



Rickey Lee Jarka

September 18, 1952 - January 18, 2021

Rickey Lee Jarka, age 68 of Wilmington, passed away Monday, January 18, 2021 at Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago.

He was born September 18, 1952 in Kankakee.

Rickey grew up in Kankakee. He lived for a time in Texas City, Texas, Springfield, Illinois and most recently, Wilmington, Illinois.

Rickey had been a welder. He loved bowling and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. In his teens, he played the trumpet in the Kankakee Drum and Bugle Corp.

He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Kankakee.

He is survived by his two sisters and one brother-in-law, Rena & Michael Gooding of San Jose, California and Leila Owen of Kankakee; one daughter, Jennifer Sims of Evansville, Indiana; one son, Joseph Sims of Mt. Carmel; two granddaughters; one grandson; one great-grandchild; two nieces; two nephews; three great-nieces; one great-nephew; and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his Mom and Dad, Margie & Harold Owen; and his grandmother, Freida Mattis.

A graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021 at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials can be made to the Kankakee Salvation Army.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee Memorial Gardens
15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Rickey Lee Jarka*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss!! I knew Rick a very long time.. RIP Rick!! See you on the other side..*

Leota Dismang - January 23, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss and condolences to the family. Ricky was a good neighborhood friend growing up in Hobby Heights. What great memories!*

Cindy Posing Boyt

Cindy Posing Boyt - January 23, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Jessica Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Jarka*



Jessica Anderson - January 22, 2021 at 08:36 PM

RM

“ Rick & Kim (Dominick) Magruder lit a candle
in memory of Rickey Lee Jarka



Rick & Kim (Dominick) Magruder - January 22, 2021 at 12:43 PM

JR

“ Sorry to read of Ricky's passing, we attended the same school,
Ricky was always a good guy, my sympathies to his family.

Jerry Robbins - January 21, 2021 at 05:38 PM

VD

“ Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of
Rickey Lee Jarka



Virginia R Dominick - January 21, 2021 at 11:54 AM

PZ

“ I worked with Rick at Manco in Bradley in the 1970s. A good guy.
My condolences to his family.

Paul Ziemer - January 21, 2021 at 10:30 AM

FH

“ *FRANK & SHARON HOWELL lit a candle in memory of Rickey Lee Jarka*



FRANK & SHARON HOWELL - January 21, 2021 at 09:08 AM

FH

SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOST. FAMILY IS IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. R.I.P. MY FRIEND.

FRANK & SHARON HOWELL - January 21, 2021 at 09:11 AM

JD

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Leila praying for God's peace to surround you

Johnie Dandridge - January 21, 2021 at 09:31 AM

LO

God gave me 1 Brother and 1 Sister. Today my brother Rickey is no doubt singing in heaven his favorite song "How Great Thou Art!" I will Forever have my memories of fun times and his gift of sense of humor along with my love. I will meet my brother Rickey in heaven one day until then I realize he is finally home!

Leila Owen - January 25, 2021 at 02:47 PM

 Rena Gooding

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Rena Gooding - January 20, 2021 at 11:40 PM

JD

“ *My prayers are for the whole family.* ”



Joyce E Driver - January 20, 2021 at 06:26 PM