



## Rickey Dean Rochester

October 20, 1953 - May 21, 2014

Rickey (Rick) Rochester, 60, of Charlotte passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Rick was born October 20, 1953 to Robert and Bertha (Moore) Rochester of Eaton Rapids. He graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1971. In June 1978 he married Cindy Wright. Rick worked at Krown Manufacturing, Carefree, Spartan Motors, and Ward Craft in Quality Control, before going to work full time for the Army National Guard as a Federal Technician. He served in the 119th Armored Division in Charlotte, and transferred to the 177th Regiment of the Michigan Army National Guard until his retirement as Master Sergeant in 2013 after 36 years. During his time in the Army National Guard he was recognized as soldier of the year. Rick enjoyed bowling, and had an avid interest in cars and restoring vehicles including his current project a 1984 Corvette that he had worked on for the last three years. Rick was a quiet man of few words, except when you got to know him and then he became a man of MANY words. He always spoke well of others.

Rick is survived by his wife, Cindy Rochester, sons Ross Rochester of Kalamazoo, MI, and Kirby (Rachel) Rochester of Rochester, MI, granddaughter Bostynn Rochester, and sisters Marie (Don) Principato of Arkansas, and Cindy (Craig) Boatman of Eaton Rapids. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services will be on Tuesday, May 27, 10:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Reverend Arthur Salisbury officiating, and interment to follow at

Fort Custer National Cemetery at 12 noon. Visitation is at Pray Funeral Home on Monday, May 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled Veterans of America or Eaton Community Palliative Care. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Rickey Dean Rochester*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 02, 2015 at 12:06 PM

DN

“ *Rest easy. I've known Rickey for a few years from work. He was always upbeat and friendly. You will be missed.*

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**David Noggle** - May 27, 2014 at 09:52 AM



“ *Rickey Dean Rochester*

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May 26, 2014 at 11:14 AM

RA

“ *My thoughts and prays go out to Rick's family may Rick RIP. I had the honor to work with Rick at MMA. He was a true professional all the way. He helped make MMA a better place.*

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**Rafael Arceo** - May 25, 2014 at 10:20 AM

DK

“ Cindy, I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing! I send you my deepest sympathy! My thoughts and prayers are with you along with your children and family! May God comfort you through this most difficult time!!

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**Debbie Hickey DePriester Kemp** - May 22, 2014 at 04:10 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear about your dad, Kirby. I will be thinking about you.

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**Jennifer Cowan** - May 22, 2014 at 03:47 PM

BW

“ RIP Rick. Thank you for your service for our country. Condolences to family and friends. Olivet MI

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**Bill & Joyce Welch** - May 22, 2014 at 02:40 PM

RR

“ My heartfelt condolences to “Rick”’s family. He served his country well and surely will be missed. I had the honor of working alongside Rick on several occasions at the Wisconsin Military Academy.

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**Ron Stoflet (1SG Retired)** - May 22, 2014 at 01:07 PM

FP

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family. Rickey will be missed.

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**Floyd Peplinski** - May 22, 2014 at 09:20 AM

SF

“ Marie and Cindy, I am so saddened to hear of the loss of your brother. Please know that your families are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry.

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**Sue Fears** - May 22, 2014 at 09:02 AM

DG

“ So sorry for the loss of Rick. I worked with him on orders for a while. He was a great person. He will be missed by many. Thoughts and Prayers to his family.

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**Danette Gross** - May 22, 2014 at 08:01 AM