



Richard James Lawson

September 21, 1944 - November 24, 2013

Richard James Lawson, age 69, a resident of Ferndale, passed away November 24, 2013 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born September 21, 1944 in Highland Park to the late Mancel and Caroline Lawson. Beloved husband of Dessie for 49 years; loving father of Richard Lawson Jr., Larry Tracy Lawson, Gary Lynne Lawson, Robyn fiancé Lance Lawson and Rachael Lawson; proud grandfather of Alex, Ricky III, Abigail, Hannah, Allison, Jackson and Easton; great grandfather of Owen; dear brother of Sharon Bob Weaver, Gloria Joe Vestrand, Shari Lawson and the late Alpo Lawson; son-in-law of Violet Pendleton and the late Lloyd Pendleton; and brother-in-law of Robert Pendleton, Deborah Jim Kaufman, Penny Prieskorn and Allen Pendleton. The visitation will be Friday 1-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In-State Saturday 9am until time of funeral, 10 am at Woodside Bible Church, 6600 Rochester Rd., Troy. Memorial contributions to the Richard Lawson Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Hazel Park High School. Burial at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ It is January 24 and I just discovered this online in the Dondero memorial. Dessie I am deeply saddened - we all met in. 7 th grade. I talked to Richard the 50 reunion and he remembered every detail of the dance contest we won at Barton . Just last week I was trying to find the name of the bar where Dick played - told him I would be there some night. Please call me 248 504-8289.

Cheryl Warren - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Dessie and Family, We were so sorry to hear about Dick. Our thoughts and prayers are will you. Diane and Chuck

Diane Martin Hoffman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I will miss his kind person we had lot of fun and will be miss.

Diane Eisenberger - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ My heart goes out to Dessie and her Family..Richard will be sadly missed,he kept me going after my husband passed away..,Everytime I would go to listen to him sing ,Richard always played one song of my husbands for me,I hope he forms a band up there in heaven along with my husband,May they both R.I.P., You have touched many lives.

Rosemarie Jacobs Alexander - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ When I met Richard, I wore a polka dot dress in the Well ,the bar he use to play at,from that day on he always called me Polka Dot right to the end, and he sure knew how to sing Little Liza Jane, for me. He was a great entertainer, he left me with a lot of Memories. My thoughts and prayers r with his family. And MY FRIEND. Diane polka Dots .

Diane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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BA

“ Rich Lawson was an entertainer for entertainers to emulate. He was special to everyone he knew. He always had a hand to help another. My most prized memories is playing music with him. He was the man and I will never forget him. My prayers go out to his family in their time of sorrow.

Billy Arnet Arndt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ YOUR SINGING WITH THE BEST NOW MY FRIEND. MOURNE FOR THE LOSS BUT REMEMBER THE LIFE.MEMORIES ARE WITH US FOREVER.

JUDY OSBORNE - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *Dessie and Family, sorry to hear of your loss. Stay strong and remember all the good things and good times that you and Richard shared to make your family so wonderful. Your in my families thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Vicki/Dave Hirst*

Vicki Hirst - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Rest in peace, my good friend. Sharing the stage on so many occasions with you was a pleasure and an honor. Thank you for 30 plus years of friendship. We'll all miss you very much.*

Dennis Burr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Dear Richard Lawson family, I am remorseful about your loss and like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loved one Richard Lawson. From personal experience I know that the death of a love one causes pain and grief and sometimes it seems unbearable. The Scriptures contain comfort that can assist us during times of distress. The ransom of Jesus and the hope of seeing my loved one again in the resurrection brought me comfort. I would like to share these three scriptures with you to give you comfort John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Romans 15:4. May the God of comfort give you peace and rest. Mrs. Higgins*

Mrs Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Richard, I will miss Your visits at the 10 mile Fleamarket, the Car Shows, and the Honky Tonk Bars. I'm sure You've started a New Band in Heaven Above. Rest in Peace, My Good Friend. RockBottom Bob*

Robert Milliron - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Lawson family. So sorry for this great loss in your lives and the lives of many. I wish I could be down there with all of you. God Bless you all! Went and saw Richard with my dad several times. My dad Harold Langford was great friends with Richard and Al Alpoc Lawson. Several memories of all of the cool cats hanging out and jamming. My dad would get up and sing with the band when he was up to it. What a great man Richard was and he was loved by so many. Again, so very sorry for this great loss.....:

Jody Langford - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ There are no words of condolence or expressions of sorrow that can comfort you during these most difficult of times. Please attempt to find peace in the knowledge that the memories of Richard will live in your hearts forever and find your strength in your family bonds to ease your pain. My heart goes out to you all.

Martin P. Barner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ My friend and brother Richard Lawson, it is so hard to believe 2 short weeks ago I shared the stage at the recovery room with you in the 30 years I have known you from evelyns lounge to now you have been a good friend and a fine entertainer you will be sorely missed but god has called you home to play and sing in his heavenly choirLove and respect alwaysKenny Diamond

Kenny Diamond - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ If it isn't rude to ask, what did he pass from?

breanna - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Knew Richard for a long time through following him to different places to listen to his great voice. He will be greatly missed. Prayers goes out to his family.

Debbie Alvord - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Richard's passing, What a wonderful man he was! I came to watch him and his band many times and will truly miss him. I remember the first time I saw him, it was my birthday, he asked me to sing Crazy by Patsy Cline. It was a night I will never forget! He and his band, family & friends are the nicest people you'll ever want to meet, My prayers are with Richard's famiy, friends and of course his band. Keep the Music playing guys! I know Richard will be with you caring his very own special tune.

Deanna Patterson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Richard touched so many lives thru his friendship and music. He will be sorely missed

Shawn Perkey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Richard and his band touched so many of our lives with his music. He helped all of heal in some way, and not feel so alone. His following was more like a family and we have not only lost Richard but all the friends he brought together. For his family my prayers go out to them. We all have suffered a great loss both in a freind and a musician and our lives will be empty because of it Fay

Richard Lawson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. Our families have been connected since I was a kid. My heart hurts for you all. May Richard be playing with the best musicians up in the sky! And may you all find peace and comfort in each other. God Bless. Prayers and thoughts are with you, Christine Pollak Chrissy Wright

Christine Pollak - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Mark RichardsRichard I will Miss you and your music all the memories of the jam session's in my mom and dad's livingroom say hi to mom and Dad for me and Hug Granny love you Cuz.

Mark Richards - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ BROTHER, YOU WERE LOVED SO MUCH AND YOU WILL BE MISSED.AND

SHARON AND GLORIA - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Richard brought life, joy and friends to many people with his singing and music. I ended the weekend and/or started the week with Richard on Sunday evenings at the Recovery Room in Warren. I know he enriched my life and will forever be thankful for having known him. God Bless him and his family...May he rest in peace...he deserves it

Barbara Oleyar - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To the Family & Friends of Richard Love from. J,R, Chandler

Jr Chandler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Lawson Family. Very sorry and sadden to hear of Rich passing away. A good friend. A good person. I will always remember Rich and will miss him. God Bless Richard,. God Bless Richard's Family. My condolences, Armen*

Armen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM