



## Ricky Vern Trandem

July 26, 1952 - February 2, 2016

Ricky Vern Trandem passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 2, 2016 in Auburn, CA at the age of 63.

Rick owned Viking Builder's in Morongo Valley until moving to Auburn in 2008. He purchased Dancing Dog Productions in downtown Auburn in 2012 where he enjoyed working with the local community.

He was preceded in death by his father Vernes Trandem and his daughter Michele Trandem. He is survived by his wife Lozetta Trandem of Auburn, his daughter Tammy and son in law Dave Keenan of Moorhead, MN, his daughter Heather and son in law Mark Donnelly of Ray ND, He had 9 beautiful grandchildren that he adored, Kristin, Austin, Alyssa, Landen, Addison, Boedy, Mackenzie, Madison and Brevon, his mother Pearl Trandem of Erskine, MN, his brother Les and sister in law Julie Trandem of Thief River Falls, MN.

He served in the Air Force from 1975-1981.

Rick was a true gentleman who loved his family and friends. He loved to ride his Harley and was a VW and old car enthusiast. He was a very sweet man to

all that knew him. He is truly missed.

A Celebration of Life open house will be held at his home in Auburn on March 5th from 1:00-5:00 and also in Erskine, MN on the same day. Contact Lozetta at [dancingdogprod@yahoo.com](mailto:dancingdogprod@yahoo.com) for directions and details.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Your page is still up. I just sit and stare at your picture as my mind remembers our life together. We had so, so many wonderful times and created so many memories. I'm thankful for the memories and sad at the same time. No one will ever understand what we had and no one could ever have loved more than I do.*

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**Lozetta Trandem** - February 22, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ *This is a year and I can't hardly bear it still. I grieve for you every minute of everyday. This page goes away today, but my memories of you will always be with me. I will never forget you and I will always love you! Rest well my love.*  
*Forever Love,*  
*Loz*

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**Lozetta Trandem** - February 02, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ *There are moments in life that you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them up from your mind and hug them! ❤️ It's hard to believe you've been gone 1 year already! I love and miss you so much Dad!*

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**Heather Donnelly** - February 02, 2017 at 06:56 AM

LO

“ Almost a year. Today Michele has been gone 14 years. I know you two are having a wonderful time together. It hasn't become any easier living without you. You are always in my thoughts and will forever be in my heart. This web page goes away on the 2nd. I will miss visiting you here. Wish I could hug you. I really miss your hugs. Forever Love my sweet Ricky T  
Loz

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**Lozetta** - January 30, 2017 at 08:10 AM

LO

“ My Dearest Ricky,  
It's 34 weeks today since you passed. I miss you so much. I got the letter you left a few days ago. Just breaks my heart that your wishes weren't fulfilled. I've been debating whether to bring it up or let it go to keep the peace. I hope that what ever I decide to do that it's the right thing. If you'd like to give me a sign, I would really like to hear from you. The girls still snap chat me everyday. I love that and don't want to ruffle feathers over stuff. You know how I feel about that, but feel like I should fulfill your wishes at the same time. Hope you and Jamie are looking after my mom. She liked you a lot. I miss you every minute of every day. It's not getting any easier. RIP my Ricky T

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**Lozetta** - September 27, 2016 at 06:53 PM

LO

“ I see no one has visited in awhile. I think of you everyday and miss you all day and night. I put you in your urn yesterday with that piece of your dad's headstone that you kept from our last visit to MN. I mailed you to Les today along with some of your favorite CD's for your 64th birthday. Your ex wife kept the money left in the retirement account. I know you wanted to fix it and didn't have time. That's okay. She must need it more than we did. I still miss you so much. I call your mom every other weekend, we have a good cry. I'll love you always! Forever love. All for now Love you!

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**Lozetta** - July 09, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ My Dearest Rick,  
I have been dreading this day as it approached. Memories are flooding through my mind and my heart. I smile and laugh through tears as I remember our life together. I wish we could have shared these stories together with our grandkids. I will share our stories . I want your memory to live on with them forever. You were a great dad, grampa, papa Rick and husband. I will always cherish our life together, especially the last few days and conversations we had as we laid in bed not sleeping, but holding on to each other and every moment we had left together. As I sit here now looking at your picture and reminiscing, I cherish one of the last things you said to me as you looked into my eyes, "Zetta, I'd marry you all over again." I will never forget that. I will never forget you, I will always miss you, I will always love you!  
Forever Love!

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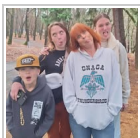
**Lozetta Trandem** - May 05, 2016 at 07:29 AM



“ Happy Easter my Ricky T.....missed you so much today. Forever love

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**Lozetta Trandem** - March 27, 2016 at 08:43 PM

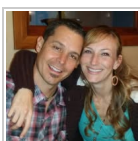


“ *It's six weeks today that you went away. I miss you more everyday than the day before. I hear words in conversations that trigger fond memories. I find cards and notes all around that I've saved over the years.*

*I haven't had the strength quite yet to read you the memories that were written in your journal at your Celebration of Life. We still have beautiful flowers around and Sam and I sit in your chair with your blanket and talk to you. I miss you so much my forever love.*

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**Lozetta Trandem** - March 15, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *Maddox Hacker: "I love Papa Rick because I love him and his beard and his hugs."*

*Keaton Hacker: "I miss Papa Rick saying, 'I'll throw you down the hole!'"*

*Sawyer Hacker: "Papa Rick helped take care of us and he took great care of his nice beard."*

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**Jennifer Hacker** - March 14, 2016 at 10:20 AM



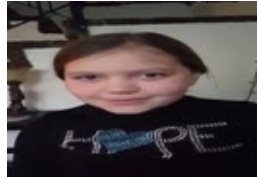
*He loved all 3 of your boys.*

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**Lozetta Trandem** - March 15, 2016 at 09:25 AM



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**Lozetta Trandem** - March 09, 2016 at 10:10 AM



*This girl is the 2nd child I enrolled in my program when I started my childcare. Today is her 9th birthday and she sent me this beautiful message. How ironic that her name is "Faith"*

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**Lozetta Trandem** - March 09, 2016 at 10:13 AM

KW

“ I met Rick shortly after I moved to the Coachella Valley in May 1988 as I joined MeDeviitt & Street to build the beautiful Stouffer Esmeralda Resort in Indian Wells (now known as the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort and Spa). Worked with him every day for a year and a half. I moved on to Takenaka International in November, 1989 to begin the renovation and expansion of the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage. Once the Stouffer project finished, Rick joined us at the Westin. We worked on that project for 2 years. When the time came for me to move on I decided to move to Atlanta. I found myself in a state of flux for two months before the move to Atlanta and he let me stay at his place, not charging me any rent. 6 months later I moved back to California and he helped me unload the U-Haul truck into a storage place in Cathedral City. I helped him move into his ranch on Rawson Road in Morongo Valley. A few years later he helped me out with some surveying of my backyard to design my new patio drainage. He helped me to select my 1st Harley. I attended his wedding with Lozetta as our friendship continued. Was sorry to see them move to Auburn, but I understood. We stayed in contact after that via phone calls but mostly with his funny emails. So sorry that you left us my friend. I think about you everyday. -KW

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**Ken Wood** - March 01, 2016 at 10:36 PM

LT

“ Les Trandem lit a candle in memory of Ricky Vern Trandem



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**Les Trandem** - February 25, 2016 at 07:53 PM

TB

“ I always thought of Rick as a uncle, and he even lived with us when I was a kid and would bring me doughnut holes. Later on I always looked forward to him coming to the house to hang out with the family and give me a hard time but I'd always return the favor. I may have even shaken up several beers before I delivered them. He was always fun to hang out with. It was sad to here of his passing. Rest in peace Rick.



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**Trevor Burrows** - February 23, 2016 at 10:09 PM



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**Lozetta Trandem** - February 16, 2016 at 06:20 AM

AM

“Rick & I both grew up in a town of 600 residents, and the school, (grades 1-12) had about 200 students. Our class was only about 18 or 19 students, so naturally we knew each other (and the other 17 or 18 students) pretty well in those days. Rick & I also played in a bar band in the mid '70s – loading & unloading band equipment when the temperature is -20. Rick was the smart one, moving somewhere warm. I've played in a number of bands since then, but if I recall correctly, he had the prettiest set of clear plastic blue drums I've ever seen!

I have many memories of Rick in school, Sunday school, Sundays in church, and of course, the other “activities” in a small town where there's virtually nothing to do. We spent a lot of time “tooling”, which was our term for just getting in your car and driving around.

One thing that sticks out in my mind is an incident where Rick had a date with a girl we all had eyes for. The night of the date, the girl's finger got stuck in his steering wheel, and I think that the whole night was spent trying to free her finger.

I wanted to express my sympathy to the family and friends. I hadn't seen or talked to Rick for many years, but all my memories of him are fond.

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**Al "Ace Moen** - February 15, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“Lozetta Trandem lit a candle in memory of Ricky Vern Trandem



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**Lozetta Trandem** - February 14, 2016 at 02:30 PM

JH

“ A good man, a good neighbor and a good friend. This old world is the poorer for his passing.  
I first met Rick in the Desert when we were neighbors. When I lost the house in the divorce I asked Rick about renting his Rawson Road property the day after he decided to rent it out. Many prayers to the family and many thanks for the wonderful memories I have of a most gracious, kind and giving man.

Ride free brother!

JT Hayes

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**JT Hayes** - February 13, 2016 at 04:56 PM

SB

“ Rick and I first met when we served in the U. S. Air Force together. I got to know him and his family, and we all became good friends. We remained friends after our separation from the military, and he actually lived with me and my family for a short time in the Kansas City area. He was like a brother to me in SO many ways....we rode motorcycles together frequently, and shared a lot of wonderful memories. After his move to California, we lost track of each other for a few years...then thankfully we connected again. Rick was a valued and true friend....a kind and caring gentleman, and somebody who I will seriously miss. The world has lost a good man! Rest in peace my Bro!

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**Steve Burrows** - February 13, 2016 at 04:41 PM

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**Steve Burrows** - February 13, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Ricky Vern Trandem.



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February 13, 2016 at 12:06 AM



“Love and miss you lots dad. You will always be in our hearts.

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**Tammy Trandem Keenan** - February 12, 2016 at 06:12 PM



“You are my brother, my best friend, my family, not sure how life is going to be with out you to call. It does not seem real, I have **LOVED YOU** all my life my brother from the time we were kids to today and for the rest of my life. I send love to you from your little Bro. (Peg)

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**les trandem** - February 12, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“We always shared a lot of personal thoughts working together in the desert and I remember one time we were wondering if when you die and go to heaven there would be Harley's to ride up there and I said there probably all gold plated and we laughed and ate our lunch and headed back to our jobs. I know know now that you will be waiting at the gate for me and brother Skull on a solid gold Harley that you got from God Lu my Brother till we meet again.

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**Muzz** - February 12, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ *From the first time I met Rick, I knew we would be life long friends an so glad to say he was like my brother. We had a special bond. To Lozetta an the entire Trandem family my condolences an prayers for each of you. Wendall Swank. Aka Skull*

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**Wendall LuAnn Swank** - February 12, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ *I miss my best friend, my soul mate and husband. Our time was cut short, but I'm very thankful for the 16 years that we had together. Rest In Peace and you are forever in my heart. Forever Love!*

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**Lozetta** - February 12, 2016 at 12:03 PM