



Richard J. Niergarth

March 29, 1946 - April 3, 2026

Richard J. Niergarth passed away peacefully on April 3, 2026, at the age of 80. Born on March 29, 1946, in Detroit, Michigan, he was the beloved son of the late John and Marion Niergarth.

Richard grew up in Detroit, where he developed the strong work ethic, resilience, and sense of humor that would define his life. A proud Army veteran, he honorably served his country during the Vietnam War, carrying his patriotism with him throughout his life.

He worked as a draftsman for General Motors until 1985, bringing dedication and skill to his profession. Beyond his career, Richard was known for his love of family. He cherished every moment spent with his children and grandchildren, whether he was coaching, cheering from the sidelines, or simply offering encouragement and support.

Richard approached life with a positive attitude and unmatched enthusiasm. He was strong in spirit and never gave up, no matter the challenge. An excellent handyman, he seemed to know how to fix anything and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

He had a fervent love for hockey and old cars, and he especially enjoyed reminiscing and sharing stories that brought laughter and connection to those around him.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Patricia; his daughters, Deanine Todd (Dan), Michelle Perkins (Andy), Justine Rinehart (Brandon), and Shaleen DiMercurio (Joe). He was a proud grandfather and great-grandfather, and his

legacy lives on through the family he adored.

Richard will be remembered for his strength, kindness, humor, and the unwavering love he gave to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished.