



Richard Wesley Prue

June 8, 1950 - April 22, 2025

Richard Wesley Prue, 74, went to be with Our Lord on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in Topeka, Kansas. He was born on June 8, 1950, to Richard Donald Prue and Viola Rita Prue in Topeka. He was raised in the Wells Creek community and attended Paxico High School.

Richard served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam, and worked in Quantico, Virginia as a demolition's instructor. He then went back to work for Allis Chalmers and had his own business of roofing houses for many years. He went to work for the Kansas Air National Guard as a heavy equipment mechanic and then retired after 35 years of faithful service to the military.

Richard married Catherine Mary Hurla on June 10, 1972, at Sacred Heart Church in Paxico, Kansas. To this union, a son, Richard Thomas Prue, was born on October 4, 1972.

Richard was a man of many talents, had a great work ethic, and loved to do everything. He was a welder, handy man, mechanic, and inventor. He created numerous inventions to help himself and others in everyday life. He could build everything from can compactors to log splitters and beyond. He enjoyed gardening, cutting and splitting wood, playing pool, fishing, and welding; but most of all he enjoyed being with his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Catherine; son, Richard T. Prue (Teresa); sister, Kathy Hurla (Myron); grandchildren, Richard, Michael (Anna), Jennifer; great-grandchildren, Edson, Maddelynn, Lennox, Elliot, Michael A. Thomas; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Viola Prue, sister, Carolyn Gray, brothers, Donald Prue, David Prue, and Michael Prue.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 22298 Newbury Road, Paxico KS 66526. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newberry or St. Matthew Catholic Church in Topeka, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

32323 Cemetery Rd
Paxico, KS 66526

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

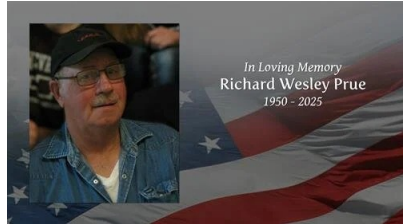
APR **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
22298 Newbury Road
Paxico, KS 66526

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Wesley Prue



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 24, 2025 at 04:30 PM

GA

I just found out today that Dick had passed. So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family

gary allen - April 28, 2025 at 06:54 PM

PJ

“ *I know as cousins we were bad at only seeing each other at family get together so terrible to say usually at deaths or when thee Sisters came back. I remember swinging out of the barn on a rope, always finding a way to get into trouble. Big Thanksgiving dinners. Life is so short now Sam and I are the youngest left around here. Say hi to my mom and dad and og course your own family. Love you Dickie.*

Patti Spetter Jordan - April 27, 2025 at 12:53 PM

MC

“ *Catherine, Kathy, & family, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Marilee Casarona-Orton - April 25, 2025 at 12:58 PM

PO

“ sorry to hear of richard's passing,I knew richard and little richard for many years at the 190th ARW, RIP, paul owens

paul owens - April 25, 2025 at 12:43 PM

PW

“ Dick was a great man. He was savvy in that he knew a lot about everything but never came off as a know it all. He'd help you get to the solution to a mechanical or any type problem. He had a good sense if humor. He'd been around! We'll miss him; I know I will.

Paul Wirtz - April 25, 2025 at 11:01 AM

JP

“ Richard and I worked together for roughly 20 years. So many memories! Some that could be shared and many that, well, probably shouldn't. Haha! Any way, one of my favorites was how excited he was when he invented his aluminum can crusher, he bragged about that a lot. Richard was always full of fun and laughter. He will be missed by many. My condolences to the family, so sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

Jay Pine - April 24, 2025 at 10:15 PM

DZ

“ Dick was a true friend,, I was able to receive his son's German shepherd when he could no longer have him,, what a great dog!! I was really impressed with Dicks can crusher that he made,, which made a bag of cans into a crushed block that had a P stamped on it!
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I also remember he mailbox that he made,, probably weighed 80 pounds, made out of 1/4" steel that nobody was going to knock down,, will miss you bud!

Doug Zerger - April 24, 2025 at 09:56 PM