



# Rick Butler

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## **Rick Butler**

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**R**ick Butler, 62 of Exline passed away Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family. Rick was born to Reggy & Betty (Vos) Butler on July 11, 1954 in Prairie City, Iowa. He received his education from Southeast Polk High School, graduating in 1972. Rick would further his education at Indian Hills Community College. On November 13, 1976, Rick was united in marriage to Vicki Wickett in Altoona. To this union was a son, Chad. Rick was a member of Jackson Lodge #42 of Centerville, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Honor Guard of Altoona, Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, and Albia Yorkrite. Rick has dedicated his life to public service. At age 14, he joined the Polk County Sherriff's Office Cadet Program. At age 18, Rick accepted a full time position with the Mitchellville Police Department, this made him the youngest full time peace officer in the State of Iowa at that time. Rick later served for the Altoona Police Department and as Chief of the Bondurant Police Department. In 1979, Rick accepted a position with the Centerville Police Department. He worked as a peace officer with the Centerville Police Department until 1984 when he accepted a position with the State of Iowa as an Investigator within the Department of Inspection and Appeals. Rick held his position until retirement in 2010. From the time Rick and his family moved to Centerville in 1979, he was very active in the community. Rick was a member of the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department and worked part time as an EMT with the Appanoose County Ambulance Service. Rick is credited with the inception of the Centerville Police Reserve Program in 1991. Rick joined the Cincinnati Volunteer Fire Department in 1992 and became Chief in 1996. He and his wife Vicki formed the Southern Appanoose County First Responders, which is still active today. After retirement from the State of Iowa, Rick worked part time for the Appanoose County Sheriff's Office as a Transport Officer and Deputy Sheriff until his health would no longer allow in 2015. Rick is survived by his wife Vicki of Exline, son Chad Butler



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(Rachael) of Centerville, grandchildren; Wesley and Emily Butler of Centerville, mother, Betty Butler of Exline, sister, Regina Otto (Steven) of Centerville, brother-in-law Tom (Tammy) Wickett of Colfax, Iowa, brother-in-law, Doug Jones of Mitchellville, Iowa, Heart adopted daughter, Maisi Watts (Sam Maas) and grandson Jared Maas of Oskaloosa. He was also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 5, 2016 at Faith United Methodist Church in Centerville. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, September 4, 2016 at Thomas Funeral Home - 501 N. 18th St. - Centerville, Iowa 52544. A Masonic service will take place at 5:00 p.m.; following the visitation. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Rick Butler Memorial, which will be designated at a later date. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Rick Butler please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Oakland Cemetery E. State St. & N. 21st St. Centerville, IA 52544 Visitation SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CDT) Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544 <http://www.thomasfh.com> Funeral Service SEP 5. 10:30 AM (CDT) Faith United Methodist Church 23851 Hwy 5Centerville, IA 52544



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:15 PM



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



October 13 at 1:51 PM



**Joe Treloar** posted:

Vicki and family, Very sorry for your loss. We served together years ago in Centerville. Rick had my back several times. He will be missed. Joe Treloar

September 5 at 7:00 PM



**Margery Davison** posted:

We are sorry for your loss. Our condolences go out to your family. He will be greatly missed. From Matthew Ewing, Margery Davison & Marilyn Middleton

September 4 at 7:00 PM



**William Dobie** posted:

To the Butler family, I am sorry for your loss. Rick and I went to high school together and had a lot of good times back then. After graduation I lost touch of Rick but never forgot him. William Dobie

September 3 at 7:00 PM



**Amy Christensen-Buenger** posted:

Dear Vicki, I am so sorry for your loss. I don't know if you remember me, but I am Totsys daughter Amy. I did not know Rick was related to the Ottos, I use to work with Bill Otto out at 76. I believe you wore my white prom dress as a wedding dress, but I could be mistaken. I am so very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers.

September 2 at 7:00 PM



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NC

**Nancy Clark** posted:

Vicki, Sorry to hear about Rick's passing. He was a special guy. He will be remembered.

September 2 at 7:00 PM

JL

**Jo Ann Laurson** posted:

So sorry to hear of Rick's passing--may God give you strength and bless you

September 1 at 7:00 PM

PE

**Pastor Max Ervin** posted:

A great loss to the community. As a friend, co-worker with the ambulance service and all around person you couldn't ask for better person than Rick. Will miss him greatly. Lots of memories. Max and Mary Ervin

August 31 at 7:00 PM

TD

**Tom Dean** posted:

Vicki and Family, There is an empty spot in the world since Rick's passing. Rick and always shared a laugh or two each time we were together. He was a fantastic example of an upright Mason that all of us in Iowa were extremely proud to call him Brother. Rest well Brother, rest well, you are and will continue to be missed. Tom L. Dean PGHP

August 31 at 7:00 PM

DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** posted:

Dear Vicki and Family, Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace.

August 31 at 7:00 PM

NT

**Nellie Thomas** posted:

Nellie Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Rick Butler

August 31 at 7:00 PM



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NT

**Nellie Thomas** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Rick will be truly missed. Prayers to the family.

August 31 at 7:00 PM

PP

**Peggy Van Pelt** posted:

The world lost a good man. Prayers ascending for family and friends who will miss him.

August 31 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Sharon Mcdanel** posted:

Sending prayers and hugs.. I have so many memories of times spent together. I know Rick, Mom and Dad are having a great time together. Love you. Sharon

August 31 at 7:00 PM

JJ

**John Jarvis** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Heartfelt prayers Vicki, Chad and family

August 31 at 7:00 PM

DG

**Debbie Gavronsky** posted:

Vicki, Chad and family, so sorry for your loss. So many memories of first responder trainings classes with all of you! Your family has taught so many of us how to respond in the time of others needs. Rick will be greatly missed! Thoughts and prayers. Debbie Gavronsky

August 31 at 7:00 PM

LW

**Lisa Wulff** posted:

Vicki and Chad ... I was so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Please know that you both are in my prayers. While many people only observe community happenings, Rick saw needs and acted on them. He was always productive in his endeavours because he was a uniquely nice and caring person. He will be truly missed by all. Lisa Wulff

August 31 at 7:00 PM



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CA

**Cindy Ahn** posted:

Vicki and Family, so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Cindy Ahn

August 31 at 7:00 PM

MA

**Maryjo Adams** posted:

Great guy and a family friend for many years..Chad & Family ....we are thinking of you all...

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BW

**Bob Walker** posted:

So sorry for your loss Vicky and Chad & family

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## Media

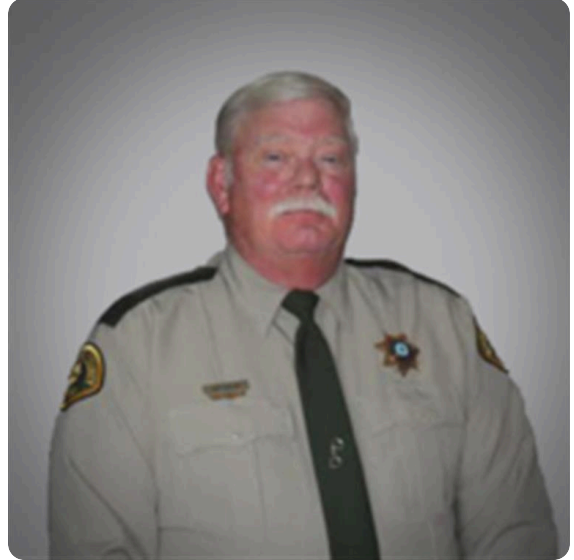
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