

Rick Erickson – AD 1983 Nursing

Rick D. Erickson, 61, Moorhead, MN, passed away unexpectedly on August 2, 2021, in his home.

Ricky Dean Erickson was born February 6, 1960, in Devils Lake, ND, to Tilford and Dorothy (Hartfiel) Erickson. He graduated from high school in Devils Lake and obtained an Associate of Arts degree from Lake Region State College in 1980. In 1983 Rick obtained an Associate Degree in Nursing from NDSU, followed by his Physician Assistant Certificate from the University of North Dakota Medical School in 1993. Continuing his education, he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences from UND in 2000.

Rick worked for 13 years as a Physician Assistant in Carrington, ND and later worked in Northwood, ND. In 2004 he began his career as Physician Assistant at Essentia Health in Fargo. Rick was well-known at many of the Fargo-Moorhead area long-term care and transitional care facilities for providing excellent services to the individuals he cared for.

On February 14, 2018, Rick married the love of his life, Marsha Larson, in a ceremony performed by Pastor Fred Crowell at their home in Moorhead. On May 20, 2018, the couple renewed their vows with Pastor Crowell in a formal ceremony at their church, The Moorhead Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Relationships were a priority to Rick, and he had a deep love for his family, his friends and all the individuals he cared for over the years. From a young age, education was important in Rick's life, and he loved to learn and to share his knowledge with everyone he knew. He had a passion for reading and could often be found with a book or a newspaper in his hands. He also enjoyed watching sports, especially basketball and football. His favorite teams were the NDSU Bison and Minnesota Vikings. Rick had a love for animals, especially his Siamese cats, Yin and Yang.

Rick will forever be missed by his wife, Marsha; step-children, Steven, Stephanie, Zachary and Nicholas; grandchildren, Avery, Anthony and Jemma; sister, Debbie (Ed) Fuller; nieces and nephews, Amy, Erika, Aaron and Adam; great-nieces and great-nephews, Ari, Skye, Elise, Ellowyn, Maggie, Kade and Jace; mother-in-law, Darlene Hartson; brother-in-law, Michael Knowlen and sister-in-law, Deborah (Michael) Dickson. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Bonnie Pritchert.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. at Wright Funeral Home in Moorhead. Friends and family may gather together from 10:00 to 11:00. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Moorhead. The memorial service will be livestreamed on Rick's webpage at www.wrightfuneral.com beginning at 11:00. Memorials may be given to Hospice of the Red River Valley.