



Richard Thomas Mackey

January 16, 1953 - September 10, 2012

Richard T. Mackey died on Monday September 10, 2012 at the Hospice House of the E.U.P. after a courageous battle with cancer. Richard was born on January 16, 1953 in Sault Ste, Marie, Michigan, the son of Elda Mackey and the late John Mackey, Sr. Richard graduated from Sault High in 1971, where he lettered in varsity football. After graduating, Richard Sailed on many United States Steel freighters. He entered the United States Air Force in 1975, working as an electrician. He later returned home to work at Kewadin Casino before spending most of of the last ten years of his life taking care of our late father, John Mackey Sr, who had Alzheimer's Disease. Richard enjoyed photography, reading war history, and Clive Cussler books. Richard is survived by his son: Thomas, step-son: Fernando and their mother: Marisol of Madrid, Spain. He is also survived by his mother: Elda Mackey (LaFaver), his sister: Diane Comley (Rick) of Marquette, MI, brothers: John Mackey, Jr. (Mary Kay) of the Soo, and Jeffrey Mackey of Excelsior Springs, MO. In addition, Richard is survived by many Aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. Richard will be sorely missed by special friends: Jan Gunson, Rick Isaacson, Shelia Compton of the Soo. Also, missed by his best high school friends: Stan Ronquist of Newberry, MI, and Rick Murphy of Frederick, CO. Richard was preceded in death by his father: John Mackey, Sr. and his infant son: Richie Mackey of Madrid, Spain. Visitation will be held on Thursday September 13, 2012 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home followed by a 7:00 PM funeral service with Father Sebastian Kavumkal

officiating. Richard will be cremated at a later date with his remains returning to Madrid, Spain. Richard loved all the staff at WMH Long Term Care, Infusion dept. and Dr. Bolmer. Special thanks to all of the staff and volunteers at Hospice House for their care and compassion. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Hospice House of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Richard my friend... nobody had the ability to make me laugh like you did. It was infectious.*

Tom Root - October 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Rich was such a good guy he will be missed by many.*

Sincerely, Kim Cryderman

Kim Cryderman - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Thanks to all who left beautiful messages of sympathy for Richard. He truly loved all his friends and touched many peoples hearts during his 59 years. God Bless my Brother and all his family & friends.*

Jeff Mackey - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *"The last time I saw Richard was Detroit in '68..." Joni Mitchell*

Wow, what a flood of memories...I'm so sorry I didn't get to say goodbye. R.I.P. "Big Brother"!

Michele Lewis Pearson - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We couldn't lose the chance of saying how special you've been in our lives as you also said about us in your last e-mail. We'll also remember as we have up to now the great times we shared together, our partying which was nearly every day, and I could go on and on.

You'll always be in our hearts and in our minds. we'll always love you

Tony & Laura Guillen - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ You were a good friend and I will always remember you, Hook.F

Mike Adams - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ sending my sympathy out to the Mackey family for your loss..May god bless you all.

Keri Farnsworth(LaLonde) - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ 11th grade we were in every class together it was wild. Sorry to hear of your passing. See you on the other side hook.

Don gilroy - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Sending my true sympathies to the family. I am so thankful for having the opportunity to take care of Richard at the Hospice House and get to know you all! I will be working during your services, but my heart will be with you all!

Lisa Chambers - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this heartbreaking time. There's nothing I can say that will ease your pain but I just wanted you to know I am thinking of you. My deepest condolences.

Sharon (Milligan) France - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I offer my sincerest condolences to the Mackey family in which I have been so gratefully honored to have known for so many years. I have always admired Richards spirit, priceless sense of humor, and his values. I am very proud to say he was my best friend. May his new journey be peaceful and full of the same love that he shared with others. To all of those who loved Richard, I say thank you.

Jan Gunson - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am saddened to hear about the loss of my old friend Richard. My heartfelt prayers go out to the family.

Bill Milligan - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM