



Richard Fulkerson

July 21, 1948 - December 19, 2025

Princeton - Richard A. "Rich" Fulkerson, 77, of Princeton, Illinois, passed away on Friday, December 19, 2025, at OSF St Clare, surrounded by loved ones.

Rich was born on July 21, 1948, in Princeton, Illinois, to the late Clifford and Frances (Wood) Fulkerson. He was a graduate of Tiskilwa High School, Class of 1966. Following high school, Rich proudly served his country in the United States Army. Upon returning home, he began a lifelong career with Jostens.

On May 17, 1975, Rich married the love of his life, Janice Kay DeMar, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Together they shared nearly 50 years of marriage, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary this past May.

Rich dedicated 52 years of service to Jostens MTM, beginning in 1966 and retiring in 2018. His strong work ethic and loyalty were hallmarks of his character. He was also a proud member of the Princeton AMVETS Post 180 and the Princeton American Legion Post 125.

Rich enjoyed fishing and attending boat races, especially when shared with his sons. He cherished time spent with his family, particularly his sons and grandchildren, who were the center of his world. He also gave back to his community by umpiring baseball and softball games at both the elementary

and high school levels, a role he took great pride in.

Surviving are his loving wife, Kay Fulkerson of Princeton; two sons, JC (Stephanie) Fulkerson of Lincoln, Illinois, and Michael Fulkerson of Spring Bay, Illinois; four grandchildren, Dakota Fulkerson and Casey Fulkerson, both of Peoria, Illinois, and Jordan Fulkerson and Jaxon Fulkerson of Florida; three bonus granddaughters, Lanae (Blake) Byrge, Chloe Laubenstein, and Brynley Laubenstein, all of Lincoln, Illinois; and one bonus great-granddaughter, Presley Byrge.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2026 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Norberg Memorial Home Inc. & Monuments.

Services to follow at 1:00 pm Saturday, January 3, 2026 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Private graveside services to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Online condolences may be shared at www.norbergfh.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I was very sorry to hear about Rich. Rich was a very hard worker and did a lot around town for the community. People like Rich is what makes small town America great. He was a good “egg” -
Dennis Johnson, Orange City, Florida

Dennis Johnson - December 31, 2025 at 02:43 PM

RS

“ River Valley Swipers Softball purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Fulkerson.



River Valley Swipers Softball - December 28, 2025 at 08:37 PM

SR

“ Rich was always so helpful to me for all the years that we worked together, which was close to 30 years. He will be sadly missed by many. R.I.P dear friend. 🙏

Sandy Reuter - December 23, 2025 at 10:52 AM

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Rich was a helpful member of the Princeton Veterans Group. We worked with him numerous times at events. We will miss his volunteerism.
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125

Jennifer Baumgartner/ALA Unit 125 - December 23, 2025 at 12:09 PM