



Duane Richard "Rick" Sprick II

August 27, 1958 - September 17, 2025

DUANE RICHARD "RICK" SPRICK II

Following a courageous battle with cancer, Duane Richard "Rick" Sprick II, 67, Lenexa, Kansas, passed away at home Wednesday, September 17, 2025, surrounded by his wife, Holly, and children, Sam and Hannah.

Rick was born August 27, 1958, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to Duane and Carol Ann (Sievers) Sprick. During his childhood, Rick and his family lived in many places due to his father's military career.

After his 1976 graduation from Fort Calhoun High School in Nebraska, Rick earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. For his mortuary science degree, he attended Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Wheeling, Illinois. Additionally, he attended Webster University for a master's degree.

After becoming a Professor of Mortuary Science at Kansas City Kansas Community College in the fall semester of 1992, Rick received Teacher of the Year honors that first year. He remained with the program there until his retirement in 2022. For the duration of his career, Rick helped hundreds of students succeed in passing their national board exams to become funeral professionals across the country.

Family and friends were very important to Rick, and he loved including them in his multiple hobbies. Established in the late 1990's, Ol' Style Smokers was his competitive BBQ team. In BBQ contests, Rick made sure people knew his food was the best, with the ribbons for perfect scores as proof. Rick also enjoyed playing golf, he loved fishing, and he always savored the opportunity to host and cook for anyone he could.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents and several aunts and uncles. Survivors include his wife, Holly; son, Sam (Lauren); daughter, Hannah Sprick (Cody); sister, Paula (Carl) Grotelueschen; brother, Stu (Diane) Sprick; aunt, Donna Hansen; uncle, Roger Sprick; aunt, Claire Ann Sprick; father-in-law, Dr. Thomas Johnson; brother-in-law, Ben Johnson (Lori); and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, and lifelong friends.

The family would like to acknowledge Midwest Transplant Network for their assistance with Rick's donation.

Also, we wish to express our most sincere gratitude for the kindness, support, and generosity shown over these last few months as Rick fiercely and bravely battled cancer. Love, Holly, Sam and Hannah.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family which will fund a remembrance bench in Rick's honor, or donations may be made to the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

VISITATION AND MASONIC SERVICE: 5:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, October 10, 2025, with Masonic Service, conducted by Solomon Lodge #10 A.F.&A.M., at 7:30 p.m. all at Sievers-Sprick Funeral Home.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church.

INURNMENT: Fort Calhoun Cemetery.

Sievers-Sprick Funeral Home

Fort Calhoun, NE 68023 402-468-5678

Online condolences can be made at:

www.sievers-sprickfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation and Masonic Service

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sievers-Sprick Funeral Home
214 N. 14th Street, Box 300
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023
(402) 468-5678
<https://www.sievers-sprickfuneralhome.com>

Masonic Service is at 7:30 PM.

Celebration of Life

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church
123 N 13th St
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023-2075
(402) 468-5683

Inurnment

OCT **11**. 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Fort Calhoun Cemetery
Fort Calhoun , NE 68023

Tribute Wall

JW

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I went to Fort Cahoun High School with Rick and Stu. Condolences and comfort to all of Rick's family.



Joan Wilson-Sangimino - December 12, 2025 at 11:02 AM

HH

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Rick several years ago. Our friendship involved many culinary delights prepared proudly by Rick. He was a fine man and I will miss the great visits we had together. My deepest condolences to Holly, Sam and Hannah. Rest in Peace my good friend! Howard Handler San Diego, CA

Howard Handler - October 14, 2025 at 01:41 AM

JS

“ I was working in Stickney Ill. when Rick was in Wheeling. I had known Rick for some time but we didn't have cell phones back then. So getting in touch with him was a bit of a challenge, but we did finally get in touch and did a few things in the windy city. Now I bring this up to let you know what kind of person Rick was. I had heard of a Lover boy concert at the Rosemont Horizon, a bit of a drive from where I was, But I asked Rick if he would be willing to take and pick me and another person to the concert. Of course Rick said yes. We went to the concert then found a pay phone and called Rick to come and get us. Now here is the Rick part, when he dropped us off I thanked him for all he did but Rick instead THANKED me cause he need to learn to drive around Chicago in cause he got a "call". I never forgot that him thanking us for haul us to a concert then coming and getting us! Always willing to help. Jeff Smith

Jeff Smith - October 12, 2025 at 09:33 PM

MF

“ Met Rick at KCKCC going through the "program" from fall of 1994 to summer of 1995. Enjoyed his classes, and he gave me some advice on life and the funeral home that I always appreciated. One of the summer classes, we all kept our ball gloves in the classroom, and he would play catch with us on break. Also went to the Wyandotte Diner for breakfast on a couple of occasions. My sympathy and blessings to his family.

Marty Feltner

Marty Feltner - October 12, 2025 at 08:44 PM

JF

“ Jeannie Percy and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Duane Richard "Rick" Sprick II.



Jeannie Percy and family - October 09, 2025 at 02:08 PM

JF

“ Jeannie Percy and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Richard "Rick" Sprick II.

Jeannie Percy and family - October 09, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane Richard "Rick" Sprick II.

October 08, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Duane Richard "Rick" Sprick II.*



October 08, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ *To Ricks Family,*

I would like to express my condolences for your loss. I've known Rick for quite a few years our families' connections go back a long time...back when my father and the Spick's and Sievers grew up together in a very small community. It's hard to think that his passing was a blessing, but to fight a battle for however long it be there comes a time for rest. God Bless

Randy Hawkins

Randy Hawkins - October 07, 2025 at 07:50 AM