



## Rick Bera

May 25, 1939 - July 17, 2020

Rick K. Bera, age 81, passed away on July 17, 2020 while surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 25, 1939 in Highland Park to Steve and Lee Bera. Rick was a graduate of Royal Oak High School and spent much of his life in the Royal Oak area. He married the love of his life and childhood sweetheart, his wife of nearly 60 years, Marlene Fritsch on August 27, 1960. Rick was an avid golfer and loved spending time at the track watching the horse races. When his children were young, the family took several trips to Gatlinburg and Niagara Falls where they all hold fond memories of their time together. He loved Las Vegas and one of his happiest memories was taking the whole family on their first trip to his favorite place! More than anything, Rick's favorite role in life was being a Grandpa. He was loved and adored by all 11 of his grandchildren. There was never a time when Grandpa didn't have a grandkid by his side. Through their school years, he helped his kids by being a caregiver and driving all of the grandkids to and from school every day, often making 2 trips. He will forever be remembered as the best Grandpa in the world!

Beloved husband of Marlene. Loving father of Kelly (Mickey) Pettey, Richard (Molly) Bera, Tracy (Marc) Curran and Kristy (Philip) Musick. Proud grandfather of Ryan, Sydney, Shelby, Nikole, Jack, Allyson, Lily, Samantha, Brendan, Joseph and Trevor. Dear brother of Steve "Skip" (Sandy) Bera and Lynn Pulgini. Rick also leaves behind many incredible nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital are appreciated. There will be no public services at this time. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I haven't see him in a long time but I'll always remember his beautiful sparkling eyes and smile and his gentle demeanor. I've always been so inspired by the enduring love story of he and Marlene. I wish the Bera family comfort and peace at this difficult time.

Barbara Doherty Hathaway (Bubba)

**Barbara D Hathaway** - July 25 at 01:34 PM

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“ I remember Rick's smile & energy from high school, but my most recent memories come from the breakfast meetings of our high school class at the Coney in RO. I would always ask Rick about his grandchildren and I especially loved his story of how he and Marlene would caravan them all to school & back. They are lucky grandkids and he will live on in them. Marlene, I will keep you in my heart & thoughts.

**Shirley Davis Tomczak** - July 20 at 11:13 AM

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“ Rick and I were extremely close friends and brothers-in-law many years ago. We married sisters, Marlene and Geri--we were 'the Fab 4'. Our biggest laugh together came at the expense of our young and gorgeous wives. We had just come back from an enjoyable night out. I sat down on the couch still with my jacket on. When you see Marlene, she may or may not tell you the rest of the story. I am Dick Collins.

**Dick Collins** - July 19 at 09:04 PM