

Richard, known as “Rick” to his friends, was born in Southern California but eventually found a home in Iowa. He developed a deep passion for hawking in the 60s and 70s, working with Redtails, Cooper’s Hawks, Prairie Falcons, and Kestrels.

Richard “Rick” N. Woods

1952–2023

Rick was renowned for his exceptional skills as a hood maker, and he made most of his own equipment. He trained his German Wirehaired Pointers and hawked with them as well.

He was an influential figure in Midwest peregrine recovery efforts and took pride in his contributions to the falconry community. Rick was known for his generous hospitality, often inviting fellow falconers to his home to experience the thrill of hunting Iowa's game birds, and friends recall that he always allowed his guests the first slip.

