



Richard "Rick" Rafael Carone

January 17, 1971 - June 29, 2017

Richard Rafael Carone “Rick” died peacefully amongst family and friends in his childhood home on June 29, 2017 in Cary at the age of 46.

Rick is survived by his beautiful daughters, Karsyn Carone, and Tyler Carone, his brothers: Vincent P. Carone, wife Lauren Carone and Timothy A. Carone, wife, Kim Carone, as well as his nephews, Tristan, and Rylan Carone. He is preceded in death by his mother, Roberta L. Carone, and his father, Frank P. Carone.

Rick was born on Jan. 17th, 1971 in Chicago, IL, to Frank and Roberta Carone. The family moved to Cary, IL in 1977 where he found his passion for the outdoors, hunting and fishing along with his God gifted ability to play sports, especially football and baseball. He graduated from Cary Grove High School in 1989 and attended Illinois State University on a baseball scholarship after turning down a couple football scholarships as well. He then attended Triton College, where he caught the eye of Don Kessinger, Head Coach of Ole Miss. He played at the University of Mississippi until he left early when selected in the MLB draft by the Chicago White Sox in June of 1993. After 3 years and 4 seasons of minor league baseball, Rick returned to his home in Arlington, TX at the end of the 1996 baseball season where he pursued a degree in Business Marketing from Texas Wesleyan University, which he received in 1997. He married Kyle Davis on 12/17/94 and continued his passion for hunting and baseball. Rick provided private baseball lessons for many current college and professional baseball players for the next few years and continued his passion for coaching youth as he began working for Select Baseball, Inc as the VP of Marketing from 1999-2004. In the year ahead, Rick moved back to Illinois where he worked for Pfizer/Wyeth Pharmaceutical from August 2004 – November 2006, as well as Henry Schein, Inc from January 2007 – June 2009. In June of 2009, Rick became an Area Sales Manager for financial giant, Santander Consumer USA, Inc. until his true passion for the outdoors started to consume his life more than ever.

He was introduced into the hunting industry in 2003, where he mastered as Field Editor and Videographer for Buck Commander, which he continued throughout 2016. Rick also served as V.P. of Sales for Hard Core Brands and Bone Collector in Ottawa, IL., where he

was responsible for complex sales initiatives, mentoring, rep development, strategic account management and led the entire sales force in a significantly profitable direction. It was also during this time he was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer in May of 2013. It was now when Rick decided to dedicate the rest of his life to inspiring others that are going through their own battles with cancer and can't fight on their own. He became a current hunter/athlete on Sheep Shape TV, which began airing June 2015 on the Sportsman Channel.

When Rick was diagnosed in 2013, an event was created named "Cary for Carone" which proved to be an event to build on, due to its success. It was then that Rick had a vision to create the Team Carone Foundation beginning with the Team Carone #Shutdown Cancer Music Fest in 2014 to raise money for local area scholarships, provide money for someone in need, along with providing funds to fight cancer at the local level. Rick is a man of faith and fights his battle the same way he has modeled his life; with God, family, and friends. He was very active after his full-time job at MVP Sports Academy with his business of Team Carone, Inc training many children ages 8 years old -18 years old on the fundamentals of catching, hitting, and the game of baseball when not filming or hunting. Rick was also a Head Coach for the Illinois Stix Baseball program for over 3 years in the summers.

A visitation for Rick will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 410 First St., Cary. Funeral Mass Thursday, July 6th at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and will be followed with burial at Windridge Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank Illinois Cancer Specialists: Dr. Randy Rich, Northwest Community Hospital, Journey Care Hospice, Becki Skol, Jen Cruz, and all his many close friends across all walks of life especially baseball and the outdoor industry.

In lieu of flowers memorials would be appreciated to the Carone Family Trust for his daughters Education Fund, memorials may be sent to: BMO Harris Bank, 122 W. Main St., Cary, IL. 60013.

Cemetery

Windridge Memorial Park
7014 Rawson Bridge Rd.
Cary, IL,

Events

JUL 5 **Visitation** 03:00PM - 08:00PM
St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
410 First St, Cary, IL, US

JUL 6 **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM
St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
410 First St, Cary, IL, US

Comments



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Rafael Carone.



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Rafael Carone.



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“ Rick- Always positive, trying to continue forward and fight, especially for his two beautiful daughters. Always welcoming, encouraging, and had such a great sense of wonder and humor. I'll be praying for Karsyn and, Tyler knowing what a great example they have had. Thanks for Tim and Kim for extending their home and lives to help Rick, to Vince and Lauren and boys for encouragement and support that you freely gave a Rick, seeing him through the ups and downs. I'll pray for your comfort in this sorrow and yet praise for Rick's faith. He gave us a vision of passion for life that we will not soon forget.

Lynn Altmayer



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