



## Randy Ericson

May 11, 1945 - December 13, 2016

Randall G. Ericson, 71, formerly of Schererville, Indiana, departed this life after a valiant battle with cancer. His undaunted spirit and gratitude for life never succumbed to disease. He esteemed his friends above himself. He enriched his family with love and wisdom. He graduated from this life with his eyes fixed on Jesus.

Born in Chicago, Illinois on May 11, 1945, he went home to Heaven on December 13, 2016 from The Villages, Florida.

He served as a medic in Vietnam as part of the 51st Medical Division during the years 1964 - 1965. Upon returning from war, he became a licensed plumber in Chicago. After giving his life to the Lord in 1971, he put his skills to use in the Lord's work. As a member of First Baptist Church of Hammond, he served on staff as the head of maintenance for 39 years. He served as a fervent and faithful Sunday school teacher to 2nd grade boys for 45 years. His life can be summed up as a faithful servant who used the tools he was given to invest in the lives of others. He never wanted to minister to thousands, but at the end of his life, he did reach thousands. He just did it one person at a time.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Raymond N. and Angeline T. Ericson; brother: Barry Ericson, and brother-in-law: Tom Janel. He is survived

by his beloved wife, Adrienne; daughters: Jessica (Travis) Bradley of Charleston, WV, and Joy (David) Jorgensen of Dawsonville, GA; 12 grandchildren: Autumn, Travis, Caleb, Kayla, Angelia, Hannah, Curtis, Luke, and Faith Bradley, and Kenton, Nolan, and Corban Jorgensen; and a loving sister: Carole Janel of Oak Lawn, IL.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home, 6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30), Crown Point, Indiana. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 523 Sibley (Jack Hyles Memorial Auditorium), Hammond, Indiana. There will be a one-hour viewing prior to the start of the service from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Pastor John Wilkerson and Pastor Travis Bradley will be officiating. A private burial will be held at the Memory Lane Memorial Park, Crown Point, Indiana. Please contact the funeral home office for further information (219) 322-2050. [www.memorylanepark.com](http://www.memorylanepark.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 322-2050  
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com  
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

DEC **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
523 Sibley Street  
Hammond, IN 46320

## Service

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DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TH

“ I worked under Bro. Randy, when he was here. I was one of the custodians. Heaven is much richer because of Bro. Randy.

Tom Holford - May 02, 2022 at 01:25 PM

KA

“ I'm his Granddaughter and I really know to much memories to tell so I'm just gonna say that he was the Best Poppy ever and I'll Never Forget him and he lived God he has lived for him and he has told others about him and I love him and I'll Never stop but I'll see him again someday In Heaven

Kayla - March 11, 2017 at 08:43 AM

RC

“ Mr. Ericson was very special to me . He was not only my Sunday school teacher but my dear friend. He would not only visit me while I was in his class, but even when I was no longer in the class. He never forgot about his Sunday School kids. When he would see my mom in church, he would always ask her how I was doing. He was definitely one of my hero's. I loved him dearly and will miss him.

Robert Carman - December 24, 2016 at 11:57 AM

SS

“ Br. Randy was a special blessing to Sam & I. He & Sam shared a laugh whenever possible. Adrienne and Jessica and Joy are very dear to our hearts, too. In prayer often for you all. God bless!

Sam & Rose Shepherd - December 20, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randy Ericson.*



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December 20, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ *This is a brief memory of the first thing I learned about Randy Ericson, my brother-in-law.*

*Living in the East, a long way from parents and siblings, in a time before email and cell phones, news of Adie and her two young girls was through conversations with Mom and Dad. I had not met Randy much before his marriage to Adie, but I remember asking Dad what he thought of Randy knowing he would have 'sized him up.' Dad, a man of few words when it came to matters of the heart, replied: "He's a good guy."*

*Dad got it right!*

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**David Giese** - December 20, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *Only knew Randy for 4 months wish i would have known him my whole life....One of the nicest guys i ever met.....We never got to go for our pot roast dinner.....Life is short go and share a meal with a friend while you have the chance*

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**Michael Jury** - December 18, 2016 at 08:08 PM

JC

“ I remember Bro. Randy and the times we talked. I also have something very rare from him, he signed my Bible before we left Hammond to go serve. I am sorry for your loss and ours but heaven will be sweeter one day when we get there!  
*Pastor Johnny Crowson*

Johnny Crowson - December 17, 2016 at 10:46 AM

NJ

“ My favorite Sunday school teacher! Only God knows how many lives he influenced and made a difference in! He loved the boys like myself who had the privilege of being in his class.

Norman Sloan Jr. - December 16, 2016 at 11:18 PM

TT

“ Ted and Doe Thomas purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Randy Ericson.



Ted and Doe Thomas - December 16, 2016 at 05:32 PM

PD

“ Pam & Lee, Karen & John, Chuck & Saeko, Dave purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Randy Ericson.



Pam & Lee, Karen & John, Chuck & Saeko, Dave - December 16, 2016 at 01:48 PM

SS

“ Randy and Steve worked together on many projects for FBC starting from the late 1970's. They have continued to enjoy a comfortable friendship for these many years. One day, Randy decided that Steve and I needed to learn how to fish! We spent many overnights in the early years up at the Lighthouse at Lake Michigan, and to the St. Joe river. Randy said that while fishing through the wee hours, was where he begged God to show him answers for his life. The first fish I (Kitty) caught was a 17 lb. Steelhead! And then was promptly "slimed" with it by Randy! And that laugh of his, when he did it?, was pure Randy! Head thrown back, and a belly laugh! One time, Randy was napping on the concrete pier, while we were way out at the Lighthouse. Steve and I were fishing, and a storm was coming in. We were getting worried, but Randy kept sleeping. Finally a wave broke over the barrier and washed under Randy, and woke him up. Matter-of-factly, he stood up, and said, "I guess we should head back!" What an adventure!

Randy was "plumbing" and Steve was "electrical". Together they secretly laughed at their "technique" which was called "R.I.O." (Rip It Out!) LOL! Our 5 children had many escapades in their shop ~ smoking salmon, foosball, basketball, making projects, rowdiness resulting in stitches . . . they stacked up many fond memories. His influence was such that our eldest son is now a licensed plumber, having learned some of the basics as a youngster while on jobs with Randy and Steve . We will miss Randy, but know that we have a glad reunion day to look forward to! Thanking God for Heaven!

Steve and Kitty Sloan

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Steve Kitty Sloan - December 15, 2016 at 07:45 PM

PD

“ Randy was family, and we were always so glad to spend time with him and Adrienne. We took several trips with them, that Randy spearheaded. He was always happy to be able to see us experience and enjoy things that he had enjoyed before. We saw a lot of the fun, and the not so serious side of him, but he always made it clear that pleasing his Savior, came first. So many good memories, I'll miss you Randy, but know I'll see you again when it's my time! Your Sister in Law, Pam.

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**Pam Driscoll** - December 15, 2016 at 04:24 PM

 Karen Morgan

“ I only have wonderful memories of Mr.Randy. That's what the kids at camp would call him. When he spoke children listened in a way that was amazing. He was also a Dad that anyone would love to have . hid daughters are proof of that. I just want the family to know he lives on through you all.. To Mrs.. Randy(his wife) my heart is with you and my prayers. You too are a wonderful person. Psalms 46



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**Karen Morgan** - December 15, 2016 at 02:21 PM

KA

Hi Mrs Karen its Kayla I really miss him alot

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**kayla** - February 25, 2017 at 08:40 PM

RA


“ During church camp one year, brother Randy came up to me and told me that I was one of the most dedicated and hard working young ladies he's seen. That was the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me and I will always remember that. He had such an impact to anyone he came in contact with. When you talked to him, you could tell that he truly cared and you could see the passion he had for others to know Christ.

Rachel and Adam - December 15, 2016 at 12:40 PM

KA

Hi Rachel it's me Kayla I miss him a whole lot 😭

kayla - February 25, 2017 at 08:44 PM

 ClayRhonda Strouble

“ Clay Strouble said they went fishing to Canada in August 2016. Randy would get up in the wee hours of the morning, do down by the lake and sing aloud, raise his arms and Praise the Lord.

ClayRhonda Strouble - December 15, 2016 at 09:55 AM

LP

I also heard that he woke the whole cabin up, but they loved hearing him 😊

lisa pyne - December 15, 2016 at 10:42 PM