



Vicki Leigh Rich

July 11, 1951 - April 18, 2026

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Ankeny, Iowa

Vicki Leigh Rich (Smith) was born July 11, 1951 in Austin, Minnesota to Robert “Bob” and Doris (Childs) Smith. She passed away April 18, 2026 at Mercy one Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Vicki was a woman whose kindness, generosity, and warmth touched everyone she met. She welcomed others with an open heart and gave so much of herself without even expecting anything in return. Her love was steady and unconditional, creating a home filled with comfort, laughter, and care. Her generosity extended far beyond her family, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew her. Her legacy lives on in the love she shared, the values she instilled, and the countless lives she brightened.

Vicki is survived by her children, Tanelle, Chaney (Kelly) and Adam (Karis). Her grandchildren, Chakelle (AJ), Rakelle (Mauryon), Tyrell (Tehya), Ashaylah, Adam Jr., Carter, Kora, Armand and Acere; and her great grandchildren, Ah'leisjah, Amayah (Lejia), Maleija, Lanaejah and Theo. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Doris Smith; brother, John Smith; nephews, Gabriel Smith and Troy Smith.

A Celebration of Vicki's Life will be held 2 PM Wednesday, April 29th, 2026 at the Epworth United Methodist Church 412 Euclid Ave. in Des Moines, Iowa 50313.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in loving memory of Vicki. She will be remembered for her sweet spirit, her giving nature, and the deep love she had for her family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
412 Euclid Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50313

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vicki Leigh Rich.*



April 28 at 09:00 PM



“ *Brandi Smith family & Tex Norrell family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Vicki Leigh Rich.*



Brandi Smith family & Tex Norrell family - April 28 at 05:27 PM



“ *It was such a "Blessing" to have Vicki as my (Sister) ! She had a "Beautiful" Laugh ! She was "Fun" to be around, dependable, smart, a "Brain" on the (Computer) ! Growing up we played an outside "Game" called (Annie I Over), it was so much "Fun" ! Living in Austin, Mn. we had (3 Humming Birds), that we use to "watch" outside our Front Door, it was an "Amazing" sight to see ! I look forward to spending "Eternity" with my (Sister) Vicki in "Heaven", with Jesus and our other "Relatives" ! "Love" you Vicki !!! Your Brother Greg*



Greg Smith - April 26 at 08:59 PM

AA

“ Ashantty A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vicki Leigh Rich.

Ashantty A. - April 26 at 11:15 AM

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“ Whitney Slattery (Searcy) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vicki Leigh Rich.

Whitney Slattery (Searcy) - April 26 at 08:20 AM

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“ Whitney Slattery (Searcy) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Vicki Leigh Rich.



Whitney Slattery (Searcy) - April 26 at 08:20 AM

TF

“ The Rich Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Vicki Leigh Rich.



The Rich Family - April 24 at 08:39 PM

MG

“ Vicki and I worked together at Eaton Corporation. She impressed me with how she always treated the business as her own. She had learned a lot in the family business and generously brought it to the corporate world. Vicki was like a mother or sister to everyone on our team. Patty and I loved Vicki and pray for her family. What an amazing woman! 🙏❤️

Mark Gilk - April 24 at 07:29 PM

SB

“ To Greg & Garry. I was so shocked and sorry to hear of Vicki's passing. I have fond memories of our time together as friends and next-door neighbors. We connected a couple times on facebook. She was so sweet to send kind words to me when my brother Dan died. A big hug to both of you. Sally Kubicek Brown.

Sally Brown - April 24 at 05:20 PM

LI

“ My cousin Vicki was very special to me. She always made me feel like she was so happy to see me and enjoyed spending time with me. When I came to Ankeny to visit, we often went out with other family members, to have breakfast or lunch. She was so generous! I'm going to miss her so much! Vicki made her faith known and I love that we know she's in heaven! Please know i'm praying for you as family.

Linda - April 24 at 03:48 PM

LG

“ I first met Vicki when I married her nephew, Jesse. The second I met her I felt nothing but love and kindness. I remember that as I was leaving after just meeting her, she gave me a kiss on the cheek and told me she loved me and I thought to myself, I want to be just like her. Vicki's smile could light up a room and the love that she gave to all that knew her was insurmountable. I love you Vicki and am going to miss you SO much, Laurie

Laurie Guttormson-Smith - April 24 at 10:06 AM