



## Ricky Pope

November 4, 1956 - October 5, 2013

RICK POPE, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, AND FORMERLY OF CORSICANA, WENT HOME TO BE WITH HIS LORD AND SAVIOR ON OCTOBER 5, 2013. AS FAMILY MEMBERS SANG HYMNS AT HIS BEDSIDE, HE PEACEFULLY PASSED AWAY.

RICK WAS BORN NOVEMBER 4, 1956, IN FORT WORTH TO THE LATE KENNETH L. POPE AND MRS. FLOY BRAZZEL DOWD. RICK WAS A 1975 CORSICANA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE. HE MARRIED CYNTHIA PONDER OF CORSICANA AND THEIR HOME WAS WHERE THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ASSIGNED HIM.

RICK WAS STATIONED IN TEXAS, ALASKA, FLORIDA AND EUROPE. THE FAMILY ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE NEARLY 10 YEARS THEY LIVED IN ITALY AND GERMANY AND TRAVELING THROUGHOUT EUROPE. RICK RETIRED FROM THE U.S.A.F. IN 1996 AND THEY RELOCATED FROM EUROPE TO ALBUQUERQUE.

HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION AND TRAINING WAS AS A SAFETY PROFESSIONAL. WHEN HIS 37 YEAR CAREER ENDED DUE TO ILLNESS, HE WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AT SANDIA LABORATORIES IN ALBUQUERQUE. RICK TRULY ENJOYED WORKING. HE GREATLY APPRECIATED THAT THE LORD BLESSED HIM WITH THE

ABILITY TO BE ACTIVELY EMPLOYED DURING SO MUCH OF HIS ILLNESS. AT THE AGE OF 45, RICK WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A VERY RARE CANCER. HE BRAVELY FOUGHT THE DISEASE FOR MORE THAN 11 YEARS.

RICK'S DETERMINATION, BRAVERY AND TRUST IN GOD INSPIRED HIS MANY FRIENDS. HIS RARE ABDOMINAL CANCER CAUSED GREAT PAIN AND SUFFERING. HE ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPRECIATED GOD'S COMFORT IN ALL HE FACED.

RICK WAS A LONG-TIME, FAITHFUL MEMBER OF GOSPEL LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH. HE WAS THE HEAD DEACON AND HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH BUS DRIVER. HE LOVED THE CHURCH, HIS PASTOR AND FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS.

HE GREATLY LOVED HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. HE WAS EXTREMELY THANKFUL FOR HIS THREE SONS. THEY WERE HIS GREATEST JOY. HE WAS SO GRATEFUL FOR EACH SON'S FAMILY. HE LOVED HIS VERY SPECIAL DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW AND SIX PRECIOUS GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS A BLESSED MAN.

RICK'S GREATEST LOVE WAS FOR GOD. IN FACING DEATH AND ETERNITY, RICK HAD PERFECT PEACE. HE HAD THE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT, BECAUSE HE HAD PLACED HIS FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, HE WOULD SPEND ETERNITY IN HEAVEN.

VISITATION WILL BE AT GRIFFIN-ROUGHTON FUNERAL HOME 5:00P.M.-7:00P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9. THE FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORSICANA AT 10:00A.M. OCTOBER 10. INTERMENT WILL BE IN THE DFW NATIONAL CEMETERY

2000 MOUNTAIN CREEK PKWY. DALLAS, TX 75211. PALLBEARERS WILL BE STEVE BROOKS, LEE BROOKS, RON MARKWOOD, BRAD MARKWOOD, MATT MARKWOOD, AND MARC POPE.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY ASK THAT DONATIONS BE MADE TO RICK'S CHOICE:

GOSPEL LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH  
BUILDING FUND  
1500 SOUTHERN BLVD SE  
RIO RANCHO, NM 87124

# Cemetery Details

## Dallas / Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway  
Dallas, TX 75211  
(214) 467-3374  
<http://dallasfortworthcemetery.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Service

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
510 West Collin  
Corsicana, TX 75110

## Graveside Funeral Service

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OCT **10**. 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ricky Pope*

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October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Cynthia,*  
*So sorry for you and your family's loss. Rick was a great guy and a good friend. He will be missed.*  
*Love,*  
*Bruce McDonald*

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**Bruce McDonald** - October 15, 2013 at 11:00 AM



“ *Cynthia,*  
*So sorry to hear this news our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*  
*Love,*  
*Bick and Rhonda Sherman*

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**Rhonda Sherman** - October 10, 2013 at 09:18 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Just because I am not there does not mean I am not thinking & praying for you Cynthia & your family.*  
*My deepest sympathy.*  
*Judy Russell Mock Averitt & husband Brad*

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**Judy Averitt** - October 09, 2013 at 11:25 PM

JG

“ Cynthia and family, I was so sorry to hear about Rick's passing. There is comfort in all the good memories and in knowing he is at peace. Sending love your way, Jennifer Griffin

Jennifer Griffin - October 09, 2013 at 08:05 PM

NE

“ Very sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. I have lots of good memories of him and our baseball days. Cynthia, my condolences to you and the boys. Neil Ellington

Neil Ellington - October 08, 2013 at 09:17 AM

GH

“ Dear Cynthia and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of Ricky. You and Ricky are always part of my fondest memories of jr.hi and high school. I know you'll miss him ,but one day we'll all be together again. God Bless You All, Gary Harper

Gary Harper - October 07, 2013 at 04:13 PM

CI

“ Cheryl Moore Ivie lit a candle in memory of Ricky Pope



Cheryl Moore Ivie - October 07, 2013 at 04:09 PM

WW

I am so sorry to hear of Ricky's passing, I worked with him at Fullerton's back in the 70's and was a groomsman at his and Cynthia's wedding.

Wallace Watson - October 07, 2013 at 07:00 PM