



Ricky Lee

March 13, 1966 - January 12, 2026

Richard Perkins Lee, Jr., passed away peacefully with his sister Amy by his side on January 12, 2026. Ricky was 59 years old.

Born March 13, 1966, Ricky grew up in the Gracewood Home for individuals with developmental disabilities in Augusta, Georgia. He lived in a series of group homes and nursing homes until 2014. When his sister Amy learned that he was living in the Life Care Center in Fitzgerald, Georgia, she and her son, Carter, went to visit him. It was the first time they met each other, and there was an instant bond. On June 30, 2014, Amy, her husband Michael, and Carter moved Ricky to Birmingham, Michigan, where he would live with them for the next ten years.

While living in Michigan, Ricky attended a vocational program at Geshar Human Services in Southfield, took swimming lessons, attended art and music therapy at FAR in Birmingham, and was an active participant in Rejoicing Spirits, the inclusive "no shush" service at First Presbyterian Church. Ricky also traveled extensively with his new-found family. Together they would visit 12 countries and 20 states, with many visits to his favorite destination, Walt Disney World. Ricky loved music, basketball, bowling, hamburgers, coffee, and watching *The Price is Right*.

Ricky's health declined in his final year of life, so he moved to the Leidich

Home in Lake Orion, where he had five housemates who became his dear friends and 24/7 care from a staff who loved him, led by Leah Plummer.

Ricky is preceded in death by his father, Richard Perkins Lee, and his mother, Dia Bettencourt Stokes. He is survived by sister Amy Lee Montri, brother-in-law Michael Montri, nephew Carter Montri, sister Dia Stokes Kelly (Dave), niece Katie Kelly, step-mother Susan Carter Lee, parents-in-law Brenda and Larry Montri, step-father John Stokes, aunt Jeri Bettencourt Arnold (Don), and many cousins.

Ricky's joy and enthusiasm for life was evident to everyone who met him, and he will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 2:00-4:00 pm, at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan, with a time for sharing of memories at 3:30 pm. Following the service, we invite everyone who knew and loved Ricky to join us at Birmingham Pub on Woodward Ave. from 4:30-6:30 pm for food, drinks and togetherness in remembrance of our sweet Big Boy.

The family suggests memorial donations in Ricky's name be made to Gesher Human Services in Southfield to support the program "Choices - Service for Persons with Disabilities." Please click on the following link: Donate (<https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/gesher-human-services/general-donation-new-copy>).

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Sharing of Memories

JAN 17. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ricky's many friends at Gesher purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ricky Lee.*



Ricky's many friends at Gesher - January 16 at 02:22 PM



“ - *purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ricky Lee.*



-- January 16 at 01:08 PM



“ *Olga H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Lee.*

Olga H. - January 15 at 09:29 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee.*



January 15 at 03:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee.*



January 15 at 01:39 PM



“ *Brittany and Rachel purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ricky Lee.*



Brittany and Rachel - January 15 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee.*



January 14 at 09:51 PM



“ *Kristin P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Lee.*

Kristin P. - January 14 at 08:33 PM

GF

“ Gymnastics friends purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ricky Lee.



Gymnastics friends - January 14 at 07:30 PM

GF

“ Gymnastics friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Lee.

Gymnastics friends - January 14 at 07:30 PM

LM

“ Love, Dan, Jill, Evan and Ella Maletich purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ricky Lee.



Love, Dan, Jill, Evan and Ella Maletich - January 14 at 07:25 PM

LM

“ Love, Dan, Jill, Evan and Ella Maletich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Lee.

Love, Dan, Jill, Evan and Ella Maletich - January 14 at 07:25 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee.



January 14 at 05:01 PM



“ Amy Summerlin Worthington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Lee.

Amy Summerlin Worthington - January 14 at 05:01 PM



“ Love, Winnie and Kevin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ricky Lee.



Love, Winnie and Kevin - January 14 at 04:51 PM



“ Love, Winnie and Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Lee.

Love, Winnie and Kevin - January 14 at 04:51 PM

PM

“ *Pete and Cindy Merkel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ricky Lee.*



Pete and Cindy Merkel - January 14 at 04:14 PM