March 23, 2020 at 07:54 PM

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“ Always had a grin on his face with a smart comment to go along with it. Would always tell a joke or song with a punch line or two lol. I worked with him these past 7 years or so. Friend of mine and a lot of others. Going to miss his laugh jokes and friendship. RIP my friend my condolences to the family.

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**marc krueger** - March 21, 2020 at 08:08 PM