



Richard Kopka

September 17, 1955 - March 5, 2018

Richard Kopka, age 62, of Wolverine Lake, died March 5, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Wed. March 21, 2018 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Ed Pedley officiating. Military honors and burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 10 AM until the time of the funeral. Mr. Kopka was born in Detroit on Sept. 17, 1955 to Alfred and Sylvia (Perciavalle) Kopka. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp where he served in the Military Police and was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal. He was a 30 year employee of West Bloomfield Schools where he worked as a custodian. Richard enjoyed riding and working on his jet ski, quad, and snowmobile, building and racing slot cars, watching movies, and playing video games. He was well liked and will be missed by neighbors in and around his apartment building in Wolverine Lake, friends made throughout his life, and former co-workers at West Bloomfield Schools. Surviving are 3 sisters Paula Kopka, Karen (Kopka) DeVault and husband Terry, and Rhonda (Kopka) Glazer; sister-in-law Charlene Kopka; nieces and nephews, Steven (Catrin) Kopka, Christina Kopka and family, Jacob Kopka and family, and Nicholas Glazer; Aunt Aggie Farnick and family; Uncle Mike Perciavalle and family; and other cousins and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Lawrence Kopka. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Kopka.* ”



March 20, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *I recall the first time our mother sent the boys - Rick & Larry - to the barbershop on their own. Mom gave Richard instructions for the barber to cut Larry's hair a little shorter in the front so it wouldn't hang in his eyes. When they got to the barbershop, Rick said, "cut it as short as you can." Larry was first in the chair and got his very first "Marine" cut. Richard laughed the whole time. Then Rick was next, and he told the barber, "give me the same." When they came home, Richard was laughing, Larry was crying, and our mother was shocked.* ”

Paula Kopka - March 20, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Kopka.* ”



March 19, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Kopka.



March 19, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ I always remember Richard out in the yard under his truck & the pet turkey hanging around. This was when I was over visiting Paula & family.

Ronda - March 16, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ When we were kids, my brothers Richard and Larry would play air instruments to The Monkees songs in their underwear, calling themselves the Skivvy Brothers. It was hilarious.

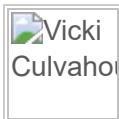
Karen - March 16, 2018 at 02:40 PM



Barbie Livezey

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. I remember him very well when we were kids. I have a photo of him with sue Hodges in your mom's front yard. I'm going to try and find it. I think he had a cast on his leg if I remember correctly. I will admit I have that preteen crush on him... lol.. Your all in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbie Livezey - March 16, 2018 at 05:19 PM



Vicki Culvahouse

Karen I'm sorry for your loss .the boys were a ton of fun growing up together Vicki (Goans) culvahouse

Vicki Culvahouse - March 16, 2018 at 05:25 PM