



Rick Halvorsen

May 26, 1952 - December 1, 2021

Tallahassee – Richard Alan Halvorsen, 69, passed away Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

Rick was born May 26, 1952 in Palatine, IL to Richard and Dorothy Halvorsen. At the age of 5 his family moved to Coral Gables, Florida where he lived until joining the Air Force. In 1974 he settled in Tallahassee. He retired from the DEP Office of Greenways and Trails in 2011. Rick loved being out in nature, camping, bird watching, being active in his church and spending time with family and friends.

Rick is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughter, Kristy; son, Ben (Sarah); step-daughter, Jennifer Hickey (Jeremy Grelle); sisters, Sue Martindale and Cathy Reeves (Jet); brother, Chip (Daniel Barden); sister-in-law, Betty Marky (Ray); brother-in-law, Troy Campbell; grandchildren, Hannah and Hailey Halvorsen and Connor Grelle; and nieces and nephews, Katie Perkins (Travis), Michael Martindale (Debbie), Jet and Max Reeves, Blaine Marky, Paige Ehrlich and Max Campbell.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm Saturday December 11th at Deer Lake United Methodist Church in Tallahassee. The family requests that memorial service guests wear something of blue to commemorate Rick's favorite color. Big Bend Hospice was wonderful at the end of Rick's life. The family is sincerely grateful for their kindness and support.

David Conn and Kimberly Crum are assisting the family with arrangements.
(850-926-3333, www.bevisfh.com)

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Deer Lake United Methodist Church
8013 Deer Lake South
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall

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“Rick will always be remembered by the Prayerneed ministry. He was a sensitive man who loved the Lord, his country and family. Rick had a big heart, cherished lasting friendships and was an integral part of the Prayerneed Ministry of praise, prayer and encouragement for several years.

I first met Rick while we both attended the same church for a time in Tallahassee. We befriended one another and exercised our belief in Proverbs 27:17, which states, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another".

Proverbs 27:17 compares the relationship between people to how two pieces of iron can be used to sharpen each other. The Lord used this verse in Rick's and my life to sharpen us as we shared many lunches together during our working days.

We often met during our lunch breaks at the canteen at the First Baptist church in downtown Tallahassee. There were two special ladies serving behind the counter whose names were Sharon and Karen. We found their names interesting for they saw their work as a ministry by sharing and caring for us and many others who came in on their breaks for food and fellowship.

I believe the Lord used these meetings to help us grow as we shared our interactions, discussions, and mutual challenges. In reflection, it was the Lord who brought us together during a special time in our lives.

I cherish those in-depth discussions about God's truth, the Lord's unceasing and unconditional love and the promises from His Word that see us through difficult times. Although I did not see much of Rick in his later years, I am grateful for his participation in the Prayerneed ministry and the time the Lord granted us together as brothers in Christ.

Bruce Ferris - December 02, 2025 at 12:52 PM

JG

“ Jack and Janet Grelle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rick Halvorsen.



Jack and Janet Grelle - December 10, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rick Halvorsen.



December 08, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rick Halvorsen.



December 08, 2021 at 12:22 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rick Halvorsen.



December 07, 2021 at 10:36 PM

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“ Dear family of Rick Halvorsen,

It has been quite some time since I saw Rick. We got acquainted many years ago as part of a "Promise Keepers" Bible study/prayer group that met in Dewayne Williams' office at the Ford/New Holland tractor dealership west of town. Those were very encouraging and soul-sharing times. I pray that God will bless all of you with precious memories of your time together with Rick. It has been said that "friendship multiplies our joy, and divides our sorrow." May that be true for each of you. I look forward to renewing that friendship in heaven.

*In Christ,
Gary W. Hansen*

Gary W. Hansen - December 07, 2021 at 09:10 AM