



## Van Richard Garrett

August 25, 1954 - November 10, 2018

Van Garrett, 64, of Lovington, IL passed away from complications following a double-lung transplant on November 10, 2018 at Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago, IL.

Visitation will be at Moran and Goebel Funeral Home in Decatur, IL on Thursday, November 15, from 5-7 PM, with funeral services on November 16, at 10:00 AM. Burial will be at Hewitt Cemetery, Lovington.

Van was born August 25, 1954 in Fairfield, IL, the son of Doris and Charles Garrett. He married Judy South on October 16, 1971 in Decatur, IL. She survives him.

Surviving are his sons: Marty (Anna) Garrett of Seattle, WA, Andrew (Danielle) Garrett of Decatur, IL and Danny (Nicole) Garrett of Lovington, IL; five grandchildren: Alena Garrett, Owen Garrett, Meriem Garrett, Nolen Garrett, and Emma Garrett; brothers Rick Garrett of Geff, IL, and Charles (Shelley) Garrett of Decatur, IL; sister Vicki (Dean) Creek of Decatur, IL. He is also survived by stepfather Lewis Caldwell of Decatur, IL, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Van was employed by Interstate Brands Corporation in Decatur, IL for 32 years, serving as Business Agent for Local 316 the last few years of his career. He also worked for himself doing residential and commercial remodeling and maintenance for the past 46 years. Van never knew a stranger and was always first in line to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Following his death, Van was an organ donor.

Van's greatest joy was his family. He loved them endlessly without limits or expectations.

Van also enjoyed the outdoors, landscaping, camping, boating, fishing, four-wheeling, and scuba diving. Van was a member of Lampstand Church in Decatur, IL.

Memorials can be made to Gift of Hope.

# Comments

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“ Judy and family... just learned of this tonight at bunco and I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I do remember Dick as a very kind person. Prayers to you and his family!  
Dawn (Greenwood) Taylor

**Dawn Taylor** - March 12, 2019 at 09:46 PM

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“ Sweetheart,  
We married when we were 17 and really did mean our vows. I have had 47 married years with you and feel blessed to have had more than a lot of people have had. I am lost without you. There never was a” me” , It was always “us”. That is the way we liked it. One of the best things you ever gave me was our three wonderful sons. You were the kind of husband and dad everyone should be so blessed to have. You always made a secure loving home for us and set the best example of never giving up. You were a tough man with a big heart and we will carry you in our hearts and minds daily. I am devastated and lost without you but I know that God decided you had suffered enough. You were blessed with a lung donation and You wanted a way to pay it back. You requested to donate and I find comfort in knowing that your bone and tissue donations can help up to eight burn victims and several others. You always found a way of giving selflessly. The world was a much better place with you in it. I will love you madly until we are together again. Judy

**Judith Garrett** - November 27, 2018 at 10:25 PM

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“ You have always been so loving and welcoming to me since the very first day I met you. You have always treated me as one of your own. I could not have asked for a better father in law.  
Your one amazing man and I thank you for being a great dad who raised great boys and the greatest Papaw I ever could dream of for our kids.  
I am sure going to miss you. I love you..

**Danielle** - November 16, 2018 at 05:34 PM

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“ Uncle Dick,  
I remember all the fun times we shared at your old house in Lovington. You pretty much gave me free reign of everything. I loved spending time there it was so pretty. That was so cool because it was the first time I heard it on surround sound and I was blown away. And you shared that just with me. I bet you did not know how much that meant to me. I knew you worked so very hard every day of your life. Your smile and laugh was so contagious. I will miss seeing that on you, but I will see it again someday. There are no tears in heaven only angels like you. Love you.

**Wendy Garrett** - November 15, 2018 at 05:22 PM

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“ Judy we are very sorry for your loss.  
You and your family will be in our thoughts.  
The Crump Family in Beckley West Virginia.  
Buddy and Karen  
Bill and Barbara

**Buddy Crump** - November 15, 2018 at 09:46 AM

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“ I could not have asked for a better father in law! Thank you Van for loving me as your own! I am blessed to have so many fun memories with you! You truly were a Superman- compassionate, loving, and strong! Forever you will hold a special place in my heart! I love you!

**Nicole** - November 14, 2018 at 10:41 AM

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“ Judy, kids, and family There are no words as to how much Dick meant to me. When I lost Bob you both were there. All I had to do is call and say something is wrong at the house and he would be here. What a great friend to be there all the time, any time day or night. I miss you and you will always have a place in my heart. Love to all the family

**Pat Schoemperlen** - November 13, 2018 at 04:03 PM

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“ My dear Andrew and family,  
My heartfelt sympathies for the loss of your dearly beloved father. May his memory  
be for a blessing.  
Julie Glen

**Julie Glen** - November 13, 2018 at 02:22 PM

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“ Dad,I already miss you more than words can say. Your enthusiasm for life was  
unending. You were the most selfless person I've ever known. I've only had one real  
fear in this life, and that is not knowing if I will be as good of a father to my children  
as you have been to me. If I only do half as well as you, I will have done great. You  
will always be my HERO!

**Danny** - November 13, 2018 at 10:45 AM