



# Jay R. Reichmuth

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## **Jay R. Reichmuth**

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**J**ay Richard Reichmuth was born on November 10, 1961 in Omaha, Nebraska to Bill and Janet (Carson) Reichmuth, the youngest of their three children. He grew up in Valley, Nebraska where he attended grade school and graduated from Valley High School in 1980. Jay enjoyed a typical small town childhood, filled with friends, neighborhood activities and sports. Jay was a well-rounded athlete, excelled as a starting center on the football team but his passion and talent shined as a baseball player. There was some speculation that he should have pursued playing college baseball. Jay graduated from Northeast Nebraska Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska with an associate degree in Mortuary Science. He graduated from Mortuary School in San Antonio, Texas and returned home to work at Swanson Funeral Home in Valley and Elkhorn.

Jay married Paula Rawdon on November 24, 1990 at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. They have made their home in Nashville, Florence, Kentucky and Batesville, Indiana. Jay's professional career has taken him to Nashville, Cincinnati and the past 28 years in Batesville, Indiana at the Weigel Funeral Home. Jay was a dedicated funeral director and proudly served the Batesville community. He was active in the Batesville Kiwanis and served for many years as chairman of the Applefest Committee. He was also a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the Indiana Funeral Directors Association. Jay attended St. Louis Catholic Church in Batesville and served on the Batesville Water and Gas Utility Service Board.

Jay loved his wife very much and made sure that anything she needed always came first. He held a great depth of love for all of his family and he especially adored his nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Jay was dedicated in providing service to his families during their time of loss. Jay loved the work that he did knowing he was offering comfort and peace to those he served.



## Obituary

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Jay passed away on Monday, July 31st at his home in Batesville at the age of 61 years, 8 months and 21 days. He was preceded in death by his father Bill. Jay is survived by his wife Paula of Batesville; mother Janet Reichmuth of Elkhorn, NE; siblings Jon (Mary) Reichmuth of Elkhorn, NE and Kim (Mike) Loseke Columbus, NE; father and mother in law Bob and Georgia Rawdon; sister and brother in law Patty (Jerry) Seiber and brother and sister in law Rob (Becky) Rawdon, all of Hohenwald, TN; nieces and nephews Heather Loseke, Sarah (Dustin) Kessler and Ellen (Kevin) Thomsen, Christopher (Melessia) Seiber, Erinn (Kyle) Roberson, Robert Rawdon III and Ethan (Jennifer) Rawdon; great nieces and great nephews Karly, Nyla, Scarlett and Clyne Kessler, Gemma Thomsen and Nola Lill, Amelia and Hallie Seiber, Brayden Lill, Vance Kessler, Thayer Thomsen, Eli Seiber, Case and Brooks Roberson.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 3rd, from 4 – 7 p.m. at Weigel Funeral Home in Batesville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, August 5th at St. John's Catholic Church in Valley, NE and burial will be at the Davis Cemetery in Hohenwald, TN. In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105).

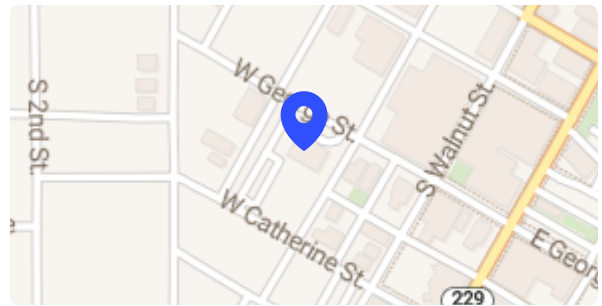


# Events

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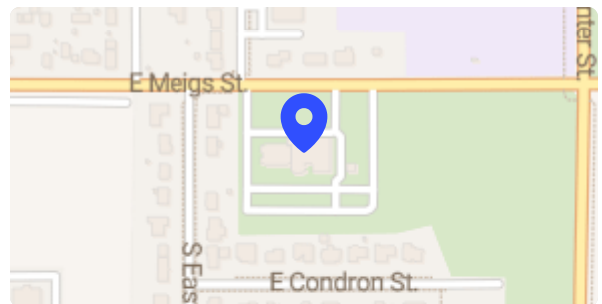
## Visitation

- Thursday**, August 3, 2023
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Weigel Funeral Home**  
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006



## Mass of Christian Burial

- Saturday**, August 5, 2023
- 11:00 AM CT
- St. John's Catholic Church**  
307 East Meigs Street, Valley NE 68064



## Cemetery Details

- Davis Cemetery**  
Hohenwald TN



## Tribute Wall

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TH

**Tammy Helms** posted:

Paula, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

August 9 at 7:43 AM

SH

**Shawnglaub** posted:

Jay was a great person and a good funeral director he will be dearly missed

August 6 at 9:57 AM

KP

**Katie Prickel** posted:

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. You will be sadly missed as a caring and thoughtful funeral director.

August 4 at 5:00 AM

SG

**Sister Mary Beth Gianoli** posted:

Jay was an amazing person. He was so caring and supportive at every funeral for our Sisters. We were blessed to know him and will miss his presence, love and sense of humor. Prayers for all who Kournikova him.

August 2 at 11:49 PM

CR

**Chip Ray** posted:

Paula- So sorry to hear the news of Jay's passing - he was a great funeral director and will be missed by so many- you Jon and the family will be in our prayers. Chip & Nancy Ray

August 2 at 4:45 PM

CF

**Cf** posted:

Jay has helped my family through so many difficult times. He always made us feel well cared for. In times of grief, he was a comforting spirit. He will be missed.

August 2 at 1:39 PM



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DM

**Donna Mollaun** posted:

Jay was loved and respected in Batesville, IN. His passing is difficult for so many. Prayers for the family and for Batesville.

August 2 at 5:44 AM

BH

**Bob Horn** posted:

Our thoughts prayers are with Paula, Janet, Jon, the entire Reichmuth family and his associates at the funeral home. He cared for so many families during difficult times such as this. We were honored to know him professionally and as a friend. Rest in peace Jay! Bob Horn Mary Lucas

August 2 at 3:49 AM

JW

**Jessica Whitaker** posted:

I was fortunate to call Jay a customer and friend for over a decade. He was honestly one of my favorite funeral directors and I always enjoyed our visits, which often found us solving the world's problems and sharing laughs. I'm so shocked and saddened by this loss. He will be so incredibly missed. My heartfelt condolences to his entire family.

August 1 at 8:01 PM

TW

**Tracy Habig Wafford** posted:

Jay will missed. He was a beacon of light when I had to bury my late husband. A man of great faith with a warm and respectful personality.

August 1 at 5:02 PM

CD

**Catherine Duerstock** posted:

Sorry for loss

August 1 at 3:29 PM



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JH

**Jackie J Hahn** posted:

I know Jay from helping him at the funeral home. I'll miss him calling and saying "Jackie J" every time I answered the phone. Him being from Nebraska and me from Iowa, we would always talk about that long drive home we both took about once a year. He was a good man and an amazing funeral director. He will be missed by many. Sending hugs and prayers to his family ❤️ Jackie J Hahn

August 1 at 3:15 PM

EG

**Elizabeth J Gabbard** posted:

My heart sunk when I saw the Obt for Jay. He was always so kind and friendly each he serviced my family members. He will be greatly missed. Prayers goes out to his wife and other members of his family and co-workers. Prayers,

August 1 at 3:14 PM

GA

**Gerry Asher** posted:

Paula, all I can say is that my heart is sending lots of hugs and love flowing your way. I always enjoyed my time with Jay as he sat in my chair for his haircut. Reach out my friend if I can do any. Hold on to all your precious memories!!

August 1 at 1:11 PM

CH

**Conrad "Bob" Hoffman** posted:

It is so difficult to think of your passing. I will remember you as a very friendly and caring person. I pray for you and your family! May God bless your family in their sorrow and loss. I always enjoyed talking with you and laughing at our jokes at the front door. I thank you for caring at the death of my wife Cornie! Thank you for your friendship.

August 1 at 12:58 PM

KB

**Kathy Bedel** August 1 at 2:32 PM

Paula, My prayers are with you and all the family. May God comfort you as Jay comforted all of us at the time of our loses. Rest in peace our friend.

KS

**Kathy Schuerman** August 1 at 2:04 PM

Sending comforting prayers to Jay's wife and family. Jay helped us with my mother's arrangements earlier this year. He was professional, caring and so easy to work with. May your loving memories bring your family comfort.



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**Pam Gerdowsky** posted:

Jay was always so professional and always cared so much about others. He will definitely be missed. You and Ski were always good at kidding each other and I truly enjoyed having you there for our loved ones! Ask God to bless us all left down here. Will miss you dear friend! Pam & Ski Gerdowsky

August 1 at 12:48 PM



**Pauline Prickel** August 1 at 2:25 PM

Pauline PRICKEL. Well Jay I thought that you were going to put me in my box when my time was up but I guess it wasn't supposed to be. I thought you were the funniest funeral director with a great sense of humor. But you were so compassionate to families to families in their times of sorrow. Thank you for your many years of service for our small town. GOD bless you!!!! Deepest sympathy for your family



**Sandy Dietz** posted:

As an advertising executive for the local newspaper, I enjoyed working with Jay. His sense of humor always brightened my day. He will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

August 1 at 11:03 AM



**The Gottsch Family** sent a Basket of Memories to the Reichmuth family.



August 1 at 11:02 AM



**Bonnie Motz** posted:

Jay was one of my favorite clients when I worked at The Herald-Tribune. His visits to the office always left us laughing, but he was also a very caring serious person when you needed a friend.

August 1 at 10:36 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jay by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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