



## Rick Payne

May 23, 1960 - May 16, 2011

Richard "Rick" Earl Payne  
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Our beloved Rick passed Monday, May 16th at the Kaiser Hospital in Vacaville following a courageous battle with cancer.

Rick became ill in late September 2010 and was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a rare blood cancer of the plasma cells. His fight though brief, was courageous; his strength to endure, tremendous. He smiled and joked his way through his illness never really believing he was ever so seriously ill.

His greatest loves in his life was his wife and family, and of course, fast pitch softball. He coached his two daughters, Kristen and Katie, for 20 years, traveling all over the US during the summer and fall months while they played competition ball. During the spring he could be found coaching high school ball at Will C. Wood in Vacaville. His hearty laugh and bright smile brought joy and warmth to all. Laughter came easily to Rick. He knew the right thing to say to brighten your day and could be depended on to lift your spirits; his humor, unmatched.

In 1978 Rick graduated from St. Patrick's High School, Wendy graduated St.

Vincent's in 1980 and they married in October 1982. For more than ten years Rick had been working for Emerson Processing and had been under contract with Genentech South San Francisco for the past four years.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents, LeVerne and Earl Payne and mother-in-law Mary Walker. He is survived by his wife, Wendy, daughters Kristen and Katie, sister and nephew Virginia and Ray Weisner, father-in-law Harry Walker and wife Linda.

On what would have been Rick's 51st birthday we will be celebrating his life with a Memorial Mass at 3 p.m. Monday, May 23rd at St. Basil's Catholic Church, 1230 Nebraska St. Vallejo. A reception will immediately follow at Zio Freado's. Inurnment will be private.

Please visit the online tribute at [TwinChapelsMortuary.com](http://TwinChapelsMortuary.com). Local arrangements entrusted to Twin Chapels Mortuary (707) 552-6696.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **23**. 3:00 PM (PT)

St. Basil's Catholic Church  
1230 Nebraska Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 644-5251

# Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Rick. I took classes at SCC with his wife, Wendy. My prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Regards, Donna Luttrell-Williams, SCC

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“ I wish I was able to remember one specific memory about one of THE most influential people in my life. The truth is, every moment with Coach Rick was a special one, every comment he made was a funny one, and every smile he had WAS a contagious one. So, my love and prayers go out to all those who have a heart for softball because he gave it to them, the beautiful family he adored, and to Rick who has a better seat for every game (softball/life) in the future.

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