



Mark Richard "Rick" Rock

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Mark Richard "Rick" Rock, age 71, of Clay Twp., passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, in the comfort of his home on June 26, 2024. Born on April 26, 1953, to the late Robert "Bob" and Carolyn "Betty" Rock, Rick's life was a journey marked by love, imperfection, and an enduring spirit that touched all who knew him.

A dedicated machinist, Rick's hands were always at work, shaping and mending with a blend of creativity and precision. His career as a journeyman reflected his deep appreciation for hard work and the satisfaction of a job well done. Whether tackling complex machinery or a household repair, Rick approached every task with determination and a knack for finding solutions.

Rick found his soulmate in Julia Endres, marrying her on March 3, 1991. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and unwavering resilience in their forever vacation home. Their home was more than just a place to live; it was a sanctuary of cherished memories and a testament to their enduring love. Rick often looked at Julia with pride, recognizing the incredible mother and wife she was, and together they celebrated their journey with the simple yet powerful phrase, "We did this." Beyond his work, Rick embraced the simple joys of life. He loved the freedom of riding motorcycles, the serenity of boat rides, and the tranquility of fishing. His yard and the natural world around him were his sanctuaries, where he found peace and a connection to the beauty of life. These moments reflected his ability to find wonder and contentment in the world around him.

Rick was a man of many talents and dimensions. While he faced his share of struggles, it was his ability to embrace his imperfections and learn from them that defined his true character. His journey was one of personal growth and transformation, teaching those around him that true courage lies in acknowledging our flaws and continually striving to be better. His life demonstrated that heroism is



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found in the love we give, the joy we share, and the authenticity with which we live. Rick was known for his infectious spirit and was the life of any get-together. His laughter, warmth, and genuine nature drew people to him, leaving a lasting impact on everyone he met. He lived, played, and loved with an intensity that left an indelible mark on the hearts of his family and friends. His presence was a beacon of joy and authenticity, reminding us all of the power of living life to its fullest.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Julia; his daughters, Katie Marlene, Melissa Hope, Amanda Faith, and Kayla Paige; his grandchildren, Jacob, Ashley, Katelyn, Audrey, and another grandchild expected in October; his sisters, Claudia Lee (Bob Lee) and Lori King; and his in-laws, Kathy Rock and Johnny Shirkey, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his siblings, Linda Shirkey and Loni Rock.

Rick Rock's legacy is one of love, resilience, and the enduring impact of his spirit. His life, marked by both trials and triumphs, will continue to inspire and uplift all who knew him. Rick lived and loved with a fierce passion, and he will not be forgotten.

His dedication, hard work, and love will live on in the hearts of those who cherished him. Let us honor Rick by embracing the joy, laughter, and love he brought into our lives, and by carrying forward the lessons he taught us about living with courage, heart, and the acceptance of our own beautiful imperfections.

A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, July 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Marine City. Visiting hours will be Monday, July 1st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. There will also be one hour of visiting at church prior to mass. Memorials are suggested to the wishes of the family. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



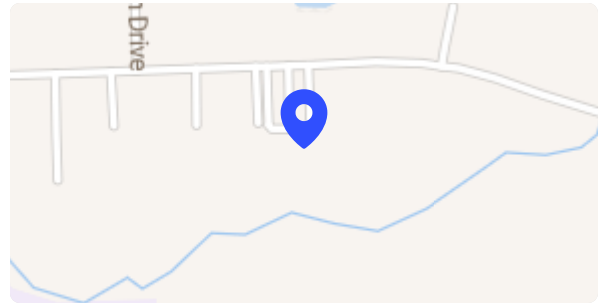
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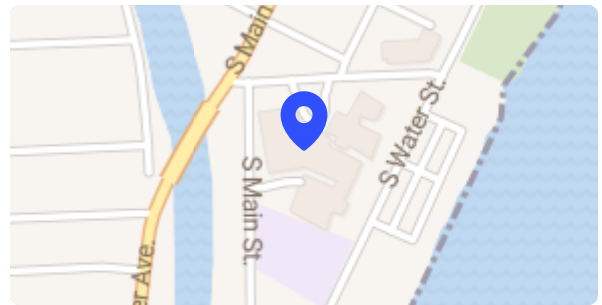
Visitation

- Monday**, July 1, 2024
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



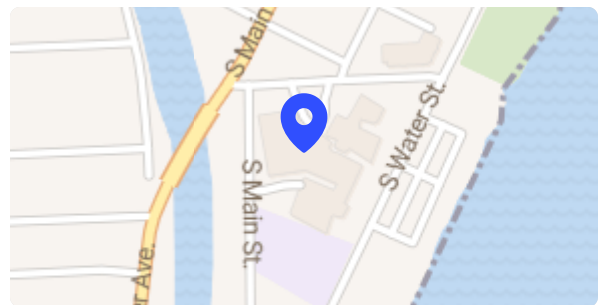
Visitation

- Tuesday**, July 2, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Holy Cross Catholic Church, Our Lady on the River Parish**
610 Water St., Marine city MI 48039



Funeral Mass

- Tuesday**, July 2, 2024
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Cemetery Details

- Cremation



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Cindy Mccollister posted:

Julie & Family, I am so heartbroken for you and your daughters to hear of Rick's passing, please except my deepest sympathy. I didn't know Rick well but he was always so kind when we did have a chance to meet, always with a smile.I will be praying for you and your family for healing, comfort and peace. May you take solace in all your memories together. Rick's obituary was an amazing tribute of the man he was, may he rest in heavenly peace.Love you!Love you Julie

July 3 at 4:37 AM



Dale B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mark.



July 1 at 12:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Rock family.



July 1 at 7:09 AM



Brian T. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mark.



June 30 at 4:31 PM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Rock family.



June 29 at 3:03 PM



Love Rushing Family sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Rock family.



June 29 at 1:03 PM



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SW

Sherry And Will sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Rock family.

June 29 at 4:29 AM



SW

Sherry And Will planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mark.

June 29 at 4:29 AM



PI

Patty Ingram sent a Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" to the Rock family.

June 28 at 1:57 PM



PA

Patty posted:

I will miss your laughter...RIP Rick.

June 28 at 10:58 AM

JA

Jeff And The Applebees Gms sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Rock family.

June 28 at 9:41 AM



JA

Jeff And The Applebees Gms planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mark.

June 28 at 9:41 AM





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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Rock family.

June 28 at 6:16 AM



The Pate Family sent a Large Basket Garden to the Rock family.

June 28 at 5:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Rock family.

June 28 at 4:40 AM



Love - Chris, Dana And Noah Nowak planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mark.

June 28 at 4:40 AM



Sharon Choate posted:

Julia So saddened to read of your loss! Lifting you in prayer for peace and strength!

June 27 at 9:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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