

Richard Charles Curtis

January 28, 1940 - August 3, 2017

Richard Charles Curtis, 77, of St. Joseph died Thursday, August 3, 2017, at home in the presence of family after a two-year journey with cancer. Richard was born at home in Benton Harbor on January 28, 1940. He is survived by his loyal and cherished wife of 30 years Heidi and treasured children Matthew Curtis, California, Daniel (Darcy) Curtis, St. Joseph, Steven (Jessica) Curtis, Benton Harbor, Kathy Curtis, Florida, and Jody (Roger) Vogie, Indiana. Also by his brother Robert Curtis, St. Joseph, sister Jacquelyn Curtis, St. Joseph, mother-in-law Laraine Taylor, St. Joseph, and brothers-in-law Marc (Anita) Taylor, Kent (Cindy) Taylor, Daniel (Marie) Taylor, and Jason (Holly) Taylor. He is also survived by eight granddaughters, numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Roland Curtis on May 5, 1985, his mother Helen Curtis on July 8, 1985, father-in-law John Taylor, April 15, 1990, brother-in-law Terry Taylor, March 30, 2011, sisters-in-law Brenda Taylor July 4, 1997, Donna Curtis, January 15, 2011, and his trusted son-in-law James Kerby, October 12, 2015.

Richard proudly served as a full-time firefighter with St. Joseph City Fire Department for 25 years before retiring in 1991. He held a second job with Inter-City Bank and after 43-years of employment he officially retired in 2013. Richard believed no job was more important than the next and all that mattered was working hard and always doing your best. Richard enjoyed classic rock music, he had a natural talent for woodworking and was known

for his exceptional, one-of-a kind culinary creations (his Christmas ham has yet to be matched). He enjoyed traveling with his wife and felt blessed returning to Michigan and calling beautiful Berrien County “home.” He had a quick wit and retained his sense of humor throughout his successful two-year battle with cancer—successful because he chose to face cancer on his terms and he gave the fight everything he had. For those who knew and loved Richard, the family asks that a Miller Light be raised in his memory. Florin Funeral Services will be handling the final arrangements. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net. It was Richard’s wish to forgo a public ceremony and asked that any remembrance of him be made to the Disabled American Veterans organization (www.DAV.org). Ephesians 2:8-9.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Jackie and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tom and Jackie Woltman



Jackie & Tom Woltman - August 18, 2017 at 12:35 PM

JO

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John - August 08, 2017 at 04:15 PM

HE

He was king of the world.

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:35 PM

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John - August 07, 2017 at 04:37 PM

HE

One of his favorite days. You made him feel very special.

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:34 PM

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John - August 07, 2017 at 04:34 PM

HE

It seems like yesterday. What a couple of nice guys. Miss them both greatly.

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:34 PM

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John - August 07, 2017 at 04:28 PM

HE

His favorite picture.

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:36 PM

DC

“ *Dad and I after desert Storm 91*



Dan Curtis - August 07, 2017 at 04:05 PM

HE

He was sure proud of his family

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:37 PM

DC

“ *RIP Dad. We love you*



Dan Curtis - August 07, 2017 at 02:21 PM

EB

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with Dick's family at this time of sorrow.*

Elizabeth Ball - August 07, 2017 at 07:38 AM

HE

Thanks, Liz

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:32 PM

GH

“ It was nice to have shared the many years knowing Dick, our school time years and later on just talking about the many rungs in the different ladders we climbed throughout our lives. He was my trusted friend I will miss him. The pain is now gone. May the peace and warmth of the Lord be with his family during this most sorrowful time. RIP ol friend. See ya again.

Guinn Hill - August 06, 2017 at 06:37 PM



Raylene Pratt

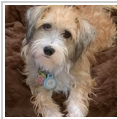
“ My dad Ray Whitright worked with Dick at the fire department. I remember spending time with Dick and his family fondly. Prayers for his family.

Raylene Pratt - August 05, 2017 at 05:06 PM



Thanks, Raylene. For some reason, pancakes and ketchup come to mind when I saw your name. Brought back some happy memories and I thank you for taking the time to respond.

Kathy Curtis - August 07, 2017 at 03:05 PM



So sorry for your loss Kathy...

Diane Judy - August 07, 2017 at 04:03 PM

HE

Raylene, Richard talked of your Dad often. He really thought the world of him. Thanks.

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:31 PM

KA

“ Hi Jackie. I remember your brother and I am very sorry for your loss. Kim (Welch) Alti

Kim Alti - August 05, 2017 at 04:44 PM

JC

“ We shared a lot of laughs and experiences on "B" crew. Dick bailed me out on my first fire after becoming Capt. RIP. Old Friend . Joe

Joe Clark - August 05, 2017 at 10:44 AM

HE

He really got a kick out of you, Joe

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:29 PM

BN

“ I will always remember Dick as a fellow student, co-worker, but most importantly a good friend. We shared many memories together. Dick was always full of fun and spirit. I will miss him I thank God he no longer suffers and is with God in heaven.

Bob Negrilla

Bob Negrilla - August 04, 2017 at 05:54 PM

HE

Thanks, Bob and Mary. I know he'd feel the same about you. Heidi

Heidi - August 08, 2017 at 09:28 PM