



Richard Allen Zema

July 5, 1965 - April 9, 2026

Richard Allen “Rick” Zema Obituary

Richard Allen “Rick” Zema, 60, passed away on April 9, 2026, in Missouri City, Texas. He was born on July 5, 1965, in Oak Lawn, Illinois, to Chet and Mary June Zema.

Rick spent most of his life working in sales, where his outgoing nature and warm personality set him apart. He never met a stranger and had a remarkable gift for conversation. His genuine interest in others made people feel instantly at ease, and over the years, many of his clients became lifelong friends.

He had a passion for cooking and entertaining and was an exceptional chef. Rick found joy in bringing people together, sharing meals, and creating lasting memories around the table.

In his free time, Rick enjoyed fishing, reading, and playing poker. He was a natural storyteller who always had a joke ready to share. A devoted Chicago Bears fan, he rarely missed watching a game and often gathered with fellow fans to cheer on his team.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Chet and June Zema, and his sisters, Donna (Edward) Konopasek and Ann (John) Jachim.

He is survived by his son, Ethan R. Zema of San Antonio; his brothers, Michael (Josephine) Zema, Chet Zema, John (Lynda) Zema, and Daniel Bovee; his sisters, Nancy (Michael) LePore, Darlene (David) Navarro, and Dorothy Hernandez; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rick will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.