



Richard Gietzen

July 27, 2022

Richard Gietzen passed away on July 27, 2022, at the age of 79. Born and raised in Detroit, Rich never strayed far from his childhood home when choosing a place to live. His last address was in Warren, Michigan, where he felt very much at home. Rich loved and enjoyed visiting his large family throughout his life. He was the baby boy of his ten siblings and was a source of many antics and much laughter. He married in his young twenties and welcomed three daughters. Those daughters went on to make him a proud grandfather to seven grandchildren. Every year, Christmas with Rich G was always a highlight. Rich's life was changed in his early adulthood and he in turn went on to change the lives of others as a friend to Bill and Bob for 43 years. He did this not just in sharing his own life experiences and being a mentor, but because he never met a stranger. His funny, kind, endearing personality was loved by many. He valued everyone he met and greeted them with respect and kindness. In short, he was a genuinely

good guy.

Richard was the beloved father of three daughters Elizabeth (Valentino) Fischione, Jennifer

(Eric) Herman and Ericka (Todd) Nicol. Proud grandfather to Angelina and Luke Fischione,

Noah and Emma Herman and Benjamin, Megan & Aidan Nicol.

Son of the late Joseph and the late Irene Gietzen. Brother of the late Rita (Harold) Dumas, the

late Joseph (Marion) Gietzen, the late Elmer(Millie) Gietzen, the late Dorothy (Foster) Brower,

the late Raymond (Margaret) Gietzen, the late Marian (Robert) Lefevre, Evelyn (Donald) Bols,

the late Lorraine (Andrew) Derylo, and the late Janet Gietzen.

Rich G was greatly loved and will be missed by many.

Funeral Arrangements are as follows:

August 8, 2022

9 a.m. Visitation at St Mary Our Lady Queen of Families(St. Clement)

25252 Van Dyke Centerline, MI 48015

10 a.m. Mass

Internment at St. Clement Cemetery

Funeral Luncheon will follow

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

8330 Engleman
Center Line, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Gietzen*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Richard Gietzen*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *So So Sorry for missing your father's service,my wife and I were good friends with Richard for 30 years, we missed because my [Clarence VanHaverbeck] sister was on hospice and passed the evening of his service*

Clarence VanHaverbeck - August 10, 2022 at 12:08 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Gietzen.*



August 07, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Rich, I always looked forward to seeing you; you were a constant at east side meetings. And knew where all the anniversaries, parties, and picnics were! Always had a joke and kept it real. I will miss your humble presence but am glad you are not struggling anymore but resting peacefully with Mary. Love you.*

Martha B - August 06, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Gietzen.*



August 05, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Irene LeFevre sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Gietzen*



Irene LeFevre - August 04, 2022 at 05:23 PM




“ *Rich was always ready with a smile a Recovery message..*

Aleta Runey - July 30, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Rich I have known you for many years you have been a great asset to our program you have helped many people through the years you always came in with a smile on your face and jokes for everyone and would tell everybody that you were only 39 like Jack Benny!! You will be missed by everyone I am thankful you're not suffering anymore love you rest in peace Rich Ellie*

Ellie E - July 30, 2022 at 09:51 AM

 Robert Sr.

“ I met Rich 38 years ago and we quickly became great friends. I loved his sense of humor, quick wit and ability to tell a great story. His love for people and never ending desire to be helpful will be remembered. Until we meet again my kind and loving friend may you rest in peace with God and all your loved ones. Bob and Kathleen Crabtree

Robert Sr. - July 29, 2022 at 09:48 PM

EB

“ Richard I will miss you so much. We always had a thing as the last two left from the Gietzen family. This should have been me instead of you. I love you so much and you know that because you were always shy when I told you. I will miss so much and will pray always for you to be happy with Mom and Pa and our many brothers and sisters!! I love you Rich always will. You helped so many people in your life, I'm sure God will be pleased!! I love you Rich, sister Eve 🙏❤️❤️

Eve Bols - July 29, 2022 at 07:25 PM

 Irene LeFevre

“ My Dear Uncle Rich, so much I'd like to say about you but anyone that knows you, will already know how open, friendly & helpful you were. I will miss our talks, phone calls, laughs, and shared sorrows. So many times we had to hang up, and call each other back because we were laughing so hard, we couldn't go on. You were a beacon of light for me, and so many others. I'll remember you fondly, and love you always. Rest In Peace my dear Uncle. 💖

Irene LeFevre - July 29, 2022 at 06:06 PM

AM

“ Always brought sunshine and a corny joke to the tables. I'll miss him!

Ann Mc - July 29, 2022 at 05:23 PM

MK

“ Rich I always enjoyed sharing with you at the big book table on Mondays. You helped me learn to laugh at myself again with kindness. I think everyone truly enjoyed your renditions in the tradition Skit. We will miss you. Martin Kraft

Martin K - July 29, 2022 at 05:20 PM

MB

“ Rich was one of the good guys. He will always be remembered fondly. RIP my friend.

mary brooks - July 29, 2022 at 01:39 PM

JZ

Richard always had aGR8 sense of humor. @ the tables would say, Jerry always likes me to talk for @least 45 minutes. Love you, Miss you. RIP

Jerry Zak - July 30, 2022 at 12:01 AM

CR

“ Rich & I grew up together. He lived directly across the street from me on Tumey. I remember starting first grade together at Holy Name. It sticks out in my mind because his nephew, Dennis Dumas, was screaming his head off. The 3 of us hung out, rode our bikes and played outside 'til the street lights came on until we graduated eighth grade. The picture is Rich & me on our way to a graduation party. Other memories include: smoking my first cigarette with him in the alley behind his garage; hanging out with the pigeons in his dad's coop in his garage; building a fort in the empty lot behind his house and building bonfires and roasting potatoes. After he bought his Dodge Charger, we cruised drive-ins. Remember to seize every opportunity to meet up with your old friends. Such opportunities will become rare as time goes by. Chuck Ryntz



Chuck Ryntz - July 29, 2022 at 01:27 PM