



Richard "Rick" Berry Jr

December 10, 1963 - November 27, 2022

Richard "Rick" Alverson Berry Jr., 58 of Eaton Rapids, a man so loved and respected, died unexpectedly on November 27, 2022. Rick was born in Lansing, Michigan on December 10, 1963, to Dick and Marjorie Berry. He graduated from Holt High School in 1982. He then married his high school sweetheart, Karen Cole, in 1986; together they raised two sons that he was extremely proud of, Ben and Brian.

From a young age, Rick loved working with his hands and learned the family business. He built hundreds of houses, breaking dirt all the way until the finish work. His expertise touched every part of each build. His attention to detail, and hardworking spirit made him the person that everyone counted on. If you asked Rick, life was about working hard and playing harder.

Laughter was also important to Rick; he always had a good joke and would even laugh at his own jokes even if no one else did. It's impossible to sum up someone who will be remembered for a million little things- but his determination to have a good time, swim in the ocean, break a new trail, and dance to a good band is the part of him that lives on in his family and friends forever.

Rick's career took a different path the moment he became a grandpa. Spending time with his grandkids, seeing the world through their eyes, was

one of the most important things to him. He even once told his wife. "You raise your kids to enjoy your grandkids." His best friend was his grandson Cole and he finally got his little princess the day his granddaughter Camryn was born.

Of all the things Rick did in his life, his marriage to Karen was the thing that he was most proud of. The life they built together, the places they went, the kids they raised, and the memories they made together is the fairy tale most people dream about. As long as Rick had Karen, he had it all. His sons will even attest that the best advice he gave to them was, "The most important decision you make in this life is who you choose to spend it with." Rick knew he won the jackpot in this life by marrying his best friend.

Rick is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Ben (Ashleigh) Berry and Brian (Dayna) Berry; grandchildren, Cole Alverson and Camryn Marie; sister, Kim (John) Berry-Smokoski; nephews, Ian and Dylan; father-in-law, Larry Cole and brothers in law, Mike and Keith Cole. He was predeceased by his parents, Dick and Marge; and mother-in-law, Shirley Cole.

Friends are encouraged to support Rick's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Thursday December 15th from 1-3 and 5- 8 pm. Funeral services are Friday December 16, 2022 at 2 PM at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte, with Pastor Doug Johns officiating.. Immediately following the service there will be a Celebration of Life Dinner at Country Creek Reception Hall, 5859 N Michigan Road, Dimondale, MI 48821

If desired the family suggests memorial contributions to Tuesday Toolmen. Envelopes will be available at Pray Funeral Home.

The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfunera

I.com, click on Rick's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or media from your smart phone). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

DEC 15. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church
210 E. Lawrence Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 16, 2022 at 07:13 AM

WL

May the Lord comfort you all and give you peace 💙💜

Wanda Longbrake - December 16, 2022 at 02:26 PM

SR

“ My deepest condolences and sympathies to all of Rick's family and friends. He never met a stranger and that smile...cherish all the memories and may they help lift you in this terrible time of sorrow. Love Always~Sabina

Sabina Ramont - December 16, 2022 at 01:25 PM

GB

“ Im thinking of all of the family in this most difficult and shocking time of your life. My deepest sympathy to you all. Rick was a fantastic man and he will be missed. Prayers to you all. Gary Buckner

Gary Lee Buckner - December 16, 2022 at 12:22 PM

JA

“ *Jameel Abdo & Amy Abdo purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



Jameel Abdo & Amy Abdo - December 15, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 15, 2022 at 10:13 AM

PS

“ *Patty, Eric and Spencer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



Patty, Eric and Spencer - December 15, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 15, 2022 at 03:01 AM



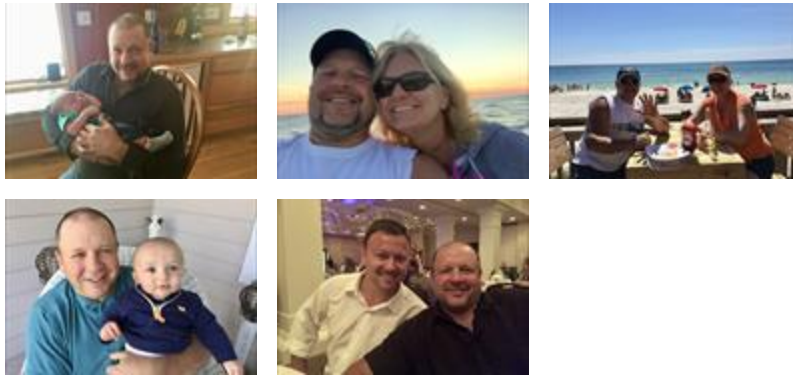
“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 14, 2022 at 07:46 PM



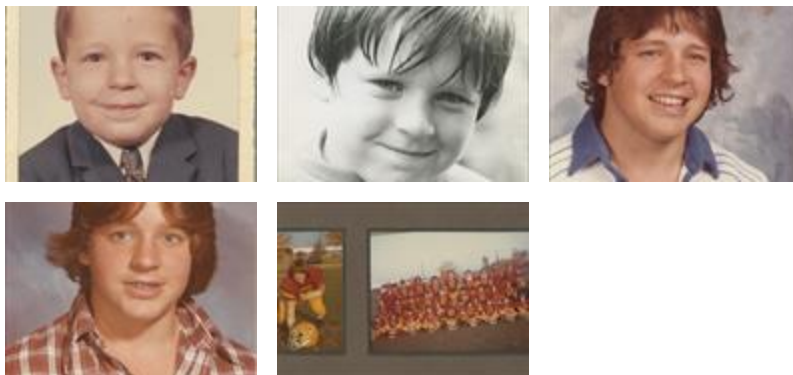
“ *21 files added to the tribute wall*



Benjamin Berry - December 14, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ *28 files added to the tribute wall*



Brian Berry - December 14, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 13, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ *Howard and Sheri Soldan purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



Howard and Sheri Soldan - December 13, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Karen, Ben, Brian, and Kim. My deepest sympathies to all of you and your families. I'm still in shock from hearing the news. Rick was one of those guys that didn't have a mean bone in his body, and no enemies, only friends. Although we haven't hung out in quite some time, I still have fond memories of our high school and post high school good times!*
Howard Soldan

Howard Soldan - December 13, 2022 at 02:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 13, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 13, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 12, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *I did not have the luck or privilege to know Rick and Karen as long as most of you have, but I do consider it an honor that I was able to call them friends. Whether it was the joy and camaraderie of the annual Christmas Eve party, the nighttime boat rides on the lake or biking around late at night in Traverse City, you knew if they were involved, it was going to be fun.*

Rick's laugh and excitement with which he lived were contagious. I loved hearing him regale us with their tales of exploration out west, what mischief or wonder they encountered 'on this two-track', or in some 'hole-in-the-wall beach bar'; it was always an adventure I could never even imagine experiencing.

Gone way too soon. Rest well, brother.

Alan - December 12, 2022 at 02:43 PM

AL

“ 3 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Alan - December 12, 2022 at 01:37 PM

PK

“ Pat Kuri purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.



Pat Kuri - December 12, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.



December 12, 2022 at 10:03 AM

FF

“ Our prayers are with Karen and family. Our families camped and snowmobiled at Riverpark campground together. Rick was a great guy.

Fudge and Vickie Franklin

Floyd Franklin - December 11, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.



December 11, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Berry family. Rick (Ricky, as I remember him) and his sister Kim grew up a few houses down from us. Haven't seen them in many years, but have so many fond memories of us all growing up together. Rest in Heaven Ricky, and I am so very sorry for your loss, Berry family and friends.



Patty (Miles) Roost

Patty Roost - December 10, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ Our hearts are broken for you and the boys and their families, Karen. Rick was such a favorite of ours, always willing to help out with whatever we needed. We have so many wonderful memories with all of you. We are so very saddened by your loss. Much love to you all ❤️

Dennis and Mo Fyock - December 10, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 10, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ *Karen and Family,
I am so so very sorry to hear about Rick's passing. Karen, you have been in my thoughts since I heard the news, and I cannot imagine all you have had to go through. Rick always had a smile and kind word to share and his pride for you and his family was always present. Prayers will continue for you all as you navigate this unplanned road. Cherish the wonderful memories you have made. Hugs.*

Betsy (Hall) Zietlow

Betsy Zietlow - December 10, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 10, 2022 at 05:51 PM

WL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wanda Longbrake - December 10, 2022 at 05:18 PM

LN

Dear Rick Berry Family,

We are deeply saddened to hear this news. We remember Rick and his entire family with much fondness. We will continue to pray for you and send our deepest condolences.

*Peace and love,
Lowel and Pat Nash*

Lowel and Pat Nash - December 10, 2022 at 06:56 PM

WL

“ Wanda Longbrake sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr



Wanda Longbrake - December 10, 2022 at 05:17 PM

DG

“ *Dear Karen and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. My heartfelt condolences, thoughts & prayers are with you all.*

Deb Green & family

Deb Green - December 10, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 10, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ *So terribly sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful man. I met Rick through my brother Howard. The bond and camaraderie between them was obvious to all. My deepest condolences to the entire Berry family as you all hold a very special place in my heart. Praying for peace and strength during this most difficult time.*

Edie M. Kimball - December 10, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *So proud to be a friend of Rick's all these years. He and the Berry and Cole families welcomed me in just like family. Not only did I lose a friend, but a brother as well. We'll all be together again one day with our heavenly Father. Godspeed, Rick!*



Mike Wiggins - December 10, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Berry Jr.*



December 10, 2022 at 11:12 AM

RM

“ Rick built a nice garage for me. Many memories. Lucky to have known him. A good guy. Dick Middaugh

Richard Middaugh - December 10, 2022 at 08:35 AM