



## Francis Eugene Rich

November 3, 1949 - April 3, 2021

Frank Rich, who entertained the community each year with elaborate Halloween displays, died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage on April 3, 2021.

Born on November 3, 1949, Frank was adopted by Eugene and Emrie Rich. He grew up in Pacoima, CA and lived in Redlands for the last 41 years.

Frank worked as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service for 32 years, first in Glendale, CA and then in Highland, CA. He was well-liked by his patrons and even stayed in touch with some of them following his retirement.

Frank was a proud and devoted Christian who clearly exemplified these values through his service to others. Immediately following his retirement, he served as a citizens patrol ranger for the City of Redlands. He then volunteered weekly with Refresh and Renew, a local non-profit providing showers for the homeless. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Frank stepped up once again by serving meals to those in need.

In addition to his community service, Frank was also an engaged member of Christ's Church Yucaipa and known for his consistent presence helping out with services, Bible studies and various tasks and duties required to keep the church running.

One unique thing that stood out about Frank was his fervent passion for Halloween. For over 35 years, Frank thrilled the local community with annual Halloween events consisting of detailed haunted houses and spooky landscapes. Each year his displays grew in size and scope – sometimes stretching for blocks – as he partnered with organizations and individuals who shared his love of the holiday.

Frank was an avid movie watcher who also enjoyed hiking and sharing his favorite dark beer with a friend or neighbor. In his younger years, he was a long-distance runner who completed 8 marathons. Frank died while exercising, which was a symbol of his enduring commitment to living an active life.

Frank is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sandra Rich, his stepdaughter and husband Nicole and Erik Ruzek, granddaughter Naomi Ruzek, brother Hardin Rich as well as many close friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Refresh and Renew ( showers for the homeless) PO Box 8662, Redlands, CA 92343.