



## Richard Eugene Halstead Sr.

December 3, 1947 - February 6, 2018

Richard Eugene Halstead, 70, prankster and lover of all things related to fast cars, died February 6, 2018 at his home in Bellevue. Richard was born December 3, 1947 in Three Rivers, Michigan to Herbert and Doris (Crawford) Halstead. He was a very funny person who loved to joke around. His passion was going fast, he was known for his love of cars (especially hot rods), racing, and as a gear head. Richard was very proud of his service to his country, serving in the Army during Vietnam, he was honorably discharged and later enlisted in the Air Force for 3 ½ years, and after his honorable discharge again enlisted, this time in the National Guard. Richard married Marie A. Roth on October 4, 1969. They loved spending time with family, and traveling, especially out West.

Richard is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marie; son, Rick (Amber) Halstead Jr.; daughter, Laura (Robert) Wiborn; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Geraldine Jaquez; and brothers James (Linda) Halstead, John (Paula) Halstead, and Roger Halstead. He was predeceased by his parents, and brother, Herbert Jr.

Funeral services are Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Chuck Jenson officiating. Visitation will be just prior to the service from 1-2 PM on Sunday, February 11. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Wounded Warrior Project. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Richard on his Tribute Page at <http://www.PrayFuneral.com>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**      01:00PM - 02:00PM

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401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

**FEB**   **Memorial Service**                      02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 10, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ Thank you Dick for your services. You will never be forgotten. To the Halstead family your in our thoughts and prayers. And to Pray's Funeral Home well done on a awesome tribute for a awesome guy. RIP Dick

**Beth Hall** - February 10, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ Thank you for your great video on my brother Dick, it was very well done.

**Geraldine** - February 10, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ awesome video remembering my Uncle Dick.

**Grace** - February 10, 2018 at 10:54 PM



“ Thank you for giving us this beautiful reminder of how loving & loved he truly was we were blessed to have him in or life's and will be missed greatly so thank you for this beautiful video!! Rest with your angels!! Love you always FuzzyBear!

**Veronica Medina(Niece)** - February 11, 2018 at 02:41 AM



“ I met Dick in 1988. He was the President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Post#329 based in Vermontville, MI. I was a fairly young high school social studies teacher in Charlotte. I always felt that the Vietnam veteran was treated poorly when they returned to American soil after their service. The next year, I invited Dick and a few other Vietnam veterans to talk to our students at the school. So began the Vietnam Veterans Roundtable at Charlotte High School.

Dick Halstead is the main reason I started the program and it will turn 30 years old this May. He was an honorable man who answered our Nation's call and continued to serve by educating thousands of students about the Vietnam War. Thank you Dick for changing my life forever, when he invited me in his home in 1988 and told me about his experiences, I realized that I had to do something to honor him and all of our Nam vets for their service. I will miss him greatly. Rest in Peace Dickie.

Your buddy johnnie mo.

**John Moran** - February 11, 2018 at 11:55 AM

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“ Good times with a great guy at the track! He is the reason his son and i got into cars, with our cars we didn't have time to get into trouble well..... Too much trouble any way, i finally got my licenses back! He surely will be missed! Love and prayers to the Halstead family



Lance Brumm - February 11, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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“ I remember when my sisters, mom and I lived in California when I was in 8th or 9th grade, my Uncle Dick drove truck and whenever he had a load to drop off in California, he'd come visit us and make sure we girls were ok since our dad (his brother) was aboard ship. He'd make us laugh and smile and we were so blessed to have an Uncle who looked like our dad and had a similar personality. We will miss you Uncle Dick, you were the best.  
love always, your niece Grace Marie.

Grace Halstead Sarsfield - February 11, 2018 at 12:07 AM

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“ Dick was a nut, and I mean that in only the most positive way. He always had a funny comment or a humorous story, and I enjoyed the heck out of talking with him. Every time I saw him race my Gremlin or the Kenosha Killer, it put a smile on my face. Watching him giggle like a kid while doing a massive burnout was pure joy. Dick, I will miss you. Godspeed, my friend.

Tom Guarr - February 10, 2018 at 03:46 PM

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“ 39 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 10, 2018 at 02:17 PM

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“ Veronica Roth purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Eugene Halstead Sr..



Veronica Roth - February 08, 2018 at 10:15 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Richard and Marie at the Vietnam Veterans 4th infantry's reunion in Fort Meyers Florida in 2014. Richard was not feeling well and was scheduled for dialysis while there which was set up by his Dr prior to their trip. I was fortunate to be able to take him and Marie to get this done. My husband and I drove to Florida as most did not. On our trip to the dialysis center and on the way back to the hotel Richard was being funny. I only wish I could remember all the things he said. I do remember passing by a place where they sold boats and sail boats. He looked out at them and said “ Marie you want to go buy a boat”. I only wish these Vietnam Veterans would have gotten this reunion together many years prior to this one, as this was their first one after 46 years of serving in Vietnam together. My husband was the first to pass away after this reunion on August 31,2015. Marie, you and your family have my sympathy and prayers in the loss of Richard. I know he had to be a wonderful and one of a kind man. R.I.P. Richard, and God bless your lovely family.

Bonnie Ray - February 08, 2018 at 05:54 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Eugene Halstead Sr..



February 08, 2018 at 03:33 PM

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“ My memory that has stuck with me from many yrs ago is when I rode with him up to Aunt Doris, and Uncle Herbs trailer up by 6 lakes. Made it in record time never went under 90 until we had to slow down in a little burg. I have always loved speed, but this took it to all new level. xoxo cousin.

teresa hammontree - February 08, 2018 at 01:16 PM

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“ I meet Dick so many years ago, it seems like a life time ago. We met over the fenders of our two AMC muscle cars, his, a 1970 Rebel Machine, and mine a 1969 SC/Rambler. I told him of my wants for a Machine to and he said his brother knew of one sitting. A week later, he and I "Road Tripped" to the place where that car was. A week later, he and I and my wife went back and towed it back home. Dick sold his Machine and got a SC/Rambler and I sold my SC/Rambler, but kept my Machine. My wife and I met his wife, Marie, and there two children that day too.

Dick and another friend of ours, Tim O'Brien, who also owned an AMC muscle car, and myself, started a car club for local AMC car owners called, the Mid-Michigan AMC Car Club. He and I ran the club for many years. He also got us involved with a National AMC car Club to, caled the AMO.

A funny story was his surprise 40th birthday party in a little old school house out north of Vermontville. He was quite shocked to see every one there when he and Marie walked in. He never expected it. A sad story was when he called me and asked for help in cleaning his house after a house fire in Potterville. The damage was not to sever, but enough for him and his family. I helped him wash walls and more in there so they could move back in.

Dick was a good friend back then and still is. Over the years, we both moved in different directions. After a while, I lost contact with him. But, we would meet up at the AMO Regional Meet in Livonia, Michigan and swap lies, and tell "Tall Tales" that two friends could share. I've missed hearing from him over the years.

Now, 41 years later after meeting Dick, and knowing of his passing, I'll remember him now every time I go out and fire up my Rebel "Machine" that he helped me find.

Michael and Linnea Levi

Michael Levi - February 07, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ Dick is going to missed by all who knew him. He was a good friend and helped me understand what PTSD was all about. He has wings now and some day we will meet again. Rest In Peace My Broter. Tom Williams

Tom Williams - February 08, 2018 at 03:42 PM

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“ I worked with Richard at Spartan Motors. He was funny and had lots of stories that he loved to tell. Richard was one of the good guys in life. He will be remembered by me with a smile on my face. I am proud to have met and spent time with him. He was a great guy!

**Lynn Garvie** - February 07, 2018 at 06:08 AM