



Richard Allan Williams

June 26, 1937 - September 28, 2013

Richard Allan Williams, 76, a long-time resident of Charlotte, Michigan peacefully passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Richard was born June 27, 1937 in Battle Creek, Michigan. The son of Edna (Knoll) and Richard Williams, Dick was preceded in death by both his parents and his siblings, Joyce, Bill and Rodger Williams. He was married to Joyce Arlene (Donihue) Williams of Gull Lake for 54 years. Dick is survived by his sister, Louise Chapman of East Leroy, MI and his children; Timothy (Claudine Hannold) Williams of Charlotte, Dawne Cohoon of Lansing, Robin Wolever, Cheryl (Trent) Smith of Charlotte; grandchildren: Ashia (Christopher Cosey) Smith of Atlanta, GA, Hunter Smith, Danielle Cohoon, Travis Cohoon, Scott Wolever and Raychel Wolever; and his great-grandchildren, Ares and Taj Cosey. Richard "Dick" Williams was a Michigan State Police Trooper from 1960-1985. He retired as a Detective Lieutenant with the Fire Marshall Division in Lansing. He was one of the first MSP dog handlers along with his cherished German Sheppard, Hondo. Dick owned and trained a number of successful harness horses over the years. This hobby and his family were his passion. For many years following his retirement from the Michigan State Police, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Joyce. They spent winters in the south running a number of harness horse race tracks where he will be missed by many friends and business associates. Per Dick's wishes, a private memorial will be held with his immediate family. In his memory, donations can be made to ALIVE in Charlotte where he enjoyed spending his time, catching

up with his MSP buddies and friends. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

EL

“ You all have been like a second family to my family. We love you all so much and are so sorry for your loss. If you need anything please do not hesitate!! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Much love, Joey and Erin

Erin and Joey Lekovich - October 04, 2013 at 09:47 AM

MB

“ Dear Dawne and Family, my heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to you and your family for the loss of your father. Sending prayers and wishes for comfort for you all during this difficult time. Lots of love! Monica Bowman

Monica Bowman - October 02, 2013 at 01:04 PM

JS

“ Dear Joyce and fam; I have so many memories of times spent with you and I always feel happy in those thoughts, for Dick was always so much fun to be with. He was a good person who will be greatly missed by so many people and will be remembered as a man who followed his passion and cared for other people. He left a legacy as he enriched our lives. Deepest sympathy. Oh-I still love Pedro!!!

Jan (Jacobson) Sjoquist - October 01, 2013 at 12:27 PM

DR

“ Robin, my sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your father; a remarkable life of service.

Douglas Robinson - October 01, 2013 at 09:25 AM

CQ

“ Robin - my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. During these sad times, happy memories will help you through.

Christine Quinn - October 01, 2013 at 06:11 AM

RW

“ Robin, may the God of Comfort be with you and your family during this most difficult time. You're in my prayers.

Rayetta Wyatt - September 30, 2013 at 04:34 PM

DH

“ Prayers are with you and your family.

Deborah Hardeman - September 30, 2013 at 04:04 PM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Chad Wilson - September 30, 2013 at 03:30 PM

TS

“ Dear Robin, so very sorry to hear of your loss. I lost my mom in April 2006 and I got messages from all over, back when when we had a DVOP in every county. sorry for your sadness, it seems there is a lot of that going around.if you need anything just call me and I will try my hardest to get it for you. May peace be on you and your family at this most difficult time



Timothy J. Sheahon - September 30, 2013 at 03:24 PM

KR

“ To my bestest coffee buddy. My prayer is that your family will be drawn closer together and the Lord will draw you closer to Him. Ken

Ken Rapelje - September 30, 2013 at 02:53 PM

CH

“ Robin, I am with you & yours in thought & prayer, as is our Great Father in Heaven. Let me know how I may be of service to you & yours. Respectfully, ch

Carrie Headworth - September 30, 2013 at 02:50 PM

DM

“ Robin, My sympathies at the loss of your father; you and your family are in my thoughts & prayers.

David Marin - September 30, 2013 at 02:41 PM

RM

“Dick and the pranks he used to pull on the secretaries in the Fire Marshal Division. He insisted we save the string every day for him that tied the mail bundles together. He made a ball of string and said he was going to scale down the side of the building on the day he retired. And he told Donna Niles he thought she was getting a little "hippy", so he measured her between a file cabinet and the door opening. Every day he would move the file cabinet over about 1/2 inch, so eventually it was appearing as though Donna was indeed gaining weight in her hips. I remember a huge bruise she gave him when she eventually figured it out. That was sooooo Williams! Work was never the same after he retired. And now life will never be the same without him here. My sympathy to Joyce and family.

Raini Majeske - September 30, 2013 at 01:45 PM

KJ

“ Offering prayers of comfort and blessings for your entire family. God bless.

Kathleen Jenkins - September 30, 2013 at 07:38 AM

NE

“ Our sympathies on the loss of your loved one. I have a happy memory of Dick, my classmate (55). He, Ted and I rode back and forth to play practice. Those two guys were always pranking me, as I was the driver. It seems so long ago, but then almost like yesterday.

Neisha(Kelley)Klein - September 30, 2013 at 07:01 AM

SA

“ We are so very sorry for a loss. I loved to see him in the office. I always enjoyed seeing him and talking with him. You will always have such wonderful memories of him. Prayers for comfort and peace. Hugs to all

Sherry and Ed Allen - September 29, 2013 at 09:56 PM

NL

“ In our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family.

Nancy and Scott Lumley - September 29, 2013 at 09:28 PM

CH

“ Tyler, Thank you for helping us follow through with Dad's final wishes. We couldn't have asked for a better job.

Cheryl - September 29, 2013 at 08:55 PM

KC

“ *we knew Dick & Joyce from Spring Garden Ranch---our thoughts & prayers to his family*

Kendra & Al Casselman - September 29, 2013 at 08:29 PM