



## Richard D. Hoekstra

March 1, 1954 - April 25, 2023

Richard D. Hoekstra, age 69, of Momence, passed away on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Vibra Hospital of Northwestern Indiana.

He was born on March 1, 1954, in Kankakee, the son of Philip and Phyllis Hoekstra. On November 2, 1974, he married Sharon Merino at Wichert Reformed Church. Richard worked hard as a farmer his whole life. He loved being outdoors; when he wasn't farming, he loved duck hunting, wood carving, arrowhead hunting, and building and riding his Harley. Richard also enjoyed traveling. He was a jack of all trades. On top of his love for the outdoors and farming, he loved listening to his grandsons play the guitar. Richard was an avid Chicago White Sox Fan as well.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 48 years, Sharon Hoekstra; two sons, Matthew Hoekstra and Luke (Lucy Berger) Hoekstra; his daughter, Aubrey (Scott) Wilson; two sisters, Kim (Danny) DeYoung and Jackie (Doyle) Owens; one brother, Tom (Ann) Merino; two grandchildren, Evan Hoekstra and Patrick Wilson; one great-grandchild, Juniper Hoekstra; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Hoekstra; and one daughter, Andrea Hoekstra.

Visitation for Richard will be held at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee on Sunday, April 30, 2023, from 2:00PM – 6:00PM. A funeral service will begin at 10:00AM the following day at the funeral home. Immediately following the service, Richard will be laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery in Wichert, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cancer Research Institute at 29 Broadway Floor 4, New York, NY 10006-3111.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

Wichert, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 E IL-17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-4001  
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 E IL-17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. Hoekstra*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *When my children were small, they lived for planting and harvest seasons! Every year, when Rick got to the field by our house, my kids would run out to the field armed with fruit snacks and root beer for Rick in exchange for a few passes through the field up in the cab. They talked his ear off, but he was so gracious and caring with them. The kids are grown now, but they still remember all those tractor and combine rides with "Mr. Hoekstra".  
Our prayers are with your family.  
The John Grill Family*

Karen Grill - April 30, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.*



April 29, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.*



April 28, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.*



April 28, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss Kim and family. May he rest in peace.*

**Rose Mitchell** - April 28, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Tom, Ann, Mike, Steve, and Ashley purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.*



**Tom, Ann, Mike, Steve, and Ashley** - April 28, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.*



April 28, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.



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April 27, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.



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April 27, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.



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April 27, 2023 at 03:40 PM

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“ Sharon and family  
My sincere condolences to you and the family  
Wish I could be there, we just left for Europe  
All my best  
Walt & Kathy Andrews



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Walt Andrews - April 27, 2023 at 12:17 PM

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“ Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory  
of Richard D. Hoekstra



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Bryan & Joelene Hays - April 26, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Richard D. Hoekstra.



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April 26, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richard D. Hoekstra.* ”



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April 26, 2023 at 12:09 PM