



## Eric J. Rape

February 14, 2025

Eric J. Rape, 56, of Whitehall, passed away suddenly on Friday, February 14, 2025 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Twp. He was the husband of Eileen D. (Reichel) Rape, with whom he shared nearly 25 years of marriage. Born in Allentown, he was the son of Edgar Rape and the late Elizabeth A. (Best) Rape. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Whitehall. He worked as a plumber for Maitz Home Services and Modern Plumbing and Heating, as well as Union Local 690. Lastly, he worked for Lehigh Valley Hospital. Eric was a proud dad of his three girls. He will be greatly missed and remembered by his loving canine companion Jynx and for his love of fishing, especially fishing at Rangers Lake and Salmon River fishing. He had a love for NASCAR, especially drivers Dale Earnhardt and Martin Truex, Jr. Mostly, he will be remembered for his fondness of professional bull riding and the trip he and Eileen took to Las Vegas to see the finals.

Survivors: wife Eileen; father Edgar of Anchorage, AK; daughters Jessica E. of Reading, Erica D. at home and daughter Nicole E. also at home; sister Kannette Sewell Grasse and her husband Walt of Dallas, TX; sister in law Sharon D. Reichel; nephew Erik and his companion Stephanie, nieces Morgan and Lauren.

Services: 11:00 AM, Friday, February 21, 2025 at Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St., Allentown. Calling hours are Thursday, Feb. 20 from 6:00 PM

to 7:30 PM and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Burial to follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Allentown.

Memorials can be considered in his memory to Rangers Rod and Gun Club to support their fish stocking and Dream Come True events or Li'l-Le-Hi Trout Nursery (commonly known as the Fish Hatchery)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

1500 Airport Rd.  
Allentown, PA 18109

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 20. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Trexler Funeral Home  
1625 Highland Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 434-9616  
info@trexlerfh.com  
<https://trexlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Calling Hour

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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## Graveside Burial

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FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Jess, Rick and I have been thinking of your mom your sisters and you often hoping you're able to take care of each other and remember your dad. I know your dad must have been a really fun guy and loving father as his girl is the very best. I remember Jack talking about him fondly soon after the two of you met. Sending comfort and love during this very difficult time. Love you, Aimee & Rick

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**Aimee Tyrrell** - February 20, 2025 at 04:45 PM

RC

“ My deepest sympathy and Christian love to Eileen, Jessica, Erika, Nicole, and the entire family at this time of loss and grief. May the peace of the Risen Christ offer comfort and hope in the days ahead.

*Rev. Kevin M. Correll*

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**Rev. Kevin M. Correll** - February 20, 2025 at 09:20 AM

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“ Miss you Eric! So very sorry for the loss of our neighbor and friend. Our deepest condolences to Eileen, Jessica, Erika and Nicole. Will miss the waves, conversations and stories from the picnic table. Hope you're having a beer with Bruce!

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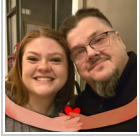
**donna O'Neil** - February 20, 2025 at 06:59 AM

JW

“ My deepest sympathy to Eileen and the girls, RIP Eric my neighbor, Friend and brother you will always be in my heart I Love You! Joe W.

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**Joe Williams** - February 19, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ Eric I only met you once while you were shopping with Eileen and the girls. I must say you made quite an impression on me. You must have been a wonderful man and Father. Every time I saw Eileen she always had wonderful loving and funny stories about you.  
I will pray daily for your family.  
I hope you rest in peace.  
May the sun be on the horizon and the wind at your back. Happy fishing with the Fisher of men.  
God Bless

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**Richard Fritzing** - February 18, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ One of the best neighbors and friends anyone could ever ask for. My condolences Eileen and girls.

*Jerry Glose*

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**Jerry Glose** - February 18, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Eric was a fun and loving dad and hubby. We the ER staff promise to watch over Eileen and the girls.



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**dana** - February 18, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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“ *Téa, Brandon and Heather purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Eric J. Rape.*



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**Téa, Brandon and Heather** - February 18, 2025 at 08:55 AM

KG

“ *Kanette and Walt Grasse purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Eric J. Rape.*



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**Kanette and Walt Grasse** - February 17, 2025 at 09:17 PM

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“ *Kanette and Walt Grasse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric J. Rape.*

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**Kanette and Walt Grasse** - February 17, 2025 at 09:17 PM