



## Richard Michael Calverley

December 30, 1955 - December 13, 2011

Richard M. "Rick" Calverley, age 55, a resident of Royal Oak, died December 13, 2011 at home with his children and wife around him after a long courageous battle with cancer. Rick was born December 30, 1955 in Pontiac, but lived all his life in Royal Oak. He graduated in 1974 from St. Mary High School of Royal Oak, where he met and married his wife and best friend, Lois Anne Franz. They were together for 38 years and married for 31 years. Rick was the third generation co-owner of Calverley Heating and Cooling, working at the family owned business since 1981. He was the company President for the past twenty years. Rick belonged to the Junior Officers of St. Mary's and this year was entered into the J.O. open Hall of Fame of which he was awarded as the first ever inductee. He was an active member of the Royal Oak Elks for 26 years, where he won many awards including Officer of the Year and Elk of the Year. He volunteered countless times for many charitable causes through the Elks. He was a longtime employee of Calverley Heating & Cooling. Rick played many sports throughout his life. He was an excellent pool player and loved playing golf with his son and fellow Elks. He was also a music aficionado, regularly saying, "Children are my life, but music is my sanctuary." Rick was so loved by his in-laws that they built him a new garage this year. Rick was the beloved husband of Lois; loving father of Kristen Seth Reese and Richard J. "Ricky" Stephanie Miller; cherished son of Richard J. and Marion; dear brother of Thomas April, Peter Mary, Paul, James Susan, Carole Steve Wilson and Ann Marie Doug LaPine; also survived by many

loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and in-laws. He was predeceased by his grandparents, William and Helen Calverley and William and Helen MacDonald. Memorial visitation Saturday 9 a.m. until time of Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Rene Catholic Church, Sterling Heights. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ Happy Father's Day, Dad. I miss you everyday. You were the most perfect person I ever met, it's hard to understand why you had to leave so early. Thank you for making me who I am today. I will never be half the person you were.

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**Kristen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

FB

“ It was heartbreaking to have you suffer so much; God must love you greatly. Bless you my dear and may you rest in peace. Aunt Faye

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**Faye Calverly Bradford** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JY

“ Dear Lois, Ricky, and Kristen, We are so sorry for your loss. You were all such nice neighbors and Rick always had such a friendly smile on his face! We know he is in a better place still smiling. In the future all the memories you have hopefully will comfort you.  
Sincerely, Jeannie & Mike

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**Jeannie Dolson & Mike Yocum** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SL

“ Dear Aunt Lois, Kristen, Ricky and family, we are so sorry about your loss, and you will be in our prayers. R.I.P. Uncle Rick, you were a wonderful and loving husband, father, brother, son and uncle, and the world was surely a better place because you were here, I will always remember your inviting laugh, that made everyone around, want to laugh with you. You will be missed, we love you.

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**Sarah and Anthony Lauer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was a very kind person. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Debbie Sousa Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KA

“ Memories of all the great times we all had together when the kids were young are etched in my mind forever! Rick was fun loving & generous! A truly great heart & soul! He is no longer weary, He is at rest! Lois, Kristen, Ricky and all...take comfort in that he is at home with God & lots of family that has been waiting for him! Love Kathryn & Family

Kathryn - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

GS

“ Lois, my sincere conlences on the loss of your friend and husband, Rick. I can hardly remember a time when he didn't have a smile on his face. He exuded an energy for life which I will not forget.

Gary Schwocho - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

GR

“ To the Calverley and Franz families, I and my family will continue to pray for you in hopes that this will help ease your grief in Rick's passing. I feel like a piece of me has gone to heaven because I considered Rick my dearest friend : so much so I asked him to be my best man at my wedding in 1983. Thanks Rick for all the great memories through the years. Take Care, Greg and Diane Ridenour

Greg Ridenour - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

HC

“ Heartbroken at the loss of my wonderful cousin Rick. All my love to Uncle Dick, Aunt Marion, Lois, Ricky, Kristen, Tommy, Carole, Annie, Peter, Paul, Jimmy and your families. Thinking of you, and wishing I could be there with you on Saturday to remember Rick and celebrate his life. The sheer volume of comments on this site is a great testament to a life well lived.

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**Helen Calverley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SM

“ Lois, I have no words to tell you how sorry I am. Rick was a truly wonderful gentleman whom I'll never forget. Hopefully in time, your many memories of him will make you smile. You all continue to be in my prayers.

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**Sheila Mack** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BR

“ We want to tell you that we were happy to have met Rick at Ian's parties. We will be praying for God's comfort for you all. Bill and Carol

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**Bill and Carol Reese** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MB

“ My heart goes out to all of the Calverley family. Lois, you have my deepest condolences, Tommy I am truly sorry for your loss. Ole Rick I always said you were my best freind and still do. Gonna miss you!

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**Mark Baerwalde** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JP

“ Dear Calverley family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I went to school with Pete and knew Richard a bit. Anyways my sincere condolences and you all are in my prayers.

Jim Partridge - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TP

“ Carole and Steve, Our thoughts and prayers are with your family now and always. God Bless you all.

Tim & Vanessa Prichard - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

CS

“ My prayers go out to your family at this time. I didn't know Rick personally, but know the family thru Dondero. God bless you to keep you strong.

Charlotte Smith Strainovici - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DN

“ Love always,....

Denise & Nathan - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

PC

“ our prayers go out to the entire family. Will never forget the good times in Ft. Meyers beach. Our deepest condolence

Pam & Glen Cordial - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

ES

“ We are truly thankful to have known Rick,you Lois,Rick and Kristin these past few years. We will remember him for the funny, and kind friend he was. our thoughts prayers are with you.

Ed&Terri Bardallis & stupedoe - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

RW

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to the entire Calverley family for the loss of your precious loved one.*

Rosemary B. Wlodarczyk - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

PT

“ *Our sincere condolences to all the Calverley family. Rick always had a smile and was a great guy. May he rest in peace and God bless all of you at this time of great sadness.*

Paul and Monica TammYatooma - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TM

“ *Godspeed to you Rick, go hug my dad for me please. Have some beer and play some cards, tell him we are all doing fine, With love always, Teri*

Teri Maylen - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ *My condolences to all of you. Rick was such a great guy. He had a smile that made everybody light up.*

Judy Calverley - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TA

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. To all of his family and friends, our very deepest and heartfelt condolences. As schoolmates for so many years at St. Mary's and playing football with him, to utilizing his company for our furnace and duct needs, Rick was just a great, standup guy. He will be missed. Wishing you all peace as you grieve.*

Thomas & Joanne Allard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Uncle Rick would hang out at our house with Aunt Lois when I was growing up. He has been part of my life since I was a baby. I was blessed to be the flower girl in Rick and Lois's wedding. I babysat many times for Kristen and Ricky and was able to have one-on-one time with him when he would drive me home. He was so fun. I loved his smile. He was just an all around great guy and awesome uncle.

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**Becky** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I met Rick but did not have the chance to really get to know him. However, I remember his great smile everytime I came to the Elks with my friends. He was a very nice man and I know he will be missed. My condolences to the family.

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**Teresa** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DU

“ Rick- I am saddened that you are gone. I will never forget the laughs and great conversations you and I had. You are and will always be a close friend. Thanks for your generosity and just being a true stand up guy. Traci and I love you brother. Till we meet again.

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**Darrin and Traci Uhlig** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ To know Rick was to love him. We are saddened by this loss. He was such a special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

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**Ross & Pam Deneau** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ So very sad to read this news! Rick was a special guy. He was always kind, funny and down to earth. He helped me with my furnace/air cond. over the years. It would have been nice to have spent more time in his company! I will keep all of your family in my prayers. Sincerely, Susie

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**SusieCalverley Keliher** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Our hearts go out to you in this time of great sorrow. As friends and family lift you and yours in prayer; may you find peace and courage in the days ahead.

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**Mrs. Jennifer Smeltzer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ To Lois, Kristen, Ricky, Aunt Marion, Uncle Dick, Tommy, Carole, Annie, Peter, Paul, Jimmy and all of your dear families: My heart is broken so I can only imagine what you are all going through. Ricky was my cousin, next door neighbor and most importantly, my friend..the kind you can count on one hand. Many years and many miles apart, we could always pick right up where we left off the last time we talked. As some of the other comments here suggest, I take comfort in knowing Rick is with our Uncles & Aunts & Grandparents and if my Dad is still in charge, I'm pretty sure he's holding an ice cold budweiser and being toasted for a life well lived. I will miss you Ricky. xo

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**Barbara Calverley Taylor** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. Rick was beloved by all who knew him, and we will miss him. He always was there to lend a hand, to tell a joke, or share a story. Hearing him call me "coach" was something that always made me feel at home in the club. Rick made the world a better place.

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**Jeff Dinkelmann** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Thoughts and Prayers extended to the entire Calverley Family during this difficult time. I'm sure Rick was greeted by "The Little Flower" and Fr. Solanus Casey with open arms. He will be sending down from Heaven a shower of Roses.

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**William Dixon** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**William Dixon** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Growing up next to Uncle Dick and Aunt Marion, I somehow always thought of Rick as my little brother. He always had more friends than anyone I knew and such a warm personality towards everyone. Rick will be terribly missed on this planet, but I have to smile just a little in the knowledge that he is being warmly greeted as he passes through those pearly gates, by all those aunts, uncles and grandparents from the MacDonald and the Calverley clan. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to learn that he is involved in a Euchre tournament this very day.

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**John Calverley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Rick was a class act with a big heart and great laugh. He will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Lois and family. George and Elaine Samulski

George Samulski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ God has taken one of our builders in life and spirit throught our club and community. You will be truly missed my brother. RIP... Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lois and the family....

Shad and Teresa Garner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Aunt Lois, Kristen & Ricky, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Uncle Rick was one of a kind and he will be greatly missed. My prayers & love are with you all Madonna & David

Madonna & David - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Calverly Clan, It's been a long time since I've seen any of you but, please know my deepest condolances are with you. Having lost 3 siblings over the years I know the deep sorrow you are all feeling. Tommy, if you so desire please feel free to email me so we can speak. Sincerely, Steve Baerwalde

stephen baerwalde - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ We joined the elks together 26 years ago, you've been a good friend and a class act. You will be missed. My prayers are with Lois and the family

Paul Adamczyk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I can't express how grateful I am that you touched the life of my son. The respect that he has learned from being friends with your son only proves what a fantastic father is and shows what an awesome human being the world will now miss.

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**Marc and Michele Hornung** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sorry to hear about Rick. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**Sue Bujold** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We have lost a good and generous man. A great husband and father and always there for everyone. My thoughts of love and condolences go out to the family.

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**Randy Miller** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Heaven has him now, but we will always have him in our hearts. How we will miss that wonderful smile and watching the Lions and Tigers games, and all the generous things he would do for you at the mere mention of help needed. Rick was truly one very special friend to all who loved him.

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**Mike & Sonia Cody** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My condolences to Lois, Kristen and Ricky and all the Calverly Family. Rick, you will be greatly missed by all of us. Always there to help anyone, always so caring and friendly. The perfect host of our family parties. All our love, Carl and Theresa

Theresa Mentkowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rick was such a loving, kind and generous person and he will always have a special spot in our hearts. We will truly miss him.

Maureen and Jess Hackney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so very sorry. You are in our prayers. Hope you can keep the spirit and the hope of the holiday season with you, even in these difficult times. Love, Justine and Emma.

Justine Schrein - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Remembering fond memories of Rick going all the way back to Kindergarten at Washington Elementary 50 years ago.

Tim & Diane Wines - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Lois and family: We are so sorry about Rick. He was a great guy. Hard working, fun loving and ready for anything. We will miss his handsome face down at the Elks Club.

Marge and Jim Syme - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ricks passing. My prayers to Lois and the family. Rest in peace.

**Larry Watkins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Lois, Kristen, Ricky and Family, So Very Sorry to hear of Rick passing, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family. Heartfelt Sympathy, Love, Ken and Linda Zajac, and Family

**Ken & Linda Zajac and Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Dear Lois, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Heaven will be brighter with the arrival of Rick's shining spirit. You are in our prayers. Holly Powell and Gus Kott

**Holly Powell & Gus Kott** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ It is with heavy heart that I read these e-mails. Lois and family: our condolences are with you. We will miss Rick's wit and charm as well as his presence. We love you and will keep you in our prayers.

**Steve&Paula Parrow** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Oh Lois, I am so sorry. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Barb & Ken

**Barb Deale** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *The hand of our GOD is upon all those for good who seek him. Ezra 8:22 I am praying for all the family to seek HIM now for comfort and peace. Your family will miss you very much but will see you again.*

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**JoEllen Czarniak Grant** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *My dearest Rick, You embraced everyone and every thing you came across. You brought joy and laughter to us every time our paths crossed. This world will surely miss you. The world that lays ahead has received a great gift. Lois, Kristen, and Ricky I am so sorry for your loss. John and I are very sad!*

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**patrice Chapman-Holm** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Betty and Ed are so sorry for your loss. Rick and his family were always in our prayers. God Bless.*

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**Ed & Betty Bartz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *So sad to hear of Rick's death. My love to Aunt Marion and Uncle Dick, Lois, Tommy, Peter, Paul Jimmy, Carole, Annie and all the family. I am holding you all close in my heart.*

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**Mary Beth Calverley Benner** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Rick passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Lois and the family. Rest in Peace my friend*

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**Fred Hupert** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Lois Ricky and Kristen we are so sorry we love you. You are in our prayers and thoughts always Mike and Moe Pilkington

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**mike and moe pilkington** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am remembering one particular ride on a ferris wheel at St.Mary's fall festival. That will always be a perfect Ricky memory for me.

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**Dawn Schrein** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ My preys are with his daughter Kristen and his family.He was a very liked and a great man.He will be missed.

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**Marilyn Novak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Ricky Sincere condolences to u and ur family. My god be with u.

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**tiffany mitchell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Sending love to Uncle Dick, Aunt Marion, Tommy, Carole, Annie, Peter, Paul and Jimmy and families; my second family next door. Thinking of all of you. To Lois, Ricky and Kristen, I will think of you and pray that the love of your family will help sustain you in this difficult time.

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**Diane Calverly Drake** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Lois and Family To have a person like Rick touch your life in so many ways is to truly loose a very special person. My prayers are with you Lois and your family at this time of your personal loss. They say God takes the best, Well he truly did.

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**Bill Dyda** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ One of the first "Kids" that I had the honor to coach. He still called me Coach

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**Don Scheid** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My deepest condolences to Lois, Kristen, Ricky and the Calverley family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Rick was a true friend. Fifty years of wonderful memories. I will miss my buddy Rick but know that we will see each other again.

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**Tom Bell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

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**Tom Bell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Rick's passing. God bless all of you and bring you peace during this sad time.

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**Robert & Sandy Tallian** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dearest Uncle Dick, Aunt Marion, Lois, Kristen, Ricky, Tommy, Peter, Paul, Jimmy, Carole and Annie. Sending heart hugs from my family to yours. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap His comforting arms around all of you. Much love to you!

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**Kathleen Tackett** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To Carole and the Calverley Family: Our hearts go out to you in this time of loss. May God bless you and keep you...and Rick...and bring you comfort and strength.

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**Susan Bailo & Mark Williams** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ We had so much fun playing together as children on 9th St. We thought ringing doorbells was being really "bad". His smile felt like a hug , it was so warm and renewing to the spirit. We pushed cars out of snow drifts, shovelled the walks of the neighborhood, and cut the grass in our neighbors.... then went down to Woodward Avenue to throw snowballs at cars. Pound for pound always the toughest guy around, and remembered as one of the kindest at any size. You are missed my buddy!

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**tom reed** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Words, just cannot express our heartfelt sympathy. Scott and Ilene Hill

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**Scott & Ilene** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. May God keep you strong during this difficult time. May Rick's memory live on through his family and friends. With our deepest sympathy...xoxo

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**Jessica & Brian K** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ My heart goes out to Lois, Rick, Kristen and all of Richard Calverly's family. My prayers are with each of you.

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**Gerald LeCureux** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Lois, Kristen and Seth, Ricky and Stephanie and the Calverley Family, We extend our sincere and deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We will always remember Rick's smile, his laugh and his jokes. We had some great years together as a family and as our kind and helpful friend. Rest in peace Rick. We love you. Frank and Saint Rosamond

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**Frank and Rosamond Gleason** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Love and Hugs to Uncle Dick, Aunt Marion, Lois, Kristen, Ricky, Tommy, Peter, Paul, Jimmy, Carole and Annie. My heart breaks for you and all the relatives and friends who loved cousin Ricky. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Marilyn** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ To Uncle Pete and the entire Calverley family, We are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. We send our deepest sympathies and please know that we are praying for the Lord to comfort you in this time of sadness. Love Always, Karalyn and Sam

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**Karalyn and Sam Snay** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ To all the Calverley Family, Our love and prayers are with all of You. Over the years You have become are extended family. Jerry and I share your grief and pray for each of You today and in the days ahead. We love all of You Karen and Jerry Meier.

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**karen meier** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Big Rick was a great man with such a warm personality. I love you all, please let us know if there is anything we can do.

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**Rachael** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Terry and I have been blessed with the privilege of having had Rick and his family in our lives. Rick was a true friend who gave of himself to anyone in need. He served as a role model to all, and will be dearly missed by everyone whose lives he touched. His love of his family and friends will shine down on all of us forever. Rest in peace, my dear friend.

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**Jimmy Powell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Please accept my sympathy for your loss. My prayers are with your family. Brenda*

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**Brenda Durkin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *RIP Rick, you were a wonderful husband father brother and son , and the world was better because you were here, we love you!*

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**carole wilson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM