



Richard D. LeDuke

June 2, 1946 - July 25, 2023

Richard Dennis LeDuke, 77, of Aroma Park, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at his home.

He was born June 2, 1946, in Kankakee, the son of Bruno and Angeline (Gadbois) LeDuke. Richard attended St. Rose Grade School and graduated from St. Patrick's High School in 1964. While attending St. Patrick's his love for music, singing and entertaining came to life. He and some friends started his first band that they named "Actions Unlimited."

After high school, he married Nancy (Martin), and they started a family together. They later divorced but remain close friends. Richard worked in manufacturing at Kankakee Roper for 19 years until their closure. He then went on to work at Canteen, Smith Oil Co and Sears Distribution Center. Although, many probably remember him best for his semi-retired days at Ultra Foods greeting everyone he saw with a smile and a handshake. Richard was also known for being the Lead Singer of The Silhouettes, the county's own 50s & 60s band, for 40 years. Being an entertainer was his passion. As a member of the Silhouette's, Rich made frequent contributions to dozens of charitable organizations including but not limited to Harbor House, Make A Wish, Salvation Army, United Way, Child Network, Easter Seals, Matea's Joy, and Officer Tyler Bailey.

Richard was a member of Maternity BVM and enjoyed attending church. He loved gardening, karaoke, sitting around the fire, and camping in his younger years. He also enjoyed attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his five children, Denise Brenneisen of Chebanse, Dawn Hinrichs of Limestone, Danielle (Mike) Arseneau of Kankakee, Darin (Jennifer) LeDuke of St. Anne, and Dana (Bill) Loring of Dawsonville, GA; grandchildren, Nikki Billerbeck, Josh Brenneisen, Christopher and Nicholas Hinrichs, Lucas, Jenna, Andrew, and Matthew Arseneau, Landen and Logan LeDuke, and Samuel Loring; great-grandchildren, Grace, Mila, and Bryson; a sister, Rita Huot of AZ; a sister-in-law, Darlene LeDuke-Dittus of Herscher; as well as special friends, George and Nancy Giroux, and Jerry Downs.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents; sons-in-law, David Brenneisen and Scott A. Hinrichs; siblings, Doreen (Ben) Benoit and Daniel LeDuke; and special friend, Nancy Trepanier.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 4, 2023, from 3pm until the funeral service at 7pm with Father Jason Nesbit, CSV. Cremation rites were accorded. Burial will be private at Aroma Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made out to Richard LeDuke for the wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Memorial Service

AUG 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. LeDuke*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *It's very sad about losing your dad he was a great guy! I have lots of great memories from him and the whole Silhouette families! Miss those years so much. The whole LeDuke family has my deepest sympathies ❤️*
Lana Benoit

Lana Benoit - August 04, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Thank you for the memories! Your light shined bright here on earth. May God comfort your family and friends through this difficult time*
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Kathy Seiber - August 04, 2023 at 01:00 PM



Dana Loring - August 04, 2023 at 01:28 PM



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



August 02, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Great loss to all who knew him and so enjoyed listening to and dancing to his music with the Silhouettes. May God fill the empty space in your hearts with fond memories.*
Mary and John Thomson



Mary Thomson - August 02, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard D. LeDuke.*



August 01, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard D. LeDuke.*



August 01, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. LeDuke.*



July 31, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard D. LeDuke.

July 31, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of Richard D. LeDuke*



Gloria Bydalek - July 30, 2023 at 10:59 PM



*Although I didn't know you personally you have entertained myself as well as the county
You will always be in our hearts*

Gloria Bydalek - July 30, 2023 at 11:01 PM



“ *Sympathy for your loss Denise and family. Your dad left his mark and will be missed by our community for his talent and many contributions. May he rest in peace.*



Rose Devine Mitchell - July 29, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard D. LeDuke.*



July 28, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard D. LeDuke.*



July 28, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard D. LeDuke.

July 28, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *At Bill and Dana’s wedding- Richard was a bundle of energy and joy. Sharing his beautiful voice and his infectious spirit on an already joyful day. I suspect he shared his joy with all he encounter.*

Lori Loring - July 28, 2023 at 04:43 PM



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



July 28, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. LeDuke.*



July 28, 2023 at 02:24 PM