



Richard Alan Lindsay

February 25, 1955 - July 27, 2021

Richard Alan Lindsay, 66 of Charlotte, a selfless and joyful man, passed away unexpectedly on July 27, 2021. He was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 25, 1955, the son of Louis and Agatha (Feldpausch) Epkey. One of Rich's proudest accomplishments was being a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Thoughtful, generous, and devoted, Rich had a heart filled with compassion. He often spent his spare time helping others, doing yardwork or just lending a listening ear. It didn't matter if you were a stranger; Rich was a friend to everyone. He had the amazing ability to bring out the best in those around him. He constantly filled others with words of encouragement and truly loved to see other people succeed.

Rich proudly served in the U.S. Air Force. Rich worked for Michigan Veterinary and Farm Supply as a salesman for over 25 years, retiring in 2011. He also managed numerous rental properties around Charlotte.

An avid sportsman, Rich loved to play golf and most recently won the First Baptist Church golf league. He enjoyed playing on multiple golf, pickle ball, tennis, and softball leagues where he formed many lifelong friendships. All who knew Rich knew he loved to compete, but he also had the amazing ability to make everyone playing feel believed in and valued. This held especially true for his family, he never missed a chance to support his children and grandchildren at all of their events.

Rich married the love of his life, Joan Lindsay, on March 10, 1990 at the First Baptist Church in Charlotte where he was an active member of the church. Together they raised four wonderful children. Rich's adoration for his wife was evident to all who knew him. He made sure Joany, as he affectionately called her, knew she was supported and loved beyond measure. A Godly man, strong in his belief and willing to help all those who crossed his path, he lived by, Romans 12:10, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves".

Rich's enthusiastic personality and outlook on life will be missed by all that met him

especially his family.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Agatha Epkey; and sister, Mary (Dave) Kaiser. He is survived by his loving wife, Joan; daughters, Jaime (Casey) DeMott of Charlotte and Carrie (Michael) Pendell of Dewitt, sons, Logan (Abby) Lindsay of Dexter and Lucas Lindsay of Charlotte; six beautiful grandchildren; and siblings, Fred (Linda) Epkey of Fowler, MI, Kathy (Randy) Simmons of Crystal Lake, MI, Lois Libiran of Plainwell, MI, John (Patty) Epkey of Indianapolis, IN, Christine (Carlos) Libiran of Mason, MI, Charlie (Theresa) Epkey of Post Falls, ID, and Dorothea (John) Sullivan of Elmira, OR.

Friends are encouraged to support Rich's family by attending the memorial service, which is being held at the First Baptist Church in Charlotte on Friday, August 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Memories can also be shared on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. If desired, Rich's family encourages others to do as Rich would do and give their time to helping others. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte
1110 S. Cochran Ave
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *J Lindsay is following this tribute.*

J Lindsay - November 17, 2021 at 01:12 PM

AL

“ *We miss you <3*



Abby Lindsay - September 20, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.*



August 06, 2021 at 07:49 AM

AC

“ *Aunt Verna and Uncle Chris purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.*



Aunt Verna and Uncle Chris - August 05, 2021 at 08:56 AM

JM

“ *Rich was a genuinely kind man, loving husband and devoted father. He always sought to build others up with a complimentary observation or encouraging word. He was an excellent role model for how to be a father and husband. Our family has been blessed that his son, Logan married our daughter, Abby. As parents, we couldn't be more grateful to Rich for providing a shining example of what a husband and father should be.*

Jim and Kristy Manning - August 04, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.*



August 03, 2021 at 11:57 PM

LM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Lisa Mesler - August 03, 2021 at 08:27 PM

LM

Rich playing tennis.

Lisa Mesler - August 03, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.*



August 03, 2021 at 07:12 PM

AA

“ *Sending love and light to your family at this difficult time. Richard's son Logan has been my neighbor for a year now. It is evident that Richard's kindness and joy shine through in his children.*

Aaron - August 01, 2021 at 05:56 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Mesler .After I retired I meet Rich on the tennis courts MSU . He was always a blast .Always wanted to buy you lunch if he hit you. Gave him hell for not playing with us in the summer. He wanted to be with his family more in the summer he was such a sweet guy.*

Lisa Mesler - August 01, 2021 at 08:24 AM

RS

“ Rich was very special to me, even though we lost touch over the years. He was the one who held my hand and let me cry when my dad died, when I was 15. He had a heart of gold and I love him deeply. May God be with you in your grief. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda Sillman - July 31, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.



July 31, 2021 at 06:14 PM

DG

“ May his memory be eternal.

Duane Gliwa - July 31, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.



July 30, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.



July 30, 2021 at 04:34 PM

SG

“ Lindsay family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Rick was always such a positive influence on all who knew him. We will always be grateful for the kind words and encouragement he gave to not only Kollin but all of the kids after every performance he attended.

May you find strength and comfort in your treasured memories. We are praying for you all.

God Bless~

Shane and Kathy Gonser

Shane and Kathy Gonser - July 30, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.



July 30, 2021 at 01:48 PM

BY

“ Brenda & Joel Young purchased the "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of Richard Alan Lindsay.



Brenda & Joel Young - July 30, 2021 at 12:02 PM

MJ

“ I had the honor and privilege of being Rich's employer at Michigan Vet Supply for more than 25 years, and never experienced anyone with a greater work ethic or more determination to succeed. But Rich became more than an employee, he became a trusted friend. I saw him overcome obstacles through his growing faith in Christ and with the love and support of his family, and he became an inspiration to me with his positivity and never-ending enthusiasm. Following his retirement from our company, we continued to see each other frequently at the golf course where we continued our friendship through many conversations. His love for Jesus and his family were always apparent, and his limitless energy would overflow as he spoke of them. My prayers go out to Joan and his family, and I will greatly miss hearing his booming voice when I would greet him with "How are you?" and he would reply "Better than I deserve!" May we all be inspired by Rich's example of faith and love for others, and I rejoice in the knowledge that he is now in the presence of our Savior!

Moe Jackson - July 30, 2021 at 10:36 AM

SK

“ I had the privilege to mentor Richards son Logan while he was serving as a intern in the Corporate Logistics Department of East Jordan Iron Works. Logan preformed very well during his internship. Such a exemplary young man could only by produced by a strong father. Mr. Richard Alan Lindsay did a great job ! . My deepest condolences to the entire family.

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Steven M. Kineman - July 30, 2021 at 07:46 AM

TB

“ I played softball with Rick for several years and he was always a positive player who would often praise our play and always had encouraging words to build us up. I always wanted to play as good as Rick told me I was. When my kids and grandkids would come to one of our games, he would always seek them out and encourage them just because they came to the game. Because I'm out of town on Friday, I will unfortunately miss his service, but will remember forever what a great man he was.

Tom Bolt

Tom Bolt - July 29, 2021 at 09:52 PM

LL

“ I will miss my brother and his infectious laughter. My heart aches for his beautiful wife and family. Whenever we got together he would tell me of all his families wonderful accomplishments, and how grateful he was to have Joan, his children and grandchildren so close in his heart.

Lois Libiran - July 29, 2021 at 06:56 PM

LW

Lois, I'm so sorry for your loss. I don't think I've seen Rich since high school. I remember him (and you) in band, him playing the trumpet along side Brian Benjamin. I always thought that the band kids shared a special bond, which is a special memory from FHS. May he Rest In Peace.

Lorraine (Van Ells) White

Lorraine White - July 30, 2021 at 07:23 PM

EW

Lois, I'm so sorry to hear of Rich's sudden passing. We were friends in high school. To read of his love and devotion to his family, friends and faith is not a surprise having known him. Bless you all and may he Rest In Peace.

Ellen (Simon) Wheeler

Ellen Wheeler - August 01, 2021 at 09:52 PM

LL

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Lois Libiran - July 29, 2021 at 06:43 PM

JN

“ *I only met Rich a few years ago playing softball. He was the one reason I came back to play this year. I'm a better person getting to know him. He was a very special man. Going to miss him very much. Jack Norris*

Jack Norris - July 29, 2021 at 06:02 PM

BE

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Brian Epkey - July 29, 2021 at 01:06 PM

JV

Richard was a Godly man. He loved his Lord with all his heart. This is what made him such a unique man. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and brothers and sisters so very much. He put others before himself, and was a valued member of First Baptist Church. He will be greatly missed by many, but he is in the arms of his Savior Jesus Christ. We will see him again some day.

Janice Vinson - July 30, 2021 at 08:54 AM

SH

I played softball with Rich over the last several years and he quickly became a good friend. He had a smile all f the time and was always encouraging others. You could tell that he was a man of faith. He will be greatly missed.

Steve Husch

Steve Husch - July 30, 2021 at 09:31 AM

BY

Rich was a great guy. I will miss him coming into the church to say hi every week. His smile and warm personality was infectious and I was proud to call him a friend. Brenda Young

Brenda Young - July 30, 2021 at 11:51 AM



Met on the tennis courts at MSU. Quick hands and a great player, he'd be quick to attribute a great shot to "luck". From fierce competitor to best friend in a flash.

Mark Swanson - August 03, 2021 at 10:12 AM