



## Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler

December 28, 1937 - September 5, 2014

Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler, 76 of Fort Collins died September 5, 2014 at Pathways Hospice Care Center. Recitation of the Office of the Dead will be held at 6:30 pm, Monday, September 8, followed by a Rosary/Vigil at 7:00 pm, Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am, Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Richard Grimler was born December 28, 1937 in Peoria, Illinois to Emil and Mary Grimler. He grew up in Peoria and graduated with an accounting degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1959. On June 19, 1965, Rick married Judith Murray in Peoria and together they have four daughters. Rick worked as a corporate accountant throughout his career. On November 18, 1979 he was ordained as a Deacon of the Catholic Church and served at the Epiphany Church in Normal, Illinois until 1998. Later that year, he and Judy moved to Northern Colorado and he began his service as a Deacon at St. Joseph Parish in Fort Collins.

Rick is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Judy; four daughters, Liz (and Mike) Stanley of Farmington Hills, MI, Katie (and Eric) Montoya of Parker, CO, Meg (and Derek) Horn of Indianapolis, IN and Susie (and Chris) Humphrey of Parker, CO; and ten grandchildren, Alex Montoya, Mary Montoya, Jonah Montoya, Evan Horn, Jack Stanley, Drew Stanley, Abigail Horn, Ceas Montoya, Jack Humphrey and Emily Humphrey. He was preceded in death by

his brother, Gary as well as his parents.

Rick's family requests that any memorial donations please be made to St. Joseph Parish for the restoration of the Stained Glass Windows: c/o Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

# Previous Events

## Recitation of the Office of the Dead

SEP 8. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

## Rosary

SEP 8. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ I miss this amazing man!! xoxo

Susie - October 19, 2014 at 11:41 PM



“ toute nos condoléances pour le décès de votre Papa.  
Famille GRIMLER de France

jean-marie Grimler - September 15, 2014 at 04:58 AM



“ Judy and family, Our love and prayers go out to all of you during this sad time of loss. We knew Rick as a man of quiet and gentle strength dedicated to all of you and to God. Your grief is shared by us. God Bless and Love, Jack and Laura Cain

Laura Cain - September 10, 2014 at 05:07 PM



“ Deacon Rick wrote many wonderful pro life letters to the local paper, never wavering in his defense of the unborn. Truly God's servant on earth. Thank you and God bless. May the gates of heaven open wide for you.

Parishioner of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Collins  
Rosemary Van Gorder

Rosemary Van Gorder - September 10, 2014 at 01:28 PM



DF

“ Judy, I believe you and I worked at St. Joe together. I was the dietitian. I thoroughly enjoyed working with you. My sympathy goes out to you and your family. I know that your faith and loving family will get you through the days to come, Dianne Feasley

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**Dianne Feasley** - September 10, 2014 at 09:02 AM

SG

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the entire Grimler family. Rick was a very dedicated, loyal man who I know you all are very proud of, and feel extremely blessed to have been a part of his beautiful family. I worked with Rick at GROWMARK in the Controllers department for many years in the 1980' and 90's. The most special memory of I have of Rick, is as a deacon. My mother died of a sudden illness at BroMenn in March of 1994, and Rick brought much-needed comfort to my family, when he was so kind to drop by on his morning rounds to pray with me and my family, as we stood by her bedside during those final days. I will pray for peace for Rick and for all of you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Sheri Golliday  
Lexington, IL

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**Sheri Golliday** - September 09, 2014 at 06:47 PM

HB

“ We have many fond memories of Rick and the Grimler family. Our daughter Jean was very close to Susie growing up and she really liked spending time with Susie and her mom. I remember getting Rick and some of the other dads to sing back up for a rock and roll number at one of the epiphany talent shows. Who would have believed it , Rick singing on stage. We enjoyed Rick's sermons and applaud his strong support for the right to life cause. I seem to remember a new years eve at Ricks where he drew a line on the bottle of scotch and said "we'll drink to here and no further" .

*Rick was a very nice man and an inspiration to us all. We are saddened by his passing and offer our prayers and condolences to his family. We sure enjoyed our time spent with the Grimler family.*

*Herb and Barb Burdett*

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**Herb and Barb Burdett** - September 09, 2014 at 12:54 PM

JM

“ As Epiphany Deacon, Rick made such an impression on us that we were aghast to learn on moving to another diocese in 1996, that there were no functioning deacons. His quiet, distinctive manner of speaking, fully charged with thought provoking substance, fashioned an impression of quality ministry that endures. Judy and daughters have ample reason to expect his exemplary talents will continue to be utilized in the service of his Creator. Our sincere sympathy for the loss of a fine man.

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**John & Verna McAteer** - September 09, 2014 at 11:50 AM

PF

“ Judy and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.  
May you find comfort in happy memories. Patty Finegan

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**Patty Finegan** - September 09, 2014 at 11:12 AM

RG

“ Rick, continue your superb ministry in Heaven. You were an important guiding light in our lives at Epiphany Parish in Normal. Our warmest condolences to your family. Richard and Mary Jean Godfrey and family, Chicago.

Richard and MaryJean Godfrey - September 09, 2014 at 08:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler.



September 08, 2014 at 08:46 PM

FF

“ Rick was my boss, a mentor and a role model when we worked together at GROWMARK. He was always generous and cared about people and about doing the right thing. I also knew Rick as Deacon at Epiphany Church and was honored that he baptized my daughter. He was like a father figure to me and I will miss him, but I know he is in a better place.

*My sympathies and prayers to Judy and the whole family.*

*Mary Fortney*

Fortney Family - September 08, 2014 at 07:45 PM

MP

“ *Uncle Rick will be dearly missed. Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to the entire family. Please know we are with you all, always. Love, Molly, Michael and Maisy Petruso*



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**Molly Murray Petruso** - September 08, 2014 at 06:33 PM

MB

“ *I had the good fortune of having Rick as a coworker and my supervisor for a number of years at GROWMARK. He was a great example for me and the help and support that he gave to me will always be remembered and appreciated. He was a great example for not only myself but all that had the pleasure of working with him. My sympathy to Judy and the family in your loss. I know he will be missed.*

*Marshall Bohbrink*

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**Marshall Bohbrink** - September 08, 2014 at 06:13 PM

BB

“ *I was saddened to see Rick's obituary in the Bloomington, IL Pantagraph. Rick was serving as general manager of the Illinois Agricultural Auditing Association when I joined the firm right out of college in 1971. Rick left the firm shortly after that, but I had a great deal of respect for him and enjoyed working with him. He struck me as intelligent and hard-working, and also as a real gentleman and a man of deep integrity.*

*Bob Beerup*

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**Bob Beerup** - September 08, 2014 at 10:02 AM

JH

“ *To All the Grimler Ladies:*

*I was driving my Lily and Ivy to music lessons this summer thru your past neighborhood. It got me thinking about the good times I spent at your home and how all of you are living your lives. I remembered a particular evening when Rick looked tired. I offered to assemble the new TV cabinet that he had just purchased, Katie whispered \*tell him you have put one together before or he will not let you do it\*. So right there and then I lied to a man of the cloth so I could take some weight off his shoulders. Well , that's how I justified the lie anyway. I managed to put the cabinet together even with Katies help.*

*I understand now why he may have been tired, raising 4 girls with Judy's help must of been hard work sometimes. I know now...because my 2 girls wear me out!! He managed to do a great job.*

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers while you cope with the loss of your husband, father.*

*My Respect and Love \**

*Joseph Hoeniges*

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**Joseph Hoeniges** - September 08, 2014 at 09:47 AM

LM

“ *Love, Michael, Lisa, Maya, Michael Robert and Maya Musgrave purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler.*



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**Love, Michael, Lisa, Maya, Michael Robert and Maya Musgrave** - September 08, 2014 at 09:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler.*



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September 08, 2014 at 08:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler.*



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September 08, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ *We have some great memories of the Grimler family growing up on Riss Drive especially Rick transporting all the neighborhood girls to summer Bible School at the local churches. Hugs and prayers to Judy and her family. We were truly blessed to have Rick in our lives for such a short time. Bill and Bev Gale*

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**Beverly Gale** - September 07, 2014 at 03:25 PM



“ *Rick was one of the "good guys" at GROWMARK. Working for and with him, he taught me so much about accounting and life in general. He was a great mentor. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. May you always have fond memories.*

*Bill Erlenbush*

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**Bill Erlenbush** - September 07, 2014 at 02:11 PM

DH

“ *Denny and Diana Horn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler.*



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**Denny and Diana Horn** - September 07, 2014 at 02:02 PM

KS

“ *We were fortunate to have known Rick through his daughters for nearly twenty years. He was always friendly with a smile to greet you. He will surely be missed. Scott , Kim , Eli and Sadie Schmitt*

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**kim schmitt** - September 07, 2014 at 01:06 PM

TS

“ *Rick was a very good man, one of the finest we've ever known. He and Judy led us to Cursillo, for which we have always been very grateful. Our condolences go to Judy and the girls.  
Tom and Kay Shilgalis, Normal, Illinois*

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**Tom and Kay Shilgalis** - September 07, 2014 at 11:44 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler.*



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September 07, 2014 at 10:32 AM

JJ

“ As a retired Chaplain from Advocate BroMenn Hospital, I remember Rick and Judy when he served as a Deacon in one of our local parishes and Judy was a Chaplain at near by St Joseph's Hospital. What good people! Colorado's gain was Illinois' loss. I am so sorry to hear about Rick's death. Judy, you and your family are in my thoughts and my prayers.  
*Jim Turner, Jr.*

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**Jim Turner, Jr.** - September 07, 2014 at 08:16 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler.*



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September 05, 2014 at 06:31 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Deacon Richard "Rick" Grimler*



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**Chrissy** - September 05, 2014 at 03:52 PM