



Randy K. Vereen

June 8, 1951 - August 23, 2015

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Visitation

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Memorial Services

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ Nancy and family there are no words to express what I felt when I learned of Randy's passing. I am so sorry for your loss and keep you all in my daily prayers. One memory that comes to mind so strongly about Randy and one of his many, many gifts is when he would prepare and serve the food for the youth Valentines dinner suppers at the church I served at and he and his family attended. Randy would have three or four charcoal grills go on on the patio it would have full control of the church kitchen and many helpers hating him in his creations that fascinated and amazed all who attended. If you were lucky enough to be one of those people you understand what I'm saying. He had a gift in the kitchen that was simply A gift from God like many others that God has graced him with. And Randy use those gifts for God's glory eyewitness that firsthand! After we would have such a wonderful wonderful gourmet meal served to hundreds of people at that church Valentine dinner theater event some of the best entertainment and laughter a soul can have with shared! Randy would be in the kitchen cleaning but he'd make sure he popped his head in and watch the various entertainment that we had that evening. A man of so many talents and gifts and he shared them so freely and let me know late to friends and strangers alike! He will be greatly missed here on this earth! Heaven has gained a wonderful soul, chef, father Christmas, and follower of Jesus Christ! May God comfort each of you during this time of grief and may you know the live ever loving Savior Jesus Christ as he keeps his arms wrapped around each of you!
Old Sparky Springfield, Illinois.

Rusty I. Downs - September 26, 2015 at 11:45 AM

RD

I am so sorry for the error in my post. The many helpers aided Randy in the kitchen and we were all amazed at how he had full control of everything!

Rusty I. Downs - September 26, 2015 at 11:48 AM

NV

Thanks rusty. Randy always appreciated your wonderful gift of music. We are missing him each day, but his wish for all of us is to be happy.

Nancy Vereen - October 16, 2015 at 09:56 PM

BG

“ *Nancy, Tudie and I are very sorry we were unable to attend the visitation for Randy in Springfield. As you know, I worked with Randy for many years and I had the utmost respect for him as a professional and as a human being. Not only great to work with but because of his wide and varied interests, he was fun to be around. I remember him to be always open, friendly and welcoming with a terrific smile. Tudie and I are very sorry for your loss, Nancy.*

Bill and Tudie Ghesquiere - September 22, 2015 at 01:36 PM

LA

“ *My condolences to all of the family. Randy was a fraternity brother and the roommate when we left the fraternity at MIT. He was a wonderful, kind and sensitive man. He was one of the most helpful of my friends during my coming out at MIT. it was wonderful knowing Nancy those almost 45 years ago. I will always hold him and Nancy in my heart. Lem Arnold*

Lemuel Arnold - September 04, 2015 at 06:41 PM

FM

“ I just learned the sad news of Randy. I was one of his fraternity brothers at MIT; although I lived only one year with him on Bay State Road, I appreciate that time with him. He was one to always lift your spirits and your humor, a friend to all who approached him.

May he be waiting for us on the other side! Our prayers and condolences to his wife Nancy. We will pray to the good God to take him home.

(Fr.) Mike Manz

Fr. Michael Manz - September 03, 2015 at 06:06 PM

PG

“ Nancy,
Cathy and I are shocked and saddened to hear about Randy. I have wonderful memories dating back 40 years to our start in the Bureau of the Budget to more recent ones of Santa in the neighborhood. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. We are very sorry for your loss.

Phil and Cathy Gonet

Phil Gonet - September 03, 2015 at 04:10 PM

SS

“Randy was the upperclassman in charge of my "pledge class" at MIT's Phi Delta Theta. College can be a stressful pressure-filled time, and we were fortunate to have Randy's guidance, full of wisdom and good humor, to ease us into the experience. College exposed me to a lot of new things and new people. Randy was one of the first southerners I got to know well, and memories of his graciousness still define for me the term "southern gentleman".

May his memory be a blessing.

Stephen Stein - September 03, 2015 at 10:31 AM

LB

“Our sincere sympathies over your loss of Randy. May God give you peace and comfort as you grieve. Thank God for the hope we have of eternal life and that time when you will be united again with all your loved ones.

Lee and Dawn Behnke - September 03, 2015 at 06:51 AM

NN

“Nancy Naughton lit a candle in memory of Randy K. Vereen



Nancy Naughton - September 02, 2015 at 02:03 AM



Nancy and Randy were so good to my folks for many, many years and especially checked in on my folks, more often, and were there for them when my dad got ill with ALZ. Also, when Mom would have an illness, they would always call/and or stop by to see what was needed. True friends....

I always came out from wherever, usually the computer room, if staying over at my folk's house when I would hear their voices, because I so enjoyed watching them interact. They made me laugh. When Randy passed I said to mom, "I just really liked being with them and cared for Randy so (and upset for Nancy, of course), they were married but they interacted and teased like best friends.

Nancy Naughton - September 02, 2015 at 02:18 AM



We love your family

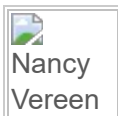
Nancy Vereen - September 02, 2015 at 05:22 PM

DH

“ We were privileged to have worked with Randy for many years at Springfield's Dana-Thomas House whenever he appeared as a guest or, in particular, as "Father Christmas" at many of our evening and weekend holiday open houses. He was, without doubt, the finest and most traditional and captivating and authentic Christmas impersonator of all time, and his appearances were certainly some of the most unforgettable experiences ever. Over those many years in the 1990's and after 2000, there were literally thousands of visitors who enjoyed meeting "him" in the barrel-vaulted gallery near the eighteen foot Christmas tree. He was so good with children, and literally hundreds of parents and other visitors over the years told us how these evenings were so special and Randy's appearances made their Christmas holidays complete. The Vereen's research into the details of his costume was incredibly thorough, and they spared no expense in wonderful materials and details that made him the most convincing Father Christmas character any of us have ever seen in any city anywhere, including Chicago and New York. In addition to all of this, Randy was one of the nicest persons and colleagues I ever worked with in my twenty-nine years at the Dana House. How we will miss him. Just before he made his grand entrance for the evening, you could hear the bells on his boots as he strode into the room. What anticipation. That sound will stay with us forever.

Donald and Linda Hallmark Petersburg, Illinois

Donald P Hallmark - September 01, 2015 at 02:37 AM



Nancy Vereen

Thanks Don and Linda for your kind words. He did love the holiday season and seeing all of the awed faces at the Dana house each Christmas was one of the highlights of the year.

Nancy Vereen - September 01, 2015 at 08:28 PM

NN

Beautifully written and true. I having been talking to me friends about Randy, and if I mention Santa and his various suits they all say, "Oh, yes, we loved seeing him!"

Nancy Naughton - September 02, 2015 at 01:57 AM

NN

oops..."my" friends..... NN

Nancy Naughton - September 02, 2015 at 02:01 AM

JM

Sorry to hear of Randy's passing. He was a fraternity brother at MIT, one year ahead. What a wonderful, kind, generous, and thoughtful man. John Miller, '74 MIT

John B Miller - September 04, 2015 at 12:24 PM

JM

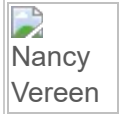
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John B Miller - September 04, 2015 at 12:24 PM

PK

“ We are still slowly coming to terms with this sad event. If there is any way, any way at all, we can be of service at this time, please do get in touch. We do not know your present circumstances, but trust you have support and comfort wherever you are during this difficult time. Our little neighborhood has sadly changed. Gerald and Pam King, your neighbors.

Pam King - August 31, 2015 at 11:13 PM



Thanks for your kind words. I am heartbroken over randy's sudden death but I feel incredibly blessed to have spent the last 42 years with this wonderful, kind and generous man. See you next week. Springfield services on 9/19.

Nancy Vereen - September 01, 2015 at 08:28 PM

BS

This has been such a sad day, having to notify the rest of Randy's Phi Delt brothers of this news. More than forty years later, you hear his name and think "Santa Claus" right away. You think of this really happy guy who was so gregarious, so generous with his time and willing to help anywhere he could. Did I mention Santa Claus? Perhaps the fact that so many other memories of Randy are more personal, inside jokes is a testament to the way he had such wonderful relationships with everyone he knew.

Bob Sutton - September 03, 2015 at 04:33 PM

EH

“ *Dear Nancy,
I am so sorry for your loss of Randy at such a young age. How could my favorite memories of Randy not be his appearance at the Hoff house on Christmas Eve. The neighborhood kids were ecstatic when he walked through the door. The best Santa Claus ever. Try and be kind to yourself in the coming days. Somehow, you will know what the next steps are and when to take them. You are all in my prayers.*
Elaine Hoff

Elaine Hoff - August 30, 2015 at 04:47 PM

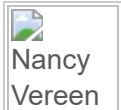
RW

“ Nancy and Family, You all have my deepest sympathy for your loss.

I worked closely with Randy for 8 years during the time he was Director of Finance and Administration at IDOT. He was a brilliant man in a tough job. Randy was a very nice man and I will always remember him.

Rowan Woolfolk

rowan woolfolk - August 29, 2015 at 08:51 PM



Nancy Vereen

Thanks Rowan not only for being an excellent employee that Randy held in high esteem, but for your many years of friendship.

Nancy Vereen - September 01, 2015 at 08:31 PM

RB

“ Nancy, our hearts are broken for you and the kids. Love, Your scouting friend, Dave, Rachel and Matt Brown

Rachel Brown - August 29, 2015 at 01:11 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Randy K. Vereen.*



August 27, 2015 at 10:36 AM

ET

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Eteri - August 27, 2015 at 01:28 AM

BF

“ *Nancy- my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It's been many years since I last saw Randy- but still have fond memories of him. I can still see him push up his glasses with his finger when he talked! I know he will be missed by many. Bette Maynard Franken*

Bette Franken - August 26, 2015 at 09:40 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randy K. Vereen.*



August 26, 2015 at 06:17 PM

BT

“ Randy was a classmate of mine at Marion High School. I remember that he was unorganized sometimes but I think that was just a trait of being a genius. He was also sweet and kind. I am so glad that I had a chance to talk with him at our 45th class reunion last year. Nancy, I will be praying for you and your family in the days ahead. You are so lucky to have been married all these years to this special man. I am sure he knew how lucky he was to be married to you.

Bobbie Ann Thompson

Bobbie Ann Thompson - August 26, 2015 at 05:10 PM

MH

“ Randy took me from a cubicle on the first floor of the IL Dept. of Transportation to be his secretary in the Executive Offices. I was grateful to him for that opportunity. Not only did I get a promotion, I got to work for a very nice boss. Oh, the birthday cakes he made-- not the Betty Crocker or grocery store cakes I was used to. Your family came caroling to our house with a boom box one year not long after I started to work for him. How cool was that. And, Father Christmas, he could have walked off a Christmas card. Being a crafty, quilting person, I really enjoyed hearing about the process of his new "suit," bag of toys, and what Nance was working on. I am happy I had the chance to know him and work with him. So sorry for your family's loss. Mar Hager

Marlene Hager - August 25, 2015 at 11:56 AM

SS

“ Susan Hall Shine lit a candle in memory of Randy K. Vereen



Susan Hall Shine - August 24, 2015 at 09:58 PM

SS

Nancy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Randy was such a great friend and was full of laughter. I remember him in high school, laughing or making us laugh. He was always a joy to be around. The memories of you and him in school are priceless. You both were destined to be together and grow together as one. I pray that God will give you the comfort and strength that you need to help you through your grief. I am just so sorry. Words just can't express the sadness and the heartache I feel for you. Just know that anytime you want to talk, I am here. My love and prayers to you and your family.

Susan Hall Shine - August 24, 2015 at 10:06 PM

LY

“ I am so sorry. Prayers for everyone.

Linda and Jim Young

Linda K. Young - August 24, 2015 at 08:33 PM