



Frederick E. "Rick" Thompson

July 20, 1948 - November 20, 2017

Rick Thompson, 69, of Vallejo, California, passed away Monday, November 20, following a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Rick was born in Evanston, Illinois, grew up in Houston, Texas, and spent summers as well as attended college in St. Paul, Minnesota. After graduating from St. Thomas University, Rick moved to Tacoma, Washington, to serve in VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), and later worked as a Case Manager for Tacoma TASC: Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime before moving to the East Bay (Richmond, California), in 1980. Rick and Sabine met in 1989 and were married in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1991. Their daughter Elizabeth was born in 1993, and son Michael was born in 1996. The family recently moved to Vallejo after residing in Pinole, CA for over 15 years.

Rick worked as an Account Representative in the printing and packaging business for more than 40 years, most recently for Schawk! Inc. before retiring this past June. He enjoyed watching Westerns starring John Wayne, was an avid reader, a fan of Kurt Vonnegut, lover of American History, and a passionate sports fan. He rooted for the San Francisco 49ers, Oakland Warriors, and the Houston Texans.

Rick is survived by Sabine Engelhardt Thompson, his wife of 26 years; daughter Elizabeth L. Thompson, son Michael E. Thompson; brother Henry

Thompson, sisters Sarah Black and Martha Sands; Aunt Mary Rogers, Aunt Mary Orme, and Todd Orme; nephews John Black, Christopher Sands, and Alexander Jacoby, and niece Cate Black, and numerous other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as his cat Roxanne Roxannadanna (Roxy).

Memorial services will be held on December 7 at 4:30 p.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 W. Second Street, Benicia, CA 94510

Join us afterward for a Celebration of Life at Benicia Veterans Hall
Address: 1150 First Street, Benicia, CA 94510

Burial will be private.

Family prefers donations in Rick's name to either the Sierra Club at <https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org> or the Genesis House at <http://www.genesis-house.com/support.htm>

Tribute Wall



“ Frederick E. "Rick" Thompson

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ I worked with Rick for probably 10-12 years up until his retirement. He was such a good influence on me and he always told me that the work will always be here tomorrow and don't sweat it or take it so personally, and remember family is the most important. He spoke so highly of his kids and family, and he was a true family man, with a really BIG Heart. I'll miss his humor and his knowledge that he would always share with me. I was lucky enough to adopt a dog from Rick, her name is Zoey, and every day I look at her I think of him. Thanks for Zoey Rick, she's a blessing to our family. I feel blessed to have known Rick and will miss him dearly. God bless the Thompson family and you'll always be in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Joe Coleman

Joe Coleman - December 07, 2017 at 04:04 PM



Joe, thank you so much.

Sabine Thompson - December 09, 2017 at 01:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frederick E. "Rick" Thompson.



December 05, 2017 at 09:45 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - December 05, 2017 at 01:53 PM



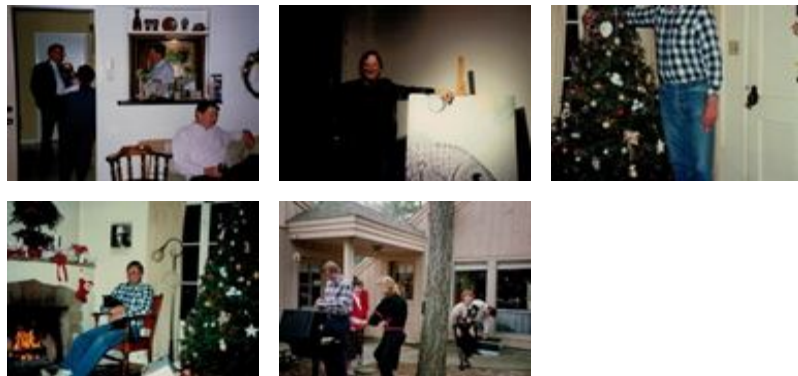
“ The Engelhardt and LeValley Families purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Frederick E. "Rick" Thompson.



The Engelhardt and LeValley Families - December 04, 2017 at 08:27 PM



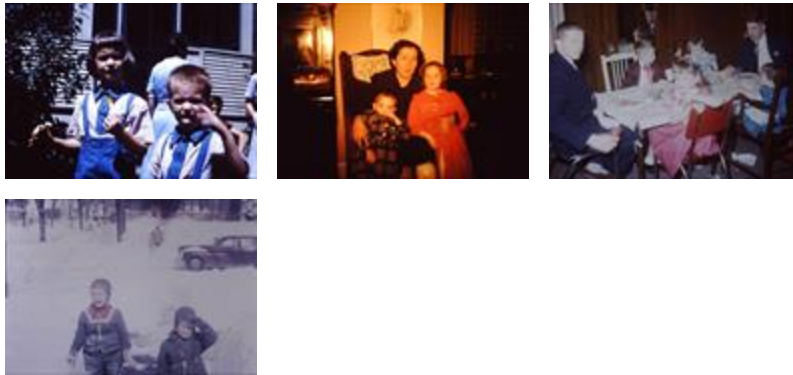
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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - December 04, 2017 at 05:32 PM

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Carol Arend - December 04, 2017 at 11:26 AM

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Sabine - December 01, 2017 at 06:43 PM

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Sabine - December 01, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick E. "Rick" Thompson.*



December 01, 2017 at 06:40 PM



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Sabine Thompson - December 01, 2017 at 03:03 PM



“ *I have known & respected & enjoyed & loved Rick since the 1970's when he was in his Service to America ... what a hard working & fun loving guy! That smile & his wit were a joy. I will never forget him! I will miss him ... as I know many of us will. Rest In Peace good buddy.*

I send best wishes to his families.

Thank you for this website and for sharing this sad news.

Bob Radford - November 29, 2017 at 07:03 PM



Thank you, Bob. Do you believe that Rick still has his Tacoma TASC business card?

Sabine Thompson - November 30, 2017 at 06:37 PM

MF

“ Dear Sabine,
I am so sorry for your loss, I loved Rick as all his family did, and I cherish memories of the time we shared as “roomies” at the duplex on Goodrich. Rick was kind and funny, with real empathy for people and their problems.

We'll miss Rick, but his bright, beautiful spirit lives on in you and your children, whom he loved so much.

With sympathy and love,
Mary Harrington Ford

Mary Ford - November 28, 2017 at 09:40 PM



Thank you, Mary. Rick shared many memories of the time you were roomies. :)

Sabine Thompson - November 30, 2017 at 06:38 PM

BE

“ Rick and I were workmates for almost three decades. He was a go-to guy for all of us whether we handled packaging or advertising pre-press. Need printer specifications: ask Rick, he knows all the work-arounds. Need advice on a client, difficult or otherwise: ask Rick, he has contacts everywhere in the business.

But life was more than the job for Rick. He had a world view broadened by his early work on river boats and in social services, and by his voracious reading.

Above all else, however, Rick was dedicated to, and in love with, his family. Not a day went by without a story about his wife or children. We heard how he and Sabina met, about her art, and about her dedicated work as a teacher. Through the eyes of their father, we followed Betsy and Mike from school days, outside activities to adulthood.

Rick is gone too soon He is missed.

Barbara Evans

barbara evans - November 28, 2017 at 11:48 AM



Sabine
Thompson

Barbara, thank you for sharing your memory of Rick. We met at work back before digital prepress existed. He was a great boss! ;)

Sabine Thompson - November 28, 2017 at 10:30 PM

TH

“ I have many fond memories of Rick. The Sunday dinners and the endless games of 99 will always be memories I look back on with great joy. I consider myself blessed to have known Rick and will keep him in my prayers.

Sabine, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.

Tom Harrington

Tom Harrington - November 27, 2017 at 08:03 PM



Sabine
Thompson

Thank you, Tom. I've heard a lot about the Sunday dinners!

Sabine Thompson - November 28, 2017 at 10:30 PM

SB

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Sarah Black - November 25, 2017 at 11:45 AM

SB

“ *I forgot to add -he sure was cute. An avid reader, he most especially enjoyed ",Party Pig" as read to him endlessly by Uncle Bill Orme*

Sarah Black - November 25, 2017 at 11:41 AM



Sabine
Thompson

I always heard that he enjoyed "The Poky Little Puppy"

Sabine Thompson - November 26, 2017 at 06:53 PM

SB

“ *Rick was a wonderful brother and uncle. He always listened and therefore understood. I will miss our long telephone conversations. He spoke lovingly of Sabine, Betsy and Mike. I am grateful that he experienced true love this side of heaven. He was God's gift to our family*

Sarah Black - November 25, 2017 at 10:55 AM

MH

“ *The smile that Rick has in the picture from 2007 is what I will always remember about Rick. The Orme, Rogers and Harrington families were blessed with Rick when he spent time in Minnesota and the smile was the gift he gave to all of us. Rest in peace bud.*

Mark Harrington

Mark Harrington - November 23, 2017 at 08:12 PM



Thank you, Mark. Rick shared many fond memories of his time in St. Paul. He often talked about his family in Minnesota.

Sabine Thompson - November 24, 2017 at 11:19 AM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have fond memories of Fred's smile and laugh at school parties at St. Joseph's.*

-Milt, Denise, & Kiera Barney

Denise Barney - November 23, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ *Rick in 2007*



Sabine Thompson - November 23, 2017 at 11:29 AM

MM

“ So sad to hear of Rick's passing. We remember all the fun 4th of Julys and time we spent at the Tarabini's together. Rick was such a fun and likable guy. You no doubt have many beautiful memories to cherish. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love ❤️ you guys, Mary & John Moran

Mary Moran - November 22, 2017 at 09:19 PM

SC

“ Rest in Peace my dear friend. You will be miss dearly.



Susan Chu - November 22, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ Rick will be in our hearts and in our memories. So sorry for your loss.

Ann Tarabini - November 22, 2017 at 03:08 PM

SW

“ Sabine, I didn't know he was sick until a few days ago when I was hanging out with Liz! I'm so sorry! Peace be with you and God rest his soul! I'm so sad! Take good care my friend. I'll be there to celebrate his life. Love, Sandy Wright

Sandy Wright - November 22, 2017 at 12:47 PM

BO

“My sincere condolences to the Thompson family. May God's promise at John 11:25 bring comfort and strength to you at this difficult time.

BO - November 22, 2017 at 08:39 AM

JS

“What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.”

–Helen Keller

A mantra for those of us who have lost a loved one. May you be surrounded by family and friends.

JS

Jan Stamos - November 22, 2017 at 01:00 PM

CM

I have known Rick for more than 40 years. While there has been a huge gap for many years, the Rick I know loved his family more than life, was a caring and intuitive friend, found love and happiness here on earth and will be greatly missed. It is with great sadness that we heard the fact that he is gone but his memory will live in exactly the smile and the shining face of this beautiful photo. Sherry Maier

Cheryl Maier - November 28, 2017 at 02:49 PM

TK

Rick was my customer service rep for 29 years and I will miss him greatly. He was a hard and dedicated worker with a great sense of humor as well as being a wealth of knowledge on history, books, music and classic movies. He had a way with the clients and they loved him, always had their backs and willing to go the extra mile. Over the years I heard stories about his youth, VISTA, cross country trips, his years working on boats and barges and his start as a typesetter in the industry. Rick was SO proud of his children and we kept up with them through his stories of Water Polo, driving adventures and jobs. I will miss his humor, knowledge (About everything) and talking about life, families and friends. I consider myself lucky to have worked with him for all those years and to have him as a friend. Our prayers and thoughts are with Sabine and the the family during this difficult time.

Tom Kozel

Tom Kozel - December 04, 2017 at 01:42 PM