



Richard L. Pulling

May 7, 1943 - January 23, 2022

Richard L. Pulling, 78, of Jacksonville peacefully passed away Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville. He was born, May 7, 1943, in Riggston, the son of Russell and Madge Garrett Pulling.

He is survived by his 2 daughters, Leah Parsley and Regina Walker; 2 grandsons, Keagan and Race Walker; siblings, Carol Ruyle, Ronnie Pulling, Connie Short and Emily Hagan and a community of children and adults he had spent his life serving. He was preceded in death by sister, Joan Perez.

After graduating from Bluffs High School, Richard dedicated his life to serving others at a very young age. He was a medical specialist, honorably discharged from the Navy. He loved taking care of others, so he continued in his civilian life as a paramedic as Passavant, volunteer firefighter, police officer for South Jacksonville and Meredosia and retired as a Master Sgt. of the Air National Guard. After retiring, Richard was employed by Meredosia School as security detail. He was a modest man that never sought riches or glory. His happiness came from knowing he had made a difference in someone's life. Richard also had a passion for sprint car racing.

The world needs more people like Richard Pulling. Sadly, it now has one less. We love you.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Jacksonville. A visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022, at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Jacksonville
508 W. Vandalia
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 243-0444
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. Pulling*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Had the pleasure of working with Richard at Passavant Hospital, I also lived in Meredosia, Illinois when Richard was a city Police officer as well many moons ago. Richard worked in Law enforcement as well as a Paramedic at the hospital where I worked as well. Condolences to his family and friends, just an all around Great guy. God Bless you Richard and may you rest in peace.*



Garry E. Lewis - January 30, 2022 at 07:09 AM



“ *Rich had treated my family and myself in the ER many times. It was a honor and a privilege to have provided treatment to Rich when we transported him to hospital. Rich always had a smile, handshake and a word of encouragement when I was doing clinicals in ER. Prayers to his family.*

Lyndell Huseman EMT-P Meredosia-Bluffs Rescue Squad

Lyndell Huseman - January 26, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ *went to school with richard until u moved to Bluffs. I remember how he could draw pictures. A talented man. was a good friend. My sympathy to all of his siblings. Kenny Crews*

Kenny Crews - January 26, 2022 at 08:12 AM

SP

“ Steve Patterson lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Pulling



Steve Patterson - January 25, 2022 at 09:31 PM

SP

“ I'll always remember him with smile all the time. Such a soft spoken man, who was a friend to all people that he meet. He will be missed by many.

Steve Patterson - January 25, 2022 at 09:29 PM

JH

“ Josh & Sami Hallock lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Pulling

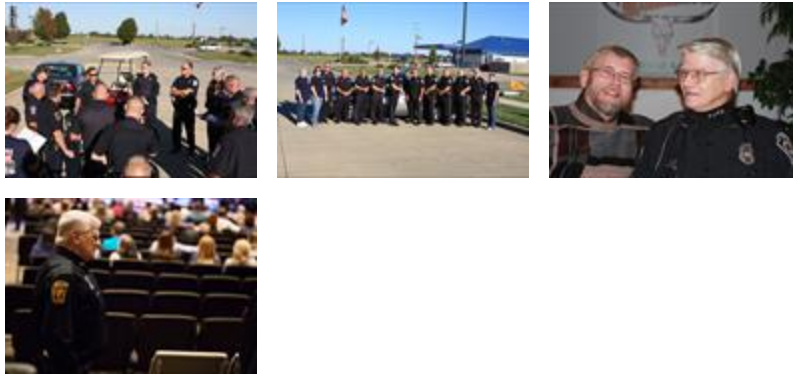


Josh & Sami Hallock - January 25, 2022 at 07:34 PM

SH

“ Rich, how do you even put into words the honor it is to know him. We worked together at the Village of South Jacksonville, when the Police Department/Village Hall still shared the same building. Rich was always a calm and upstanding presence, you knew he genuinely cared. Rich found out that I loved the Wizard of Oz and showed up one day to work with a vintage framed Wizard of Oz movie poster, said he just had it laying around and wanted me to have it.

To Rich's family my heart goes out to you in this time with prayers that through the pain endured in loss, may we still celebrate his wonderful life and the joy he brought to all those he crossed paths with.



Sami Hallock - January 25, 2022 at 07:33 PM

LH

“ Rich has taken care of my family and myself many times while working as a Paramedic at Passavant Hospital. It was an honor and privilege to have helped care for him when we last transported him to the hospital. He always had a handshake and a pat on the back whenever I saw him. God bless his family.

Lyndell Huseman EMT-P Meredosia-Bluffs Volunteer Rescue Squad

LYNDELL HUSEMAN - January 25, 2022 at 03:24 PM

LD

“ I am so honored to have known this big Teddy Bear of a man. When I was first out of high-school and got my first job at the ambulance company in Jacksonville, I meant Rich. He took a young, green young lady and taught her everything he knew about emergency medicine. He watched out for me. Though I didn't get to see him alot in recent years...when I did..he always had that big grin on his face and a warm hug. Rich touched so many lives, in so many different ways. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great, wonderful man!

Lisa DeFrates - January 24, 2022 at 10:29 PM

TA

“ He came to my rescue when a stranger was trying to get in my home. He sat in his truck I called the police and he was one of the officers that came. And I worked with him at passavant area hospital. He was a great guy. My prayers go out to the family at this time. Will always remember you .

Thomas anthony - January 24, 2022 at 10:15 PM

PE

“ To Rich's girls whom he loved so much I am so sorry for your loss. I grew up with Rich and me and Connie were in same class and great friends. I am good friend of your Aunt Carol. I am Village Clerk for Meredosia and of course have also worked with him for a long time while he was cop for us and till his death as School Monitor as MCHS and City was co-employers for the position and he drove our Police Car to school every day. He was well thought of by everyone in Meredosia and will sure be missed. Pat Engelbrecht

PATRICIA ENGELBRECHT - January 24, 2022 at 07:49 PM

DT

*My stepmother lived in South Jacksonville many many years ago on Hardin Avenue. After having to go to nursing home her home was Entered several times even though locked and bolted. Upon Rich's advice we began leaving tracks to find out how it Was being entered. Rich solved The case which I really appreciated. A very quiet unassuming man and a great Police officer at South Jacksonville and at MCHS. Hi h My sympathy to his family.
Donna Tegeder*

Donna Tegeder - January 25, 2022 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ Richard and I shared Manny memories together from when we were in High School, and then in the Navy. while serving we ran into each other many times in many places, which we talked about a lot of things when we were in school together. where we worked. Richard and I served on the rescue squid far a short time. after he started as a paramedic and Police officer. We kept running into each other. Job he had t Meredosia School we spent every afternoon. Remembering About our experinces in life.And fellowship while waitinh to take the kids home from school.I will always remember him as a friend . who we shared many good times with. I will miss him greatly.



John Wood - January 24, 2022 at 06:57 PM

ME

“ *Rich was an awesome guy! He was like a second father to me in a difficult time in my life. The man sure had a talent of lifting folks up when they were down! RIP my friend and hugs to the family*



Mendy - January 24, 2022 at 06:51 PM

BW

“ *Richard was a kind and loving person. He loved people and wanted to help all. We met in 1958. When his Brother married his first wife.. He Will be very much Missed.*

To the Family

Barbara Wood - January 24, 2022 at 06:25 PM

BS

“ *Rich was a great guy and will be missed by all.*

Bonnie Sullinger - January 24, 2022 at 06:01 PM