



Richard "Rick" Montoya

December 31, 1938 - April 25, 2025

Richard V. Montoya, "Rick," lost his longtime battle with cancer on April 25, 2025. Surrounded by love and devotion from Lynne, she, and her son Jay, will forever remember their shared time; nearly 40 years of love and laughter.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents; Ramiro and Ampara Montoya; brother, Raymond C. Montoya; and nephew, Raymond R. Montoya. Born on NYE in 1938, he lived 86 years.

His legacy lives on with his children: Michelle Montoya, Cathie and (Charlie) Nollet, Brian Montoya, Connie Rae and (Sam) Antonucci, grandchildren: Thomas and (Stephanie) Montoya, Amy Rae Anderson, Jayden Montoya, his great grandchildren: Cayden and Chase Anderson, and his brother Ron and (Cynthia) Montoya.

Rick was a truly kind man. Although he was soft-spoken, he had a quick wit and sly sense of humor. Thoughtful towards all who knew him, he expressed his feelings through small handwritten notes and spent untold amounts of time selecting the perfect Hallmark card for your birthday or holiday. His children would unknowingly give him identical Father's Day or Birthday cards, and with a slight smile, he'd say ... "well, this must be true if I have duplicates."

Rick enjoyed hockey, golf, tennis, listening to music, watching the Sunday

news hour, westerns, and spending time up North with Lynne and her son Jay. He loved singing in the shower, smelling good from a dab of cologne, and perfecting his great head of hair with a spritz of spray.

As an independent sales rep., Rick was passionate about the medical product lines he sold, always ready to demo the latest technology to area Doctors or train the Henry Ford nursing staff in the Metro Detroit hospitals.

He was thankful to God each day for all his and his family's blessings. A special heartfelt Thank You goes to all the Royal Oak first responders EMT, Firefighters, and team of Nurses and Doctors who supported him in his cancer battle. He was, as they said, "He was One Tough Hombre!"