



Vernon B. Rivers Jr.

September 7, 1961 - March 9, 2026

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Vernon B Rivers Jr.(age 64) passed away unexpectedly on the evening of Monday, March 9th, 2026, while on a bicycle ride near his home in Churchville, NY.

Vern, as his friends and family knew him, was born on September 7,1961 in Syracuse, NY to Vernon and Joyce Rivers. He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Bets Quackenbush, both his parents, his son, Alex Rivers, his siblings, Joy Rivers, Terry (Donna) Rivers, Tracy (Tammy) Rivers, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Although he grew up as somewhat of a troublemaker, his defiant qualities would help mold him into the creative person he was his entire life. With an affinity to work with his hands, he had a love for mechanics, building with wood or stone and a natural talent for art. If there wasn't a tool that existed for a project he needed, he figured out how to make it and his attention to detail created beautiful art pieces in various forms.

Vern was a man who had so much to offer to everyone and anyone. He was a loving and loyal son, a man of faith and a fiercely devoted husband. He was proud of the community he lived in. There are no words to describe the gravity in which he will be missed by all.

A wake for family and friends will be held on Saturday, March 21st at Leo Bean and Sons Funeral Home, 2771 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 from 1pm to 4pm with a short service at 4pm at the funeral home. There will be a

gathering for all at the Churchville Moose Lodge #2244, 5709 Chili Riga Center Rd, Churchville, NY 14428 at 5pm. Everyone and any stories about Vern are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Union Settlement Cemetery, 21 County Road 26, West Monroe, NY 13167.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 21. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GD

“ Garth Fagan Dance purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..



Garth Fagan Dance - March 26 at 08:06 AM

GD

“ Garth Fagan Dance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..

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KR

“ Kenneth R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..

Kenneth R. - March 21 at 01:29 PM

CL

“ Crieghton L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..

Crieghton L. - March 21 at 11:12 AM

SJ

“ Shelly and Bill Jones purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..



Shelly and Bill Jones - March 18 at 04:59 PM

SJ

“ Shelly and Bill Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..

Shelly and Bill Jones - March 18 at 04:59 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..



March 18 at 12:31 PM

TN

“ The Rivers in Nevada purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..



The Rivers in Nevada - March 18 at 12:57 AM

TN

“ *The Rivers in Nevada planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..*

The Rivers in Nevada - March 18 at 12:57 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..*

March 17 at 05:01 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Vernon B. Rivers Jr..*



March 17 at 12:23 PM

JM

“ There are so many memories of my handsome cousin. I don't know where to start. He and I were raised so close to each other. His Dad and mine were brothers. The fun we all had playing hide n seek at there small farm at night with our parents at night. Watching him ride their bull and falling off! But we had so many laughs together I will never forget his contagious smile and laugh . But I have to say my best memory of time spent together was when I spent the summer overlooking him and his brothers and sister. He began teaching me how to play his guitar. He was so patient with me and he always made me laugh when I messed up (which was a lot)! He and I would spend time drawing and of course when he got in trouble I had to laugh at how many times he would get chased around the dining room table never getting caught! I loved him more than he ever knew. But then maybe he did know. I will miss him greatly. Rest in Peace my dear cousin. Until we meet again.
Your cousin forever,
Jackie

Jackie Matthews - March 16 at 07:40 PM