



Richard M. Clawson

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Richard M. Clawson passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2020 doing what he did best, assisting others. He was pulled over in his Hy-Vee Semi to assist another trucker.

Richard M. Clawson was born March 20, 1965 in Santa Clara, California to Donald and Roberta Clawson. He was the youngest of 6 children. Rich was united in marriage to Tonya Renee Ballanger on July 13, 1996 at the Flamingo Garden Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was a beautiful weekend surrounded by many friends and family.

To this union two children were born. Mariah Elizabeth Clawson arrived on June 2, 1997 and Myles Edward Clawson came into the World on March 3, 2003. Rich's children were the center of his life!

Rich received his high school diploma at Kennedy High School, Fremont, California, and went on to receive his A.A. and play baseball at Ohlone College in the Bay Area. He started his career with Novell computers, flying to all the major cities, setting up trade shows. When moving to Centerville, Iowa, he worked nights at Rubbermaid and attended school at IHCC. His dream was to become a teacher and a coach. It became more important to Rich after the birth of Mariah, to be a good provider and he started working at Hy-Vee in Chariton. Rich loved his semi. He told us that going to work in that truck was his vacation from life. He would listen to books on tape, visit with his California family, and talk for endless hours to Carter Heitmeyer and Tom Rogers to stay awake. The Chariton Hy-Vee colleagues were his "other" family. He was that "friendly smile in every aisle".



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:29 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:26 PM



Debbie Rosenblatt posted:

Dear Tonya, Mariah & Myles, I am a long-time friend of Lori's, so I knew Richard when he was a teen. He was very energetic & friendly. He always had a concern for people in a special way. My friends and I have been praying for you all and will continue. We wanted you to know that. Richard's service at the Berkeley Temple was deeply moving. Thank you.

April 23 at 7:00 PM



Kathy & Louis Lloyd posted:

So very sorry for your loss!!! Louie and I loved to talk to him at the baseball games, what a very kind man he was! We send you hugs and we pray Gods arms will wrap around you all and give you all a time to reflect and ease your pain at this time!

January 22 at 7:00 PM



Lisa Mitchell posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. God be with you. Lisa Mitchell

January 20 at 7:00 PM



Richard Thomas posted:

unbelievable the pain family is going through. we are thinking of you. richard thomas family

January 19 at 7:00 PM



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CM

Carla Murphy posted:

My dear sweet friend, I will miss seeing you come to Cherokee with your shuttles and your little visits. I always looked forward to seeing you. You truly will be missed by many Rich. Hy-Vee has definitely lost one of their finest well mannered drivers and we have lost a beautiful soul 😞 RIP my friend

January 19 at 7:00 PM

KG

Kay Grinnell posted:

I do not know your family but, I am from the town in Kansas that he had his accident in. I have a son his age. My heart goes out to you and your family. Please accept my condolences for your loss.

January 19 at 7:00 PM

HW

Heather Wolf posted:

My heart hurts for you and your family. There are no words that can express how deeply sorry I am to hear of your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

January 19 at 7:00 PM

RY

Robyn Yung posted:

We do not know your family nor your loved one, however we are from the small community of Gardner, KS and wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless you all. Robyn Yung & Chris Bennett Gardner, KS

January 19 at 7:00 PM

MH

Mark Howard posted:

I never met Mr. Clawson. I live in the small town close to where the angels came for him. After reading this, I knew I had to say somehow I knew someone great was on their way to heaven. God bless Richard's family.

January 19 at 7:00 PM



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GH

Gary And Denise Howe posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort.

January 19 at 7:00 PM

FR

Frank And Dianne Ranes posted:

Our family was so shocked to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family at this time.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

GM

Greg And Sharron Mckee posted:

There are no words to express our deepest sympathy. Our hearts break for you. We will be praying for you to have the strength to bring your family along side, leaning on the Lord through your family and friends for the next months and years. On this side of Heaven, we will never understand. Luke 2343 tells us Rich, as a believer, is now standing with our Lord. May God come along side you to lead your path. We are truly so sorry.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

BK

Becky Kaster posted:

My thoughts and prayers for your family.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

AK

Annette Kane posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.. 💙🙏.. I'll never forget the Ymca fundraiser 2 years ago.. We were at the craps table beside Rich and we we had so much fun. I didnt know who he was until Sheree told me. We were yelling and screaming and shared high 5's. We had a ball that night ... He treated me like we had been friends forever... 💙

January 18 at 7:00 PM



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RS

Randy Stafford posted:

I am so saddened and shocked to hear of Rich's accident. When we first met, at the Hy Vee Warehouse, I would always refer to him as Mike, because I always thought he looked so much like Mets catcher Mike Piazza. Rich always smiled when I'd call him Mike. We both love baseball so much. Rich was a true believer and a true friend. My sympathies and heartfelt prayers to all of Rich's family ~Randy Stafford.

January 17 at 7:00 PM

JJ

Joe Jaramillo posted:

Some of my best memories were play golf with you buddy, may our Lord keep you and your family till i see you again love always your friend Joe Joe Joe.

January 17 at 7:00 PM

TC

Tina Collins posted:

Oh Tonya - my heart hurts for you and the kids. I'm so sorry this happened to your family. It's my turn to pray for you. Love to you.

January 17 at 7:00 PM

CA

Chuck And Kathy Allen posted:

Prayers for the Clawson family during this difficult time. Rich and I coached the girls in softball together when all the kids were little. He was a great guy and made playing softball fun for all the kids.

January 17 at 7:00 PM

SS

Shawnda Starr posted:

My heart breaks for his family. He was one of the nicest guys a person could ever meet. He was also a wonderful coach and mentor for so many young men in our community. They loved him as much as he loved them. Tonya, Mariah, and Myles...you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you during this difficult time. And to Rich, RIP friend. You will be greatly missed. Kip, Shawnda, Korey, & Kaden Shondel

January 17 at 7:00 PM



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RR

Richard And Sharon Redinbaugh posted:

Tanya, You have our deepest sympathy for your loss. Many prayers are for you and your family.

January 17 at 7:00 PM

JT

Jonica Tellin (Todd) posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss.... My heart aches for your family.... Hugs to you Tonya and your family...

January 17 at 7:00 PM

RT

Rhonda And Lanny Tisue posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and you family.

January 17 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

May your loving memories bring you peace.

January 17 at 7:00 PM

ZJ

Zeb & Danielle Joiner posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thinking and praying for your whole family. Our hearts go out to you and your babies. Zeb & Danielle Joiner

January 17 at 7:00 PM

JM

Janice And Bill Moore posted:

praying for you and your family love you Tanya

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BW

Brad And Paige Warren posted:

We are praying for you. Take care. Brad and Paige Warren

January 16 at 7:00 PM



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TJ

Tina And Todd Jewett posted:

We are so sorry for your loss! Thoughts and Prayers to The Clawson Family. My God give you comfort through this difficult time.

January 16 at 7:00 PM

MB

Mary Bennett posted:

Will never forget talking to Rich and his visits to the Fitness Center when Myles was little. You have my deepest sympathy. Thoughts and prayers Tonya, Mariah, Myles and family.

January 16 at 7:00 PM

TF

The Byers Family posted:

We are so very sorry to hear this. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time.

January 16 at 7:00 PM

JS

Juanita Stroud posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with Rich when I worked for you. He was such a nice guy. My prayers are with you and your family. God bless you.

January 16 at 7:00 PM



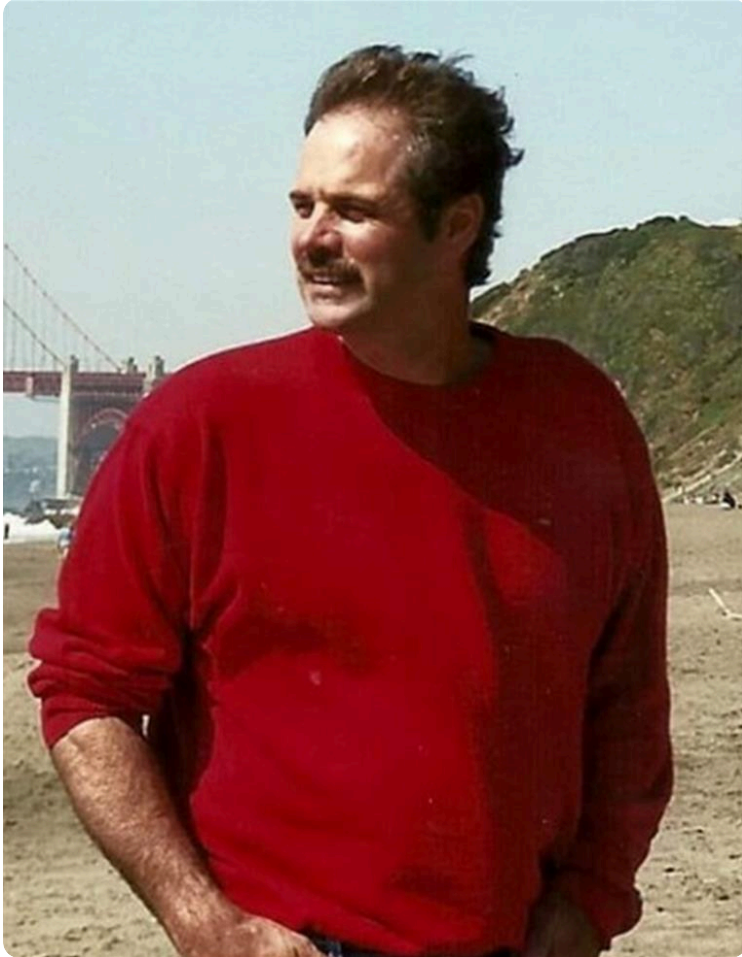
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