



Marion Jack Rickard

July 24, 1955 - August 31, 2020

Marion Jack Rickard, Jr. died August 31, 2020 surrounded by his loving wife and children. He was 65 years old.

Jack was the oldest of five children of Marion Rickard Sr and Ben (Emerson) Rickard. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Cape Girardeau in 1973. Following his graduation, Jack enlisted in the US Navy. He proudly served onboard the USS Midway as an Aviation Support Equipment Technician. Following a distinguished tour in the Navy, Jack enjoyed a career as a technical writer in the defense industry.

Jack was a Mensa member and an early adopter of new technologies. His keen intelligence helped him to see the value of the internet as early as the 1980s. He started Boardwatch, a high tech bulletin board company. Supported by a strong team, Jack developed Boardwatch into a successful magazine which he sold in 1998.

Following his initial professional success, Jack proudly returned to his hometown of Cape Girardeau. While in Cape Jack continued to pursue his interest in innovative technologies including aviation and electric cars. In 2008 Jack established EVTIV, an internet based platform that taught individuals methods to convert cars into electric drive vehicles. As electric cars became popularized, Jack expanded EVTIV to focus on solar power storage.

Jack was an active supporter of the community and was dedicated to preserving the historic Cape Girardeau waterfront district. He was an active parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he sang in the choir.

He is survived by his four children and their families whom he loved deeply, his siblings, numerous extended family members and friends, and his loving wife, Jill. Jack often said, "every Jack needs a Jill."

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau, with parish prayers at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Thursday, September 3, 2020 at Old St. Vincent Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Allan Saunders.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, with full military honors.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Sprigg St. Chapel
118 S. Sprigg St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Parish Prayers

SEP 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel
118 S. Sprigg St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Mass

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Old St. Vincent Catholic Church
119 South Spanish Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

TC

“ reposting from David at slashdot. it's a fitting comment for this memorial site:

"I've only paid for a magazine subscription once in my life — to Jack Rickard's Boardwatch magazine, which through the late 1990s was the geekiest read in town."

You can still read 70 issues of the magazine from more than 25 years ago at Archive.org

100B humans have lived and died. Jack is one of the exceptional few that give credit to our species. RIP!

Tommy Casanova - June 03, 2025 at 01:45 AM

KM

“ *I was looking up Jack for a book I'm writing and found this site. I had the pleasure of meeting him a few times, at ONE BBCCON '93 and '94. A welcoming, encouraging, and kindly man with a mind as sharp as a razor. A bright light for many, many people.*

Ken McCarthy - September 24, 2024 at 10:48 PM

PK

“ *It seems rather strange that I would be writing this so many years after Jack's passing but I just found out today as I searched for old friends on the Internet. Everyone talks about Jack's life with his Internet business and electric car technology but I don't know anything about those things. I served with Jack during the Vietnam War on board the USS Midway and can only say that Jack was a lot of things but most importantly, he was my friend. RIP Jack.*

Paul Kilanski - July 03, 2024 at 10:36 AM

VB

“ I started watching EVTVM the last few months of Mr. Rickard's life. Listening to him helped create more financial security for myself and my family. I didn't have the honor of knowing him and I know that this might not normally be the place for financial matters, but his brain and wisdom helped me so much. May he rest in peace. Condolences to his wife and family.

Victor B - October 24, 2021 at 12:47 AM

DA

*Come to Cape Girardeau
EVTVM.E
SEPTEMBER 13-17, 2023
TO HONOR JACK , HIS WORKCAND MEMORY*

Dandanthedrivingman - September 07, 2023 at 10:24 AM

TR

*Thank you for sharing your experience and sentiments, Victor.
Sincerely
Tom Rickard*

Tom Rickard - September 17, 2023 at 07:00 PM

NL

“ I came across Jack on a search for solar house tips, and was immediately hooked. My all-solar house is based on the technology he and his team developed. Jack was brilliant, funny and wise, all in one package. My condolences to his family and his EVTVM team on his loss, he was one of a kind and we will really miss him.

Nick Lappos - January 15, 2021 at 09:33 PM

ER

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Eric - November 03, 2020 at 06:29 PM

HR

“ Tears in my eyes at the sad news of Jack's departure. I was lucky enough to meet him in the Wonderful EVCCON2012, 8 years back. He wrote his name in the History of EV. I will miss his articles and videos, a world's heritage. Warm regards from Mexico City.

2001 VW EV Classic Beetle, 200Mile range. He could have been proud of this conversion. Good Bye Visionary Master Jack Rickard, you were ahead of the rest of us, next time here do not abuse of food and cold drinks. Thank You

Hector Ruiz

Hector Cesar Garcia Ruiz - October 02, 2020 at 03:43 PM

PS

I used to love reading Boardwatch when I was a kid and it's probably one of the things that spurred me getting into computers and then making it into a good career. A few years ago I rediscovered Jack on EVTV. He knew a good thing when it came along. 😊 I will really miss seeing him on EVTV.

Peter Sachs - November 16, 2020 at 10:02 PM

DL

“ I first became aware of Jack with his Boardwatch magazine in the 80s and recently with EVTU. While I did not know him personally, I found him captivating to listen to and had respect of his knowledge and personality.

David Lawley - September 19, 2020 at 08:43 AM

OM

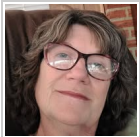
“ Jack was very knowledgeable and funny. He was very informed on all topics. I would miss his conversations.

Omeyimi - September 16, 2020 at 05:05 AM

JO

“ Jack was a wonderful teacher. He enjoyed explaining all things technical. He willingly passed on his knowledge. I will miss watching his videos and read his thoughts.

John Oram - September 09, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ My father spent many hours with Jack at the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport discussing airplanes, boats, "their" river and other interesting topics. Dad passed away July 9, 2020... hope both Jack and dad are enjoying their flights.



Special note to Andy, so very, very sorry to hear of your loss. You might recall meeting my dad at the airport in August 1980, as a perquisite to taking me out on my first car date. Prayers sent for you and your loved ones during this sad time!

Tammy Jones - September 08, 2020 at 07:05 PM

SS

“ My condolences to the family afterward. I truly admired his indomitable spirit. He was a smart man who had a heart for the little guy. I especially enjoyed his sense of humor at both himself and other remarkable people. I credit him for sparking my interest in energy production and self sustainability. His videos were informative and entertaining. Mr. Rickard was the science teacher or shop class instructor I wish I had when I was in high school. Farewell Sir. Now you get to go have intelligent scientific discussions with the author of all creation. God himself. Peace tou and your family.

Sean Sullivan - September 06, 2020 at 07:37 PM

GB

“ Will always remember Jack as a ND friend partying at “the levy”. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family.
Gail (Schetter) Buzzotta

Gail Buzzotta - September 06, 2020 at 10:11 AM

SM

“ I have only known of Jack for about 8 months when I ran across his videos on You Tube. I have grown to Love and Respect him. I just don't know what to say right now. Tonight my son and I toasted a glass of DR..Pepper to him. In closing I would like to say that Jack left this world a much better place for his presence. May the Lord hold his wife and his family in his hands.You are in my prayers.
Steven Monath

Steven Monath - September 06, 2020 at 12:39 AM

KK

“ Jack you were the most insightful speaker on the topic of EVs. I enjoyed every second of your wisdom and videos and will continue to watch them for years to come. Rest In Peace my YouTube friend.

Kevin Kingsmore - September 05, 2020 at 05:47 PM

AP

“ Thinking of your family at this very sad time. We watched you avidly on the electric topic in Brum UK.. Mac and April RIEP



April - September 04, 2020 at 04:56 PM

JS

“ What an inspiration to mankind. Always enjoyed his views on any subject .We could use more people in this world with his wit and knowledge.

Jim Switzer - September 03, 2020 at 10:09 PM

DH

“ I was friends with Jack's sister Patti and her family. He was the big brother that would always relent when Patti begged to borrow his car, when we were teens. Jack was brilliant and I enjoyed his quick wit. My condolences to Patti, and Jack's entire family.

Denise Simms Hopkins - September 03, 2020 at 07:37 PM

ND

“ Jack was inspirational to me as an Engineer.
I enjoyed his technical insight and clarity whilst reading and watching his Content Online.
Thank you for taking the time to educate us all Jack.

Nick,
Elgin, Scotland

Nick Davidson - September 03, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JA

“ Joseph Barletta, Founder&CEO, Smart Charge America purchased the Starbucks Coffee Condolences for the family of Marion Jack Rickard.



Joseph Barletta, Founder&CEO, Smart Charge America -
September 03, 2020 at 11:36 AM

JB

“ Jack,

We just missed each other bud. Thank you for all that you have shown us in life and within the EV community. I always referred to you as the GODFATHER of EVs and that will stay with me for the rest of my life as I celebrate yours. I will see you again my friend, soon enough, we love you and miss you more than you know, we'll be praying for you and your family in this time of celebration, Godspeed my friend!

Joseph Barletta - September 03, 2020 at 11:28 AM

IP

“ *To Jack Family,
Jack was a real inspiration to me with his fine mind and integrity.
Regards
Ian from Australia*

IAN M PATON - September 03, 2020 at 05:27 AM

AM

“ *It caused me great sadness to hear today of Jack's passing. His website, blog and frequent videos were brilliant and an inspiration to me and many others all over the world for the last ten years and more. His work was beloved here in Ireland by my brother and me. Our condolences to his family on their sad loss.*

RIP Marion Jack Rickard.

Anthony McCarthy

Anthony Joseph McCarthy - September 02, 2020 at 06:19 PM

FN

“ *I extend my sympathy to the family of Jack Rickard, one of the most interesting and unique individuals in Cape Girardeau. He certainly made a difference in this community, and contributed to the advancement of science and technology in the world. He will be missed by the river that he loved.*

Frank Nickell

Frank Nickell - September 02, 2020 at 04:57 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Jack record. Although I never met Jack, He has been a tremendous influence in my life. He was a wonderful man and a brilliant man. His vision of a renewable electrical energy future for us all was an inspiration, and resulted in my purchase of both Tesla stock and a Model Three. My condolences to his family and all the thousands of people who loved him and were enriched by his presence in their lives. May he rest in peace.

Stewart R. Soileau - September 02, 2020 at 11:25 AM

KM

“ Jack and EVTV Videos , were greatly liked by me . I was very impressed with this in-depth knowledge and his drive towards adoption EVs and solar/battery technologies.

You will be greatly missed .

*God Bless
Kartik Mehta*

Kartik Mehta - September 02, 2020 at 10:36 AM

Jl

“ Marion and family,
Jack will be truly missed. He had a very sharing soul and was a leader in the EV/Battery community. We had the pleasure of meeting him and his team at the first EVCON 2012 which we enjoyed very much. We drove from WA state to Cape Girardeau with our EV in tow it took 3 days to get there. Now days we could easily drive there with the Tesla and some of that is due Jacks commitment to move the EV progress.

I never missed an EVTV.

You are in our thoughts.

Jim & Angela Hanna

Jim - September 02, 2020 at 10:27 AM

JM

“ Someone beloved around the world. Deepest condolences to his friends and family. James McC.

James McC. - September 02, 2020 at 10:18 AM

EK

“ You were a great inspiration to me, as well as the inspiration for some extremely successful Tesla investing! Thank you for all your work on behalf of the EV community and the world. Rest in peace, Jack.

Ed

Ed K - September 02, 2020 at 08:08 AM

DA

“ Jack,

Thank you for sharing so much with the world. Your humility and faith is an inspiration.

Dan.

Dan - September 02, 2020 at 07:23 AM

RO

“ *Jack, we never met but your content on EVs was inspiring. Know that you lived a full and meaningful life and brought knowledge to somebody from across the world in Australia. Rest In Peace, dear friend.*

Rob - September 02, 2020 at 06:44 AM

DJ

“ *I know you said you were ready to go, but, I'm truly sad that you're gone. Rest in peace*

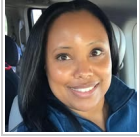
David J Horst Jr - September 02, 2020 at 05:25 AM

RQ

“ *Dear Jack, your YouTube videos created a legion of EV owners and fans of all ages and in many countries who appreciated your honest, smart, funny, pull no punches delivery and were appreciative of how generously you shared your vast knowledge. Really sorry to see you go and I hope you had an absolute ball driving your new Model Y. Rest in peace.*

Rose Q

Rose Quinn - September 02, 2020 at 05:00 AM



“ *Much love, Jack. The boys are looking forward to seeing Paw Paw again in heaven.*

Marthaa

Marthaa Torres - September 02, 2020 at 12:57 AM

CM

“ *Heartfelt Condolences! Offered up a Mass and Rosary for Jack and his family today. God Bless!*
Bill and Carol (Weber-class of '73) Morrow

Carol Morrow - September 02, 2020 at 12:53 AM

BJ

“ *What a great wit he was. I just loved some of the things he would come out with. Sad we won't get the hear more from him.*

Bruce Jackson - September 02, 2020 at 12:05 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Marion Jack Rickard.*



September 01, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marion Jack Rickard.*



September 01, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *Susan Zhang purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Marion Jack Rickard.*



Susan Zhang - September 01, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *You will be missed Jack!*



Sara Walters - September 01, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy. Janice Unger*

Janice Unger - September 01, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *So very sorry for you loss. He will be missed. - God's Peace and prayers - Paul and Sherry James*

Sherry James - September 01, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marion Jack Rickard.* ”



August 31, 2020 at 10:45 PM