



## Evan John Ringquist

August 6, 1962 - May 13, 2014

Evan John Ringquist, 51, of Bloomington, IN passed away surrounded by his loving family at IU Health Bloomington Hospice House on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 after a courageous battle with cancer. The family would like to thank the compassionate and caring doctors, nurses and staff at IU Health Bloomington Hospital, IU Bloomington Hospice House, Caregiver's of Bloomington and IU Health Simon Cancer Center.

Evan was born in 1962 in Minneapolis, MN to Lois and Earl Ringquist. He is survived by his beloved wife, Laurie, and his beautiful daughters, Rachel and Hannah. He is also survived by his mother, Lois Ringquist, brother Eric Ringquist, and brother Erling (Beth) Ringquist and nephews Reed and Cody. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Ethan.

Evan graduated from Moorhead State University in Moorhead, MN in 1984 with a degree in Political Science. He received a Master's degree in Political Science, followed by a Ph.D. in Political Science and a Master of Science degree in Land Resources all from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Evan was a professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX for 3 years and

at Florida State University in Tallahassee for 9 years. Evan joined the faculty at Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs in 2002. Evan found the perfect fit at SPEA for his research interests in public policy and the environment. Evan is the author or co-author of three books and numerous journal articles.

Evan was recently named the inaugural recipient of a professorship that honors the memory of Lynton Keith Caldwell, a distinguished scholar in the fields of environmental policy and administration. Caldwell was one of the key catalysts for the founding of SPEA in 1972 as well as a principal author of the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act. Caldwell was a hero of Evan's and motivated much of his work. Evan was honored and humbled to receive this distinction.

Evan was actively involved in numerous quantitative research projects but he also believed strongly in being a good teacher and mentor to his students. He had a reputation for being a demanding faculty member but one who was respected by his students and colleagues. To quote his Associate Dean, "He had a passion for living and a commitment to be a force for good in the world."

In his private life, Evan loved the outdoors and loved adventure travel and fishing anywhere and anytime he could put a line in the water. He particularly loved being on Clitherall Lake in Minnesota where his family has had a cottage since 1919. Evan also had the talent to make, fix or do almost anything, from building furniture for his daughters to tapping maple trees for syrup. He was an involved and loving

father. He was so proud of his daughters and taught them many important life lessons that they will carry with them always. Evan was married for 23 years to the love of his life and they modeled for their daughters and for those around them what a loving and supportive marriage should be.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 2014 at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Bloomington with receiving hours from 2-4 pm and a luncheon immediately following at the Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana University Foundation, P.O. Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402 for the benefit of the SPEA Doctoral Program or to the Clitherall Lake Association, P.O. Box 1, Clitherall, MN 56524.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I stumbled in here quite by accident. I was going through some undergraduate papers I wrote and came across one I wrote for a class he taught on Science, Technology and Public Policy. I have always enjoyed a comment he put in the margin of one of my papers: "I am not sure that this attempt at a policy analysis is better than no attempt." There was a text he assigned that I held onto for the longest time, but have recently lost. I could not recall the name, so I went looking to see where he might be teaching -- needless to say, I am very sad. Very, belated condolences.

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**James Frank Solis** - October 14, 2025 at 08:23 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of a husband and a daddy. Our prayers for your lives without Evan will continue throughout the years.

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**Jeff & Rachel Hanson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

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“ I had Evan as a student at Howe School in Minneapolis. He was always a favorite . . . full of vim, vigor and vitality! One time when we were alone in the classroom, I called him the "sunshine boy" because his shining eyes and captivating smile were so everpresent. His reply was given with a big grin, "Well, don't call me that in front of other kids!" Way back then, Evan loved learning and wanted to teach. He certainly applied himself and made it to the top. He had integrity and passion . . . and I'm sure that his students and all who knew him benefitted in so many ways from having him as an important part of their lives. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family, both in Indiana and those in Minnesota. With special love and blessings to Lois.  
Ginny Holm

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