



Richard "Dick" Ritz

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Richard (Dick) Ritz â€" 78 years. Passed away on May 22, 2014 to his heavenly home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on November 12, 1935 in Conklin, MI. His parents were Albert (Cap) and Bernice Ritz. On June 22, 1957 he married his wife of 56 years, Sandra Talmadge in Conklin, MI.

Dick was a devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Conklin, MI for his entire life. He was a machine repairman at General Motors, retiring in 1992. Dick enjoyed spending time with his wife, family and friends, polka dancing, traveling, woodworking, winemaking, and hunting. Dick will be dearly missed, but the memories he gave his family and friends will be cherished forever.

He is survived by his wife Sandy; his children â€" Dennis (Anne) Ritz of Hemlock, MI, Don (Teresa) Ritz of Nunica, MI, Debbie (Tom) Holland of Jenison, MI, Diana (Chuck) Miller of Wausau, WI, and Doug (Kim) Ritz of Hudsonville, MI; his grandchildren â€" Abe, Andrea, Alyssa & Luke Ritz, Kaylee (Josh) Lockwood, Stacy, Trisha, Ben and Lizzy Miller; his great-grandchild, Braxlee Lockwood; his brother â€" Wendall (Donna) Ritz of Garland, TX; his sister â€" Wanda Ritz of Washington Twp, MI; his brothers-in-law â€" Ted (Carol) Talmadge and Tom (Jean Johnson) Talmadge; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters â€" Alva (Kent) Haystead and Eunice (Fernando) De Alba, and his in-laws â€" John and Ruth Talmadge.

Funeral services for Dick Ritz will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 11:00am with Reverend Mark Oswald officiating. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at the Throop Funeral Home of Ravenna from 2:00 to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 8:00pm. The family will also be at the church for one hour prior to services on Wednesday to greet friends.

Memorial contributions are asked to be given to Trinity Lutheran Church. We would like to thank all who took part in caring for him on his journey and all who were part of his journey in life. Some of his last words were â€œI had a good lifeâ€" and indeed he did.



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Go to: www.throopfhravenna.com or Facebook @ Throop Funeral Home of Ravenna to sign the online guestbook.

The Throop Funeral Home of Ravenna is in charge of funeral arrangements.
231-853-6511



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PA

Pamela Austin posted:

I will always remember Dick with Sandy on his arm, and a smile on his face. I loved to watch Sandy and Dick dance the poka.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

JB

J B Bialik posted:

Sandy; Dick was one of those special people. In life you seldom find anyone like Dick, they are rare. I know my time was short and limited with both of you, I learned that integrity and hard work are important, from Dick I remember you must have time to laugh, smile, and have fun. Dick will be missed.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

JR

Jennifer Ritz posted:

my thoughts and prayers go out to the extended family. May the lord be with each and every one of his family/relatives at this time of sorrow.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

KK

Keith Krebsbach posted:

I am very sorry for the whole family, Dick was a special man and so are all his children. May god bless him and his family

November 1 at 8:00 PM

TK

Teri Krebsbach posted:

I am so sorry for your loss, what a wonderful and kind man. His children learned from him well. All my prayers, Teri Krebsbach

November 1 at 8:00 PM



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CB

Cynthia(Ritz) Blanchette posted:

Dear Sandy and family: I am sorry to hear of Dick's passing . I did not know him well but enjoyed seeing him at the reunions and was a happy ,kind man. Will really miss seeing him. Our heart goes out to you and your family. Praying God's peace ,love and presence encamp around you at this difficult and hard time .Sorry we were not able to make the services.Take care. Love cynthia and Roger Blanchette

November 1 at 8:00 PM

BK

Blair And Susan Kahrs posted:

Thinking of you during this difficult time. May the love and kindness of family and friends bring you comfort and peace.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

JF

John & Cathy Freeman posted:

Wendall, Sandy & family,John and I are so very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. We only got to see you two when you came to Texas to visit, but feel like we've known you forever. Dick was such a kind hearted man and the love between you two was so beautiful.We know your hearts are full of sadness, but hope that you can find comfort in knowing that Dick is in the arms of our Lord in heaven.Prayers for you all,John & Cathy Freeman

November 1 at 8:00 PM

GN

Gregg Noga posted:

I'm sorry to hear of your family's loss and hope and pray that God our heavenly Father comforts you during this time of sorrow. I did not ever have the opportunity to meet Dick in person, but I do share in the loss of a parent and it sure sounds like Dick leaves behind a rich legacy for his family to carry on with. God bless your entire family as you heal in these coming months and years ahead.

November 1 at 8:00 PM

LK

Larry & Sally Kravat posted:

So sorry for your loss. I worked with Dick for many years and learned my trade from him. I remember the cook outs we had at Dicks house when my kids were little. They never forgot those wagon rides. You will be missed.

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BK

Brad & Betty Kahrs posted:

Across the miles found out about your loss. I wanted to express my condolences for your family's loss. Brad Kahrs

November 1 at 8:00 PM

DD

Dan And Debra posted:

Dear Sandy and Family, Our hearts are heavy and so sorry for your loss. Dick was so special and we are blessed to have spent time with both of you at polka dances and so much fun on tropical vacations. We have wonderful memories that we will cherish for our lifetime! You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and peace. We love you so much.

November 1 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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