



Richard D. Albrecht

April 30, 1951 - September 3, 2015

Richard Dean Albrecht, 64, died September 3, 2015, at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, of cancer.

He was born April 30, 1951, in Kearney, to Harold and Inez (Johnson) Albrecht. He attended Kearney public schools and Kearney State College. On August 4, 1977, he married Kaye Linn Golden in Kearney.

Dick took up the drums in his youth and played with several bands during his lifetime, including The Sunny Funny Company, Stillroven and Last Chance. His interest in music led him to a career as a sound engineer. At Stanal Sound, Ego Trips, Clair Brothers and Audio Visions, Dick worked with various artists, including Neil Diamond, John Denver, Bob Dylan, Elton John, Rush, Waylon Jennings, The Who, Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, Rickie Lee Jones, The Pointer Sisters and Johnny Cash. His concert tours took him to Europe, South America and Canada; and he traveled the United States extensively. In 1981 he worked as a sound engineer at Ronald Reagan's presidential inauguration. Arista Records presented Dick with a gold record for his work on Barry Manilow's album, "Live." For a time, he worked as a speaker manufacturer at JBL's Kearney plant. Later he helped coordinate events at the Viaero Event Center and drove for Sunrise Express.

Dick was a history buff with a particular fascination for the Civil War. He

amassed a library consisting of hundreds of volumes on the subject and his knowledge was extensive. He was an avid reader and enjoyed movie-going with his son. He loved discussing history and politics at great length.

Dick was known for his kindness, integrity, humility and steadfastness. He had a quirky sense of humor and an infectious laugh. He kept his promises, fulfilled his obligations and honored his commitments. He was a man of his word. He was a devoted son, brother, husband, father and friend and had a soft spot in his heart for animals, especially Jefferson and Clovis. He was also a member of the First Lutheran Church. Greatly beloved, he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include wife Kaye Linn of Kearney; daughter Molly Barari and husband David of Rapid City, South Dakota; son John Albrecht of Los Angeles, California; father Harold Albrecht of Kearney; brother Dennis Albrecht of Kearney; aunt Virginia Lindstrom of Holdrege; uncle Vernon Albrecht of Atkinson; aunt Betty Albrecht of Atkinson; aunt and uncle Martha and Wayne Hoxie of Imogene, Iowa; mother-in-law Dory Golden of Peoria, AZ; brothers-in-law Kelly Golden (Cindy) of Peoria, AZ, Tim Golden of Parker, CO and Tom Golden (Jenia) of Omaha; sister-in-law Sharon Golden of Omaha; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kelpie and Fred Johnson and Amelia and Henry Albrecht; mother Inez Albrecht; uncles Morris Lindstrom, John Albrecht, Eddie Albrecht, Arthur Johnson, Harry Johnson and Gene Johnson; aunts Mina Lammert, Dorothy Gaylord, Hilda Lehl, Alvina Albrecht, Mildred Leach and Mabel Johnson; father-in-law James Golden; brother-in-law Brad Golden.

The family will hold a memorial service in Kearney in a few months' time, and will announce the date when it is determined. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger

Funeral Home is serving the family. Please share memories on the funeral home's website at osrfh.com.

Memorials may be sent to the family for designation to favorite charities.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. Albrecht*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *An article about Dick Albrecht published today:*

<http://herviewfromhome.com/i-lost-more-than-a-dad-i-lost-a-best-friend/>

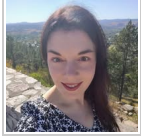
Molly Barari - September 23, 2015 at 01:30 PM



“ *We were so sad to hear that our good friend had passed. We have many memories of Dick that will never be forgotten. He was a friend that always had time to talk and laugh. He will be missed by everyone. We have been blessed to have had him in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. R.I.P. dear friend.*

Ray and Carol Still

Ray and Carol Still - September 19, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ SATURDAY, NOV. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the World Theatre in Kearney:

Please join us for a memorial celebration for Dick Albrecht, who died Sept. 3 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney after battling an aggressive form of kidney cancer. We'll have a buffet-style luncheon, concessions available, live music, and a short movie; and we'll share plenty of memories of our loved one who passed way too soon. Come for the afternoon, or drop in when it's convenient for you. Please share this event with anyone who might want to help us honor Dick's life. We hope to see you there!

Molly Barari - September 17, 2015 at 01:28 AM

TG

“ There are people who come into our lives and, sometimes unexpectedly, touch us in some way and make a difference. Dick certainly did that for me.

I was neither a longtime friend, nor a close friend. But a friend nonetheless.

I met Dick while working with his daughter, Molly, as reporters at the Kearney Hub. Later, I worked alongside him at the Viaero Event Center, where I booked concerts and oversaw show riders.

Early mornings, late nights. Loading concerts in, loading concerts out. That's where I got to know, and spend time with, Dick.

I'll always appreciate how he mentored me on the finer points of concert production, tech riders and the concert biz in general. He showed a lot of patience early on as I learned how the industry worked. I mean, can you imagine teaching a "career journalist" the finer points of the entertainment industry from scratch?

In the two short years I worked with Dick, I learned a lot about the concert business.

I learned even more about his high character and strong work ethic. Dick was talented. So talented.

Humble. Friendly. Quiet. Funny. Charismatic - in his own, simple way.

In an industry that thrived on chaos and big egos, he was a man of calmness.

Patient and positive. Self-confident and secure.

Dick Albrecht got along with everyone.

He cared about people and made a difference in so many lives.

If you spent time with him, five minutes or five hours, you left a better man.

I am a better person for knowing Dick.

We all are.

Todd Gottula, Kearney

Todd Gottula - September 14, 2015 at 11:51 PM

MM

“ Dick and I spent a lot of time in the cab of the Stanal Semi's together. A lot of conversation about nothing and everything. Dick was smart, even tempered and maintained an amazing level of professionalism when pushed to the limit by altered (mentally and substance induced) musicians & managers. I was pretty new on my first tour w/Dick and I will never ever forget his patience w/me. It has been a lesson I have tried live by all of my professional career.

RIP Lad, you are loved and respected by all who knew you.

*Mac McDonnell
Austin, TX*

Mac McDonnell - September 14, 2015 at 04:42 PM

KG

“ Kelly & Cindy Golden lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Albrecht



Kelly & Cindy Golden - September 11, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ Molly Barari lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Albrecht



Molly Barari - September 11, 2015 at 01:37 AM

AB

“ Molly had told us about the Albrecht family and we were happy to finally meet them last Thanksgiving. After dinner, Assad and Richard had a lively discussion in our basement living room. Neither wanted the conversation to end. They continued their discussions several times by phone. Assad believes that he has never known anyone for such a short time and developed such a strong relationship. Richard was very intelligent and a very good man. We will miss him and he will not be forgotten.

Assad and Rachel Barari

Assad Barari - September 10, 2015 at 12:08 PM

RH

“ A lot of my sentiments have already been listed here. I just want to add that Dick's quiet and gentle nature did not come easily to him. He did not have an easy time early in life, but he never complained, never blamed, and was always quick to forgive. I needed his forgiveness many times, as friendships can be hard. Some of the best times of my life I owe to RDA. A more steadfast friend and talented companion could not be found. Stories that I could tell you would make you laugh and cry at the same time. Which is what happens every time I think of him the past week. Rest in peace, Dickie Doo.

Rick H.



Rick L. Houchin - September 08, 2015 at 09:55 PM

TL

“ He truly was a gentle Giant! Sending love to Kaye Linn, Molly & John.

tina landen - September 07, 2015 at 10:45 AM

TL

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Tina Landen - September 07, 2015 at 08:34 AM

MS

“ A fond memory with Dick comes to mind when hiding, very carefully, the info needed to get K Linn a gift. He kept it on the fly with a chuckle in his voice - wholeheartedly. He also set us up with GREAT tickets to Rush while in Kansas City.
Pray away cancer.

Mary Shanahan - September 07, 2015 at 05:08 AM



“ Dick & I first met when I was 11 in the summer of 1963 when he lived next door to my friend, Mark Landkammer. I remember him reading us ghost stories while we watch cartoons on the television and telling us to pay attention. [haha] We continued our friendship through Junior High especially after seeing The Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show and sharing our interests in the British Invasion. I, also, remember during this time, Dick working at the Kearney Creamery, part time after school, which to me and my friends was a real job not just delivering newspapers. He's always been a hard worker. We continued our friendship through high school and the college years where we were weekend warriors and he started his career in sound re-enforcement at Stanal Sound. Although we have lost touch over the years, my brother, Kent would always run into him and Dick would tell him to say "Hi" to me. Dick, you will always be remembered. R.I.P.

Gary Lucas - September 06, 2015 at 07:15 PM

RO

“ Dick was a wonderful kind person. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Kay, and the kids.

Tim and Roberta Tommerson

Roberta - September 06, 2015 at 03:41 PM

PB

“ Very sad to hear about Dick. He was a good friend in high school and after and just a super, nice, nice, guy. I ran into him a couple time In L.A. and still the same good ole' Dick. Sending prayer to all his family and friends and hoping they find the peace that he now feels. Bless his soul. Pam Blessing

Pam Blessing - September 06, 2015 at 10:57 AM

MC

“ Living next door for most of my childhood I have many memories of Dick. I can remember rides to school in the old pickup truck that Dick seemed to love so much. Another great memory is when Molly and I were in middle school there was a massive blizzard. The school wouldn't let anyone leave without a parent picking them up. So my dad and Dick made the exciting drive to come pick us kids up. The ride home was nerve racking and yet exciting for Molly and myself but our dads acted like it was no big deal. Dick was an amazing father not only acknowledged by his children by witnessed by many.

Michael Coe - September 05, 2015 at 06:41 PM

AO

“ I have so many childhood memories of Dick, it's hard to list just a few. He was always kind, steady, funny, ready to laugh & ready to joke around. When he would find Molly & I playing Barbies at 3 or 4 am, he would laugh & then try to sound stern saying "go straight to bed!" We knew he didn't really care! He nicknamed me "Flavia" meaning "blonde one" and he always said it with a chuckle. When I would sleep over on Sat. nights he would have donuts waiting for us when we woke up. He made sure to always get my favorite kind. I feel honored and very fortunate to have grown up around him. I love you Dickie!

Amber Olson - September 05, 2015 at 06:15 PM

AO

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Amber Olson - September 05, 2015 at 05:44 PM

DG

“ Dory Golden lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Albrecht



Dory Golden - September 05, 2015 at 12:21 PM

LS

“ I had the chance to get to know Dick when he came along as a chaperone on a high school trip to England. We were roommates for most of the trip and he had great stories about his career with various artists (and perhaps a snoring habit!). On that trip, I remember him being enthusiastic about each of our concerts, and it was so apparent to me that although he'd toured with some of the greatest music acts in history, he was so happy to be with a bunch of singing highschoolers...because his daughter meant the world to him.

It was a privilege to get to know Dick when I was in high school and college, and my heart is with Molly, Kaye Linn, John and the rest of his family.

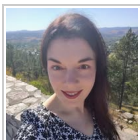
Logan Stickney - September 05, 2015 at 09:04 AM



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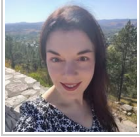
Molly Barari - September 04, 2015 at 08:02 PM



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Molly Barari - September 04, 2015 at 07:56 PM

GC

“ As someone else said below, a gentle giant with a quick grin and hearty laugh. One of my heroes in the business.
All my best to Kay and the kids.

Sail on Dick, fare thee well.

Greg Carttar

Greg Carttar - September 04, 2015 at 07:18 PM

 Eric Golden

“ Uncle dick you will be missed. I know you're now jamming with my dad in heaven & rubbing elbows w some of the idols you grew up watching! I remember listening to you & my father chit chat about old rock stories & being captivated by it. I love you dick, Kaye linn, Molly & john. Sorry for your loss.

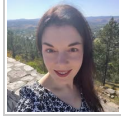
Eric Golden - September 04, 2015 at 05:40 PM

AM

“ Dick, you were a gentle giant and great crew mate. Ahhh the memories of those tours with you, Kim Bob, ol' Waylon Jennings, Jessi Colter and the Crickets from 1979-81. We were all so young back then. Our prayers and sympathies to you Kaye Linn and the rest of the family. RIP. Rick ("Ricco") & Annie Massei, Los Angeles, CA



Annie & Rick Massei - September 04, 2015 at 12:42 PM



My dad's in the back row on the far left, wearing the brown sweater. This is when he worked as a sound engineer on the 1979-81 Waylon Jennings tour.

Molly Barari - September 04, 2015 at 04:29 PM

DM

“ *Sadden to hear of Dicks passing. It's such a reminder of the short time we are here, but reflecting back on all of our good times seems like a another life time. Dick and I shared the love of the music scene in the 60's and all the changes that decade brought us. Go in peace brother.*
Dennis Morrison

Dennis L Morrison - September 04, 2015 at 09:56 AM

LK

“ *Dick was such an amazing man he will be missed so much Lyn and Monte Krabiel*



Lyn Krabiel - September 04, 2015 at 09:49 AM

 John Albrecht

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John Albrecht - September 04, 2015 at 09:09 AM