



## Richard "Rich" J. Zechmann

March 9, 1947 - July 27, 2024

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Richard J. “Rich” Zechmann, 77, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, August 2, 2024 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Father Vincent Germace. Interment will be held at the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, American Legion Riders, and United States Army Honor Guard. Rich passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at his residence, rural Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Rich was born on March 9, 1947 in Pierce, Nebraska to John and Christina (Venteicher) Zechmann. He attended grade school at St. Joseph's Parochial School and graduated from Pierce High School in 1966. Rich married Betty Michaelsen on June 7, 1969 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk. Rich was a member of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Catholic Church as well as Norfolk V.F.W. Post 1644.

Rich enjoyed spending time with family as well as keeping up with the countless projects on the acreage where he and Betty have lived for the last 52 years.

Richard served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968 then

worked at Pepsi for 10 years, Sexauer Seed Company for 20 years, and Kaup Seed for 10 years. After a brief retirement from Kaup Seed he returned to work part time delivering for Norfolk Auto. With his Love of traveling and visiting the public, retirement could only be taken in moderation.

Survivors include wife Betty Zechmann of Norfolk, children Bryon (Alicia) Zechmann of Omaha, Duane (Karla) Zechmann of Norfolk, Sarah (Ed) Gordon of Norfolk, grandchildren Jonathan (Devin) Zechmann, Austin Tierney, and Karlee Zechmann, great-grandchildren Max and Zeke Zechmann, sisters MaryAnn Casey of Omaha, Helen (John) Papstein of Columbus, and several nieces and nephews.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents John and Christina, brother and sister-in-law Leonard (Fern) Zechmann, and a brother-in-law Lawrence Casey. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Norfolk  
2300 Madison Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Tribute Wall



“ Sherry Michaelsen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Rich" J. Zechmann.



Sherry Michaelsen - July 31, 2024 at 04:12 PM



“ Betty, Duane, Karla and the rest of the family - Sorry to hear about Richard. Cherish all of the wonderful memories you had with him.

Kathy McFarland

Kathy McFarland - July 31, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" J. Zechmann.



July 30, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ Norma J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" J. Zechmann.

Norma J. - July 30, 2024 at 08:55 PM

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“ Premier-Midwest Beer & Bev / Glazer's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rich" J. Zechmann.



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**Premier-Midwest Beer & Bev / Glazer's** - July 30, 2024 at 11:16 AM

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“ From Joe and LaDonna Pettijohn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Rich" J. Zechmann.



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**From Joe and LaDonna Pettijohn** - July 30, 2024 at 08:29 AM