



## Richard "Rick" Norris

August 14, 1969 - April 28, 2025

Richard "Rick" Christopher Norris, of Sioux Falls, SD, passed away peacefully on the morning of Monday, April 28, 2025, after a courageous battle with colorectal cancer. He was 55 years, 8 months, and 14 days old. Rick was born on August 14, 1969, in Ames, Iowa, to Floyd Raymond Norris and Donna Jean O'Connor. In second grade, he moved with his family to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, alongside his two sisters, Katy Lerch and Deborah Anderson. He later attended Lincoln High School, graduating with the Class of 1987. On April 9, 1989, Rick married his best friend and love of his life, Lisa Michelle Nordmann. They were blessed to share their anniversary with Lisa's parents and grandparents. The couple built a beautiful life in Sioux Falls, sharing 36 years of love, laughter, and unwavering partnership. From a young age, Rick showed a remarkable work ethic and a heart for helping others. He held a variety of odd jobs growing up-delivering newspapers, mowing lawns, running errands for elderly neighbors, and collecting aluminum cans. In high school, he tutored peers and, at age 16, began working full-time at Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD), confirming a lifelong commitment to the Deaf community. Rick later spent three years on the East Coast working for the state government, before returning to the Midwest and rejoining CSD, where he served for most of his professional life. He eventually fulfilled a dream by founding his own business, Interpretcorps, a reflection of his entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to accessible communication. Rick was a passionate and tireless advocate for the Deaf and disabled

communities. He worked to advance awareness, inclusion, and equality throughout his life. He was also a man of many interests-he loved movies, comic books, coin collecting, cereal and sweets, animals, chocolate pie, board games, history, and following current events. He had a special fondness for St. Patrick's Day and was deeply interested in genealogy and family history. Above all, Rick was a devoted and loving father. He encouraged his children to chase their dreams, show kindness, and live with purpose. He modeled respect for all, compassion for the vulnerable, and unwavering faith in God. Rick was brilliant yet humble, gentle yet strong-a man with a quick wit, a generous heart, and a calm spirit. His legacy lives on through his enduring impact on the Deaf community and in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Donna; his brother-in-law, Bruce Anderson; and his father-in-law, Harley "H.P." Nordmann. He is survived by his beloved wife, Lisa, and their three children: Shay, Kyja, and Rykr. He is also lovingly remembered by his sisters, extended family, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and a wide circle of cherished friends. A visitation with the family will be held on Thursday, May 1, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Turner County Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Davis, SD. A celebration of Rick's life will take place at the church on Friday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family. Your support and presence during this time are deeply appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Lisa and family,

*We are so sorry. We have been thinking about you every time we drive by your house. Did not know Rick as well but we know he was an amazing and deeply caring person. And Lisa, you were such an amazing teacher to our son Jackson. One of the best. Our hearts are so very sad.*

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**Bobbi Schroepel** - May 07, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Rick, a long-time colleague whose dedication to our work and the Deaf community left a lasting impact. Our thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time. Rick’s kindness, advocacy, and legacy will not be forgotten.

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**Team CSD** - May 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ My sincere sympathy to you and your family, Lisa.  
May God comfort you.

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**Patsy DeVries** - May 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss

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**Matthew Bultena** - May 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Rick was an amazing guy and will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.*



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**Sabrina O'Neill** - May 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *My heart goes out to all of you. I did not know Rick personally but, I felt like you always shared his spirit and love for his family through all your posts. My prayers for all you!!*

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**Terina Vant Hul-Capon** - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *My heartfelt condolences go to Rick’s family May the Lord give you all thee comfort and strength you need â 𑍓,* 🙏

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**Cheryl Brimmer** - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Got to know Rick while working on the movie Wild Prairie Rose. He was Troy Kotsur’s ASL interpreter. Such a nice person and excellent interpreter. Condolences to his family.*

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**Erica Fishman** - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Hearing this news broke my heart. Please know I'm holding you in my thoughts and wishing you peace and comfort.*

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**Marlee Dyce** - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Honor for Rick Norris passed away sorry praying 🙏 thank you.  
Former-CSD Sioux Falls, SD.

David Bisterfeldt - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I am sorry to read this obituary of Ricky Norris. When I knew him as a child he was this skinny little kid. His sisters and I were closer in age He lived a good life it seems and created so many beautiful memories that his family can cherish forever. There isnâ€™t anything that I can say to ease the pain of the loss that you are all feeling. I wish him Godspeed home our CREATOR and for you all to cherish his memory. Much Love

Timothy Matzen - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Rickâ€™s family. His grandmother Vivian Oâ€™Conner was my aunt. I know his sisters Katy and Deb also and grieve for theirs loss as well as for his wife and children. I am so sorry for your loss and am impressed by reading about Rickâ€™s life in this Obituary. Love, Jeanine

Jeanine McCue Forney - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ricks passing! My sincere condolences to his family and friends. I met Rick in the world of interpreting (can't remember exactly where) but knew him to be such a wonderful kind human! Prayers to all.

Toni Dunne - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Lisa and family,  
I had the privilege to work with Rick on many occasions. He was always kind and respectful of others. The last time I saw him was while he was next door to my husband as they both were getting chemo. As I walked by Rick said donâ€™t know you. It was so nice to talk about something other than cancer for those couple minutes. I wish you peace. Remember that grief comes from the gift of being able to love.

Connie Luepke Lamb

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Connie Luepke Lamb - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Lisa and family. You are in my thoughts and. Prayers .God bless you all

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LoAnn ( Loui ) Tuenge - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Not gone, just gone ahead. He will be missed by many of us.

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Deb Kuglitsch - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Words can't describe how we will miss you Rick .You will always be remembered for your strong advocacy and support of the Deaf Community

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Patrick Bilbrey - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ our deepest sympathy to all the family, Hugs and prayers for you

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JIM AND PATRICIA KOERNER - April 29, 2025 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *He was one of the best interpreter and a friend to us. Grant knew him for long time. We love you! Will be great missed.*

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**Grant & Anastashia Davis** - April 29, 2025 at 12:00 AM