



Richard McKerracher

November 22, 1942 - September 10, 2016

Richard Lee McKerracher, age 73, of Holly, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, September 10th, 2016 peacefully and surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 22, 1942, the son of Hubert R. and Stella M. (Potter) McKerracher. He attended Farmington schools, graduating from Farmington High School in 1960. During high school, he found two of his lifetime loves...the saxophone and his wife of 51 years, Nancy Gilbeau. His father, Hubert, was a brick mason who taught him the trade and Richard made his living for 52 years as one of Michigan's most skilled brick masons. Richard then passed the family tradition down to his son, Todd. Richard found many passions in his life. He was first and foremost a devoted family man, loving them with his whole heart. He loved classic cars, jazz music, kayaking, camping, fishing and hunting. He was a talented saxophonist, who graced this world with beautiful music from the soul.

Richard is survived by his wife, Nancy Gilbeau; daughter Tammy McKerracher of Fenton; daughter Cherrisse (Cam) TerBurgh of Linden; daughter Richelle (Craig) Taylor of Fenton; son Todd (Marcie) McKerracher of Grand Blanc; daughter Brittney (Kevin) Compton of Holly; sister Lynne (Tim) Diggan of Lakeland; grandchildren Alyssa, Chase, Dayton, Drew, Kaylie, Zachary and Rylee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Stella.

Richard's wish was not to have a funeral, but a private celebration of his life for his family. He was beloved by many, with his kind heart and the ability to brighten a room just by being in it. He was always there for everyone who

needed him, without question; and taught us all many valuable life lessons. Even at the end of his life, he taught us all the lesson of how precious life is. This world is a better place for having had him in it. Richard, we thank you for your love and the beautiful legacy you have left in this world. From the pennies on the ground, to the sun shining on our faces, to all of the miracles that happen, we all know you are part of it and that they are gifts from you. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/2onrmqs> to help with burial and hospital expenses.

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." -A. A. Milne

Tribute Wall

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“ It has been my pleasure to watch such a beautiful family grow up through the years your dad was always so soft spoken and caring always asking me how my dad was doing. I wish I had known he played the sax I love the sax we probably could of had a few laughs about it. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Cheryl McDougal

cheryl mcdougal - September 21, 2016 at 10:04 PM

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“ Cheryl Mcdougal lit a candle in memory of Richard McKerracher




cheryl mcdougal - September 21, 2016 at 09:53 PM

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“ Jackie Strzelecki lit a candle in memory of Richard McKerracher




Jackie Strzelecki - September 15, 2016 at 10:25 PM

 Brittney Compton

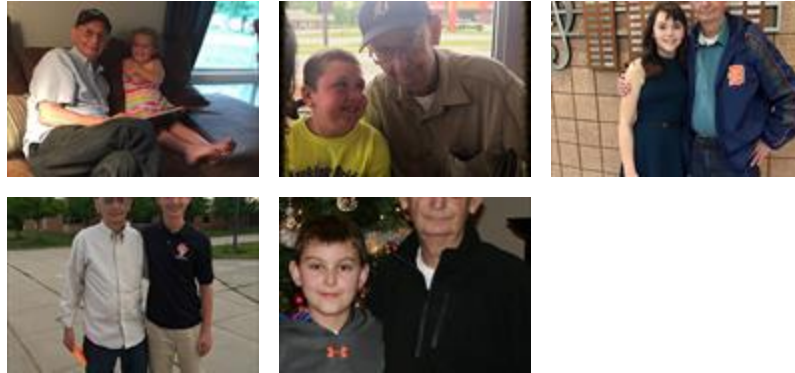
“ Brittney Compton lit a candle in memory of Richard McKerracher



Brittney Compton - September 15, 2016 at 10:17 PM


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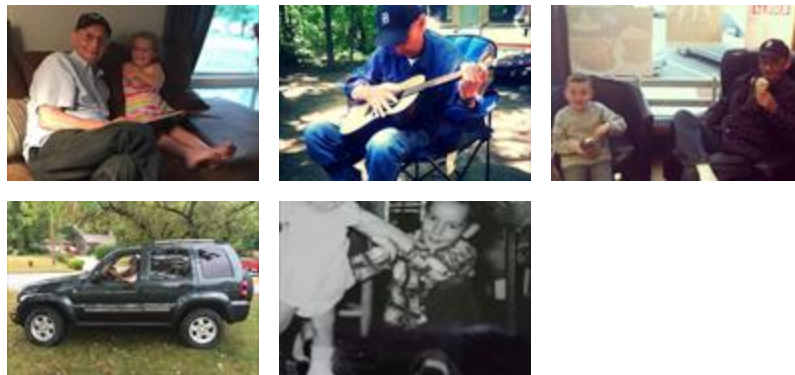
“ 16 files added to the album Memories



Brittney Compton - September 15, 2016 at 10:16 PM

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“ Beautiful memories...



Brittney Compton - September 15, 2016 at 05:22 PM

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“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



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