



## Richard "Rich" D. Alder

November 11, 1969 - April 3, 2026

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Richard D. "Rich" Alder, 56, of Norfolk, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Chaplain Gregory Prauner will be officiating the service. Inurnment will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Valentine, Nebraska at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service also at the funeral home. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Richard D. Alder, 56, passed away peacefully in his home on April 3, 2026, in Norfolk, Nebraska. He was born on November 11, 1969, in Valentine, Nebraska, to Leola (Tryon) Homan and Robert Alder. From the very beginning, Richard's life was rooted in family, hard work, and a deep love for the outdoors.

Growing up in Valentine, Richard thrived in 4-H, earning several awards as a youth. He graduated from Valentine High School in 1988. Whether he was camping, fishing, four-wheeling, hunting, or shooting, Richard felt most at home under an open sky. He was happiest when surrounded by nature and the people he loved.

In 1988, Richard met the love of his life, Susan, in Valentine. Their bond was immediate and enduring. Together they shared 38 years of unwavering

partnership and built a beautiful family with their two children, Cheyenne and Dylan.

Richard and Susan later moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he worked for his father-in-law, Ronald Chesnut. A few years later, Richard found his true calling with the Union Pacific Railroad. As a carman, he dedicated 28 years to a career he took great pride in. His coworkers became lifelong friends, and the railroad became a second home. Richard did eventually move back to Nebraska to be closer to family.

A devoted Nebraska Cornhuskers fan, Richard never missed a Saturday game. His enthusiasm was infectious, and cheering on his team was one of his greatest joys.

Richard will be remembered for his generous heart and helping hand. Neighbors knew they could rely on him for any size of project — from mowing lawns to installing roofs. A talented carpenter, he loved any project that involved building, fixing, or creating. His laugh was contagious, his smile unforgettable, and his storytelling could make you feel as if you were watching a movie unfold. Richard was a true character, the kind of person people naturally gravitated toward. He was loved beyond measure by all who knew him.

Richard is survived by his mother Leola (Alfred) Homan of Pierce, father Robert (Irene) Alder Grand Island; his beloved wife, Susan of West Jordan, Utah; his children, Cheyenne (Brad) and Dylan of Utah; his sister Tina of Hawaii, and niece Brittany of Louisiana, his brother David of Lincoln; brother Shane (Keri) Homan of Crawford, and his five cherished grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Alma and Leonard Alder, Marjorie and Lloyd Tryon, and his father-in-law, Ronald Chesnut.

Richard's legacy lives on in the family he adored, the friends he treasured,

and the countless memories made in the great outdoors he loved so deeply.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Inurnment

APR **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Hope Cemetery - Valentine  
Mount Hope is a large cemetery at the east edge of Valentine, a block northeast of Highway 20.  
Valentine, NE 69201

# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.*



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April 10 at 10:27 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.*



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April 09 at 02:38 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.*

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April 09 at 02:38 PM



“ *With love, Don and Christina Coker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.*



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**With love, Don and Christina Coker - April 08 at 06:31 PM**

DT

“ David, Tina, Brittany and Tammy purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.



David, Tina, Brittany and Tammy - April 07 at 06:45 PM

DT

“ David, Tina, Brittany and Tammy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.

David, Tina, Brittany and Tammy - April 07 at 06:45 PM

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“ Howard & Tammy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.



Howard & Tammy - April 07 at 11:50 AM

UB

“ Uncle Jack and Aunt Bonnie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.



Uncle Jack and Aunt Bonnie - April 06 at 10:06 PM

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“ *Uncle Jack and Aunt Bonnie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" D. Alder.*

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**Uncle Jack and Aunt Bonnie** - April 06 at 10:06 PM