



Richard Craig Gieseke

September 6, 1952 - October 27, 2021

Richard Craig Gieseke was the first of six boys, born to Florence Gostomczik and Louis Gieseke. He was born on September 6, 1952, in Blue Earth Minnesota, Richard passed away October 27, 2021. You can tell a lot about a man by his thoughts. Richard's thoughts can be captured by what quotes he kept close to him in his scriptures and where he read them daily. Such as " Richard grew up in Central Iowa. 4-H was a regular activity for Richard, as well as little league. Captain of the Saydel High (Des Moines Iowa) Chess Team, Richard was an athlete and excelled in wrestling and golf. Golf became a lifelong passion. His parents and grandparents were Minnesota farmers. He learned gardening early in his life. His dad, Louis was an exceptional gardener. Richard taught Highschool science for a few years. He and one of his fellow teachers started a landscaping business and a small nursery in 1979. He became a member of the church in March of 1979 and married Susan Deville in June of 1980. His landscaping business took off in 1981 and he did that full-time from then on. He ran a small nursery on Tomato St. in Spring, Texas and he added other nurseries and properties over the next 30 years. In 1990 his first child, Eliesa, a daughter was born and came into his life. A Second daughter, Rachelle, was born and came into his life in 1994. He enjoyed raising these two girls and teaching them how to play softball, drive a golf cart, and nurtured their own interests whatever they were. He was a softball coach and would make all the girls giggle when he would show up to the Gator Girls team practice with a small alligator head attached to his

trademark hat. He had many dreams about doing the landscaping for the Houston temple before the temple was even announced. He had a hand in designing the beautiful grounds there. His nursery business continued to grow, and his family grew to include a son-in-law and 2 granddaughters. He participated in Temple service for many years as an ordinance worker. It was the highlight of his days, and he made many close friendships through that service. He was always willing to lend a hand or assistance of any kind to anyone in need. His heart was very big, and he loved making the earth a more beautiful place.

He was an artist designing beautiful landscapes, and creating a peaceful atmosphere with trees, shrubs, and flowers.

He was always interested in discussing spiritual and doctrinal topics with his friends and he loved being social! He was generous to a fault but so loved for it.

Richard is survived by his wife, Susan, his daughters, Eliesa Wright, and Rachelle Gieseke, his son-in-law Orrin Wright, his granddaughters, Cheyenne and Charlotte Wright, his brothers Ronnie, Jeff, Jim, Randy, and Jerry, his parents-in-law, Margarita and Dudley Deville, his sisters-in law Grace Deville Walker, (Joe Walker), Mary Cochran (Roderick Cochran), Vivian Brown (Darby Brown), his brother-in-law Anthony Deville, as well as many nieces and nephews he loved and was always interested in.

Pall Bearers: Ronnie Gieseke, Jeff Gieseke, Randy Gieseke, Jim Gieseke, Orrin Wright, Anthony Deville.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
919 Brown Rd
Tomball, TX 77375
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/?lang=eng>

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

Klein Memorial Park 2920
Farm to Market 2920
Tomball, TX 77375

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Craig Gieseke*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I have such great memories of growing up and having relatives come to visit! I was always excited when Uncle Louie and Aunt Florence would come with their boys! Ricky and I were born in the same year and I looked forward to his visits! I was very sad to hear of his passing. My prayers are with him and his family. I will always remember him fondly. His cousin, Dawn.*

Dawn Theelke - November 06, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear about Richard's passing. I met Richard in 1970 during my first year of teaching and coaching at Saydel. Richard was one of my wrestlers and an absolute pleasure to coach. My condolences and prayers to his family.*
Brad Stolz



Brad Stolz - November 06, 2021 at 02:38 PM

CS

“ My heart is breaking for you, Susan, and your girls. I learned so much about love from you and Richard. My greatest memory is of you and Richard snuggling in the front seat of an old pick-up truck driving down FM1960 in front of us on the way to church one Sunday morning in 1980. I remember you two laughing and snuggling together all the way to church ~ so happy. Such lovely carefree days to remember forever !! Love, Cheryl (Herridge) Sherrell

Cheryl (Herridge) Sherrell - November 03, 2021 at 12:58 PM

HE

“ I learned so much from Richard about the power of temple ordinances and covenants that changed his life and those of his ancestors. Richard possessed great spiritual insight. He and Susan are examples of Christ-like love and kindness, celestial people. We love you Richard and Susan. --Harry & Josie Eulitt

Harry & Josie Eulitt - November 03, 2021 at 06:15 AM

TW

“ Sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Our prayers are with Richard's family and friends during this time.
Saydel classmates
Class of 1971

Terry Wipperman - October 31, 2021 at 04:37 PM

RC

“ We are devastated to learn of Richard's untimely and unexpected passing. We have so enjoyed the privilege of serving in the temple with Richard and Susan. His thoughtful and spiritual presence will be sorely missed by the patrons and ordinance workers.

Russell Childs - October 30, 2021 at 04:32 PM

GE

“ Gary amd Penny Egbert purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Craig Gieseke.



Gary amd Penny Egbert - October 30, 2021 at 01:12 PM

LG

“ Love, Russ and Bonnie Granger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Craig Gieseke.



Love, Russ and Bonnie Granger - October 29, 2021 at 06:37 PM