



## Richard Lynn Vance

August 3, 1955 - June 26, 2021

Richard Lynn Vance, 65 of Dimondale, passed away exactly one month after his wife Kathy on June 26, 2021 after a short battle with brain cancer. Richard was born August 3, 1955 to Jon Vance and Elanor Westphal in Brighton, Michigan. Richard went to work at Auto Owners Insurance Company right after he graduated from Lansing Eastern High School in 1973. He was a hard worker and instilled that trait into his children. For many years Richard was very active in adult softball leagues and played for the Auto Owners Insurance Company team. He was also a lifelong bowler playing in numerous area leagues, and he was very good. His children and grandchildren were his main focus throughout his life and he supported them by attending all their ballgames, recitals and concerts. He often said "They make me as proud as I can be." Not only did he love his family but also was devoted to his pets. After 44 years at Auto Owners he retired as an auditor and he traded a suit and tie for a set of motorcycle leathers and made his longtime dream a reality when he bought a Harley. He became a member of the Lansing area Harley Owners Club (H.O.G.S) and recently became it's Director. He married Kathy Semrau on April 7, 2017 and together they traveled all around the country on his Harley for the last 5 years. He and Kathy were active with all their common interests and packed so much into the few short years that they were together.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Christi (Don) Grinnell; son, Jason (Trisha) Vance; step sons, Tucker (Michelle) Fuller, Dalton (Karin) Fuller;

Grandchildren, Hunter, Madelyn, Christine, Trason and Benjamin; sisters, Elaine (Dan) Cupp of Eaton Rapids and Eva (Joe) Hay of Bangor and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Kathy, in May; his parents; his brother Ron (2020).

Friends are encouraged to support Richard's family during the visitation on Thursday, July 1, 2021 from 3-6 pm. A public memorial service will be held Saturday, July 31st at 3 pm in the Pray Gardens with interment following in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens in Okemos with the procession led by the H.O.G.S. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Richard on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## East Lawn Memory Gardens

2400 Bennett Rd.  
Okemos, MI 48864

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Memorial Service

JUL 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home Gardens  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Lynn Vance*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 29, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Richard Lynn Vance.*



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July 22, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Lynn Vance.*



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June 30, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 29, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ I have many happy memories of going out for dinner with Rich and family before bowling with the "Strike Kings" team. He is deeply missed.

Walter Smiley - June 29, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Lynn Vance.



June 29, 2021 at 12:23 PM

DL

“ Rich joined my bowling team at Spare Time on Tuesday nights about five years ago and we instantly became great friends. Jason joined the team not long after that, and the three of us had great times and lots of laughs. We also bowled in several city and state tournaments. After Rich and Kat were married, she would come out to the bowling alley every Tuesday night to watch Rich bowl. They always made sure we were stocked with mints while we were bowling. My wife and I have great memories of Rich and Kat, and they will both be greatly missed. Rich was like a brother to me. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Dan and Lori Lerner*

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**Dan & Lori Lerner** - June 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM

DS

“ Rich and I had many years together working at Auto Owners and lots of time on the softball field and golf course. The fairways are not as lush anymore. We truly lost a good man and a great friend. All our thoughts and prayers to his family.

*Dale and Barb Schnur*

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**Dale and Barb Schnur** - June 29, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DJ

*Dale, I don't know if you'll see this but this is Darrin Jackson. I haven't been back to Michigan in a number of years but every time I do I try and get ahold of Rich and meet up with him. A few days ago I texted him but got no response so I googled his name and am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. I consider him a great friend and being a special person in my life. From playing on the softball team to being an Assistant Boy Scout Master (him being Scout Master) to the incredibly fun golf outings. I enjoyed the laughter and great times we all shared. I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to see him more often as I enjoyed his company immensely. My best wishes to his family and you and yours as well*

*Darrin*

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**Darrin Jackson** - April 10, 2024 at 12:19 PM

CR

“ Thoughts and prayers for you at this difficult time.  
Tom and Cindy

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**Cindy Raymond** - June 29, 2021 at 06:42 AM

LW

“ Rich and I were auditors at Auto-Owners. We were golfing buddies for years, and sometimes biker buddies. He was a fun and wonderful guy. My best wishes and condolences to his family.

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**Leland Worden** - June 28, 2021 at 07:49 PM

TD

“ Sorry to hear of Rich passing. I worked with Rich for a few years in the audit department at Auto-Owners. I actually typed all his letters for audit appointments. My heartfelt prayers to the family during this difficult time.

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**Tammie DeMarais** - June 28, 2021 at 01:41 PM

CS

“ Rich volunteered his time and energy to the Eaton Clothing And Furniture Center. He was a good friend.

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**Chris F Stanton** - June 28, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ 2Rich - it's hard to find the words. Truly is but I will always treasure our times. Vince and I will continue the "gang" salute! I'll always remember the days with you and Kathy at the transportation garage! Lots of great laughs! Ride those Harleys and slay the bowling pins! You kind sir WILL be missed! Most of all have peace with Kathy!



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**JeffDucky Bennett** - June 27, 2021 at 09:30 PM