



## Richard Allen Hammitt II

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Richard Allen Hammitt, 53, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 3, 1973, to Richard and Joan Hammitt. Rick always had a deep love of learning, which led him to graduate high school a year early and attend Texas A&M University, where he earned a B.S. in Chemistry in 1995. He went on to complete a Master’s (2004) and Ph.D. (2008) in Chemistry from University of Houston, laying the groundwork for a career in research and science.

Rick spent most of his professional life in medical research, knowing he was helping others and making an impact. He began his professional career while at A&M where he worked at Burroughs-Wellcome (now GlaxoSmithKline) in pharmaceutical research. He then shifted to cancer research at M.D.

Anderson, and later at Sigma-Aldrich working on DNA research in relation to cancer medications. Owning his own business was a lifelong dream of his, even stepping out in faith in August 2018 to quit his job and pursue that passion. He combined his expertise and entrepreneurial spirit to found Spring Formulations, focusing on formulation chemistry and helping turn scientific discoveries into practical solutions. Clients were drawn to him for his thoughtful and steady presence where his integrity earned him deep respect. Beyond the lab, Rick’s greatest joy was his family. He met Ann when they were both students at Texas A&M University, and together they built a life rich

in love and laughter over 28.5 years of marriage. After a long and grief-stricken journey to parenthood, Rick and Ann welcomed their daughter Emily (20), now studying Bioenvironmental Science at Texas A&M, and their son Robert “Robby” (17), a senior at Klein Collins High School.

Rick was active at Faithbridge, where he undoubtedly left a lasting mark on his church community. His faith was central to his daily life, and he openly shared his journey toward a deeper relationship with God. Even near the end of his life, he asked Ann to encourage others to consider learning more about Christianity by reading Lee Strobel’s book, *The Case for Christ*, in his honor. In April 2023, Rick was diagnosed with ALS (often referred to as Lou Gehrig’s disease). For nearly two years, he faced the disease with faith, courage, and grace. He often said that if even one person moved closer to Christ as a result of watching him battle this disease, then it was all worth it.

“Rick was a man of few words, but he chose those words carefully.”

Rick is survived by his beloved wife Ann; children Emily and Robert; parents Richard and Joan and brother Stephen; in-laws John and Janis Stayton; brother-in-law JT; sister-in-law Beth; aunts, uncles, and cousins, and countless friends who have become family. Jay and Kim Barrington hold a special place in Rick’s heart and helped him feel at peace knowing that they, along with countless others, would take care of Ann and his children while he was gone.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Concho Hearts Hospice, who were integral in helping the family navigate the ALS journey. Rick especially wanted to recognize trusted friend Ms. Barbara, who took special care of him and loved him like family. Chaplain Khris also went above and beyond to make sure Rick was taken care of, prayed over, and deeply loved up until his last breath here on Earth.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 21, 1:00pm at Faithbridge, 18000 Stuebner Airline Rd, Spring, Tx 77879.

If you feel led, financial donations can be made to Faithbridge in honor of Rick

for making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ.

# Tribute Wall



“ To The Hammitt Family it was a true joy to meet you and assist with your care. Ms. Ann we are always here for you. Ty and The MNA SL family.

Ty - March 23 at 01:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Hammitt II.



March 20 at 03:29 PM



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March 20 at 11:43 AM



“ Mavis (Rick's cousin) Weisgerber and fam purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Richard Allen Hammitt II.



Mavis (Rick's cousin) Weisgerber and fam - March 19 at 09:39 PM

MR

“ Margaret Ann, Robert & Melissa & Ryan purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard Allen Hammitt II.



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**Margaret Ann, Robert & Melissa & Ryan** - March 18 at 05:52 PM

NB

“ Rick and I went to high school together and stayed in touch through college. He was always a friend you could count on. Rick was a wonderful guy. I will be praying for his family.

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**Nancy Byrd** - March 16 at 03:12 PM

KB

“ When I think of Rick, one of my favorite memories will be enjoying a great cruise with Ann and Rick in January of 2025. It was Rick's first cruise and we made the best memories with them!



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**Kim Barrington** - March 15 at 07:41 PM

KJ

“ Kathy Johnson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Allen Hammitt II.



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**Kathy Johnson** - March 13 at 09:39 AM

EC

“ I knew Rick in high school. We ate lunch together in a big group of kids who were much smarter than me. I went to his Eagle Scout ceremony and remember thinking “wow! Just wow! I could never do that!” lol. We reconnected on Facebook in the last few years and had some lovely conversations about seeking the Lord. Now he wears the victors crown. I pray his family feel the peace and comfort only God can give.

Emily Cowen - March 10 at 01:49 PM



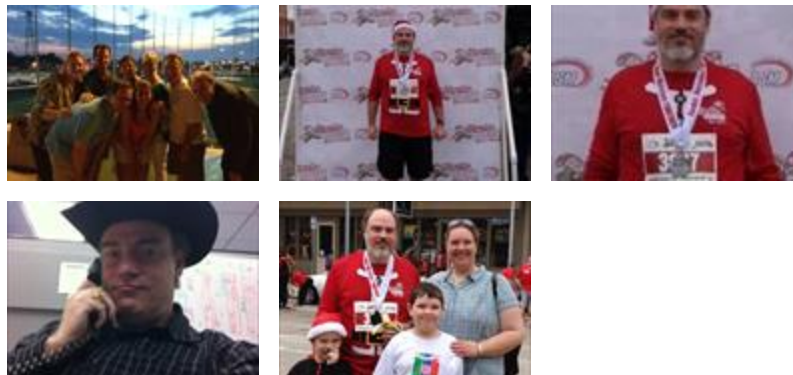
“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Hammitt II.



March 09 at 02:45 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Memories of Rick



Ann Hammitt - March 09 at 02:24 PM