



## Rick Dietsch

August 11, 1948 - March 14, 2012

Rick Dietsch, age 63, of Ashland City, died Wednesday, March 14th, 2012 at Skyline Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 18th, at 2 o'clock pm, in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View with Rick Wilson officiating. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Jimmy Hayes, Robert Hayes, Rick Wilson, Bill Estes, Donnie Dixon, and Tiger Gagon. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday, March 17th, from 4-8:00PM and again on Sunday from 12PM till the hour of service. Mr. Dietsch was born August 11, 1948 in Wausau, WI to the late Edward and Clarabelle Glazelle Dietsch. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran having served in Vietnam. He was also a retired computer programmer with Dollar General and worked as a Graphic Designer with his wife at their custom embroidery business, Designs for You, in Pleasant View. He had a tremendous love and appreciation for music and played the keyboard and accordion. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sisters, Nancy, Barbara, and Debi Dietsch. He is survived by his wife, Susan Dietsch; sons, Jason (Jennifer) Dietsch of Old Hickory, Eric Dietsch of Ashland City, Danny Dietsch of Ashland City, and Quenten (Jodie) Vanderford of Ashland City; daughter, Mandy Vanderford of Panama City Beach, FL; brothers, Steve "Grizz" (Linda) Dietsch of Merrill, WI, Don Dietsch of Eagle, WI; and grandchildren, Kolton Dietsch, Phoenix and Isaiah Vanderford, all of Ashland City. The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Nashville Blues Society or Nawty Dawg Big Heart, LLC. All donations may be sent in care of

Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com) AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- PLEASANT VIEW, TN (615) 746-4433

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I only knew Ricky by being one of Ecco's pack on Facebook. His comments stood out as they were so funny and I enjoyed them so much. He had a wonderful sense of humour and was obviously very kind with helping Ecco and Ma in the past. He will not be forgotten and I feel privileged that I was lucky enough to have known him

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**Sue Jackson** - March 18, 2012 at 06:59 PM

BE

“ I am one of Ecco's Pack.  
I never met Ricky but always loved his posts on Ecco's page.  
Sending prayers from South Georgia  
You will be missed

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**Beth** - March 18, 2012 at 08:41 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ricky's family. I never met Ricky but knew of him through some of the great work he did helping Nawty Dawg Big Heart. His actions demonstrated that he was truly a man with a Big Heart and the world is a better place because of Ricky.

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**Dan and Sherrie Sherry** - March 17, 2012 at 05:21 PM

JC

“ The main memory that sticks in my head with Mr. Dietsch was when he took a group of us up to the state capital and museum in Nashville. I will never forget how surprised I was when I saw the third row seat in the back of that station wagon and we all fought to sit back there. Thanks for your activity and participation with us all when we were in the Boy Scouts. Farewell to a good man and father.

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**Joshua Casey** - March 17, 2012 at 04:39 PM

BN

“ We are sad to hear what has happened to Rick. He will deeply be missed. If you need anything please let us know. You are in our thoughts and prayers!!!!

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**Benji, Nikki and Ben Nixon** - March 17, 2012 at 03:50 PM

RS

“ Thank you, Ricky, for all of the joy you have brought to my family's life. I will always appreciate your loving and tender spirit, your joy, and the passion you had for Amy's project Nawty Dawg Big Heart. The world is a better place because you were born, and now you get to dance with the angels. Until we meet again, Godspeed and blessings.

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**Robin Tate (Amy Hines' sister)** - March 17, 2012 at 03:23 PM

SJ

“ I am one of Ecco's pack. I have laughed so many times at Ricky's comments on Ecco's page on Facebook and I know many others have as well. He was such fun and his sense of humour was second to none. He was very special to us and his memory will live on in all the family and in his Facebook family. We will never forget him. Our lives have been enriched by having the privilege of knowing him

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**Sue Jackson** - March 17, 2012 at 03:16 PM

SD

“ Susan and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. The wound left in your heart is raw and fresh, but it is true...only time will heal. All those firsts you will experience over the next year will be painful, but then one day you will realize Ricky is safely tucked into a corner of your heart and you can move on...I have been there...ten years ago. Like so many in Ecco's Pack, I often read his posts and enjoyed his humor, we will all miss him!

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**Susan Dunn** - March 17, 2012 at 02:54 PM

JG

“ I am one of Ecco's Pack.  
I never met Ricky but always loved his posts on Ecco's page. Although I may live far from you, and have not met any of you, know that my thoughts are with you during this time.  
Ricky's spirit lives on, and rest assured that Ecco's Pack will remember him.

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**Joanne Gunning** - March 17, 2012 at 01:58 PM

IH

“ I want to express my/our condolences. I am a packmemeber of the spinone group in Sweden and I know how much Ricky meant to Amy and Ecco and also to us in Sweden.. I know for sure that he was a very friendly animal lover and also very talented in his work... We are with you in thoughts in your grief..  
Spinone Greta and mum IB Henriksen

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**IB Henriksen** - March 17, 2012 at 01:10 PM

SV

“ Godspeed Ricky Godspeed! As we carry on our days, know that you touched the lives of many through that big naughty dawg Ecco! Our love and our prayers to your family as they mourn your passing. Each day will be easier and the hurt will be less but your memory and the legacy of love you left behind will continue to bloom and grow.

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**Sandra Voyles** - March 17, 2012 at 12:27 PM

PL

“ I only knew Ricky from Facebook (the Ecco D'Oro connection) but his humor and kindness was evident. He will be missed greatly by his Facebook friends. Love and prayers to Ricky's family.

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**Patricia Langford** - March 17, 2012 at 12:25 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. My prayers are with you. I didn't know Ricky personally only from Ecco's facebook page. But Ecco's and his ma said you were a great man and they loved you very much. Rest in peace.

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**Donna Rodriguez** - March 17, 2012 at 11:02 AM

LB

“ I am a member of Ecco's pack and am very saddened by the loss of this sweet man! I always enjoyed his comments regarding Ecco's shenanigans and then found out how instrumental he was in helping Ecco & family start their website business. I believe there is a special place in heaven for those who help animals! May he rest in peace and may God bless you!

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**Laurie Boettner** - March 17, 2012 at 10:56 AM

CH

“ I'm going to miss Ricky's insightful and very humorous posts to Ecco's FB page, but most of all I'm going to miss the unfaltering support he and Susan have given to the Nawty Dawg Big Heart philanthropic thrust. Ricky's heart was every bit as big as Nawty Dawg's, and I will treasure the memory of this very special man. Ecco's grandma

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**Charnell** - March 17, 2012 at 10:53 AM

DA

“ I am a friend of Ecco's. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray God will strengthen you ... Comfort you ... And love you as only He can ... I pray you will find comfort in precious and funny memories and that your heart will begin to heal with each remembrance. I am praying for your family ...

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**Darla** - March 17, 2012 at 09:57 AM

VB

“ I am sorry that I am unable to be there in person. Please know that Ricky's family and friends have my deepest sympathies and I will keep you all in my prayers for peace, healing and strength during these difficult days.

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**Val Butterfield** - March 17, 2012 at 09:42 AM

KW

“ *My condolences to your family. It was great getting to know Ricky through Ecco. He was a wonderful person and I know will be greatly missed by many*

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**Katie Waterman** - March 17, 2012 at 09:21 AM

JO

“ *Ecco and his family, especially Ma, are sad these days because of their loss but the pack is there to support them just as you would Rick. RIP  
Jocelyne and Lucky.*

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**Jocelyne** - March 17, 2012 at 08:35 AM

KH

“ *To the family and friends of Rick: My thoughts and prayers are with you in the devastating time. May God bless you all. He will be greatly missed by all.*

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**Kelly, friend of Naughty Dawg Big Heart** - March 17, 2012 at 08:23 AM

HE

“ *Hello- I am a Facebook friend of Ecco the dog's. I never met Ricky and yet I heard so many good things about his gentle and generous heart. I believe he will live in many hearts of both friends and strangers.  
You're an inspiration, Ricky. May God be with your family in these difficult days.*

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**Heather Edwards** - March 17, 2012 at 12:52 AM

IB

“ Dear Susan and Family, It was with heavy heart that I received the news of Ricky's passing. His posts on Ecco D'Oro's wall were always most entertaining! Susan, we are praying that you may find peace in knowing that we were with you every step since last Sunday. We deeply care for you and your family. Remember the Pack will always be there for you! All my love, Irene Binggeli

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**Irene Binggeli** - March 16, 2012 at 10:42 PM

AH

“ On behalf of your Nawty Dawg Big Heart Family, Ecco D'Oro and your friends from all over the world, we love you Dietsch Family. Ricky's memory will live long and strong through the charitable work that we will continue to do in his name. We were blessed to be a part of his life and know the world was a better place because of him.

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**Amy Hines** - March 16, 2012 at 10:21 PM

DS

“ I have never met Ricky. I 'know' him from Ecco's facebook page. I enjoyed his humor and compassion. He will be missed.

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**Debbie Stephens** - March 16, 2012 at 10:15 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to read about Rick. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Susan and the rest of the family.

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**Jim & Shirrin Hutchens** - March 16, 2012 at 12:55 PM

BM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. We both worked with him for many years at Acme Boot. He was a fine gentleman and certainly loved his family. You are in our prayers.*

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**Ben & Pam McCaslin** - March 16, 2012 at 11:31 AM