



Rick Lee Walraven

August 23, 1957 - August 13, 2021

Rick L. Walraven, 63, passed away after a lengthy illness on August 13, 2021, in San Antonio, TX. Rickie Lee Walraven was born on August 23, 1957 to Donald Walraven and Dorothy White.

Rick was raised in rural Boone County, IL and graduated from Belvidere High School in 1975. He married the love of his life, Mary Kay Lungstrom in 1979. He and Mary had 3 children, Stephanie (she became an angel in 1989), Sarah, and Andrew. He lived in Boone County for 59 years and worked for his dad at Belvidere Sand and Gravel, then Cassens Transport, finally joined the I.B.E.W. (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) in 1983 as a heavy equipment operator. He loved his job and was a proud retiree of I.B.E.W. He enjoyed the farm/rural life at his childhood home next door to his paternal grandparent's farm. Rick was a FFA member in High School and would go home after school and drive tractors in the fields with his grandpa and dad. Rick was an avid outdoorsman with an early and unending love for fishing. As a child he spent many days fishing the creek at the back of the family farm. He was a B.A.S.S. tourney fisherman for a few years. He owned a summer place in Northern WI surrounded by lakes. He fished as many as he could. He taught his children to fish as soon as they could walk. He enjoyed hunting as well. And just sitting outside under the stars! He shared his love of the outdoors with his children teaching them to fish, hunt for deer and pheasants, how to use and care for firearms, and star gazing on a beautiful, clear night. He always had a love for cars. He owned several muscle cars over the years

including his dream car, "Back in Black" 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS 396. He was a member of the Good Tymes Car Club and endured their teasing about his endless shining and cleaning! He was thrilled when a production company chose his car to use in a TV show based in Chicago, IL on the river. He and wife, Mary, were allowed to watch the first 2 days and invited to eat meals with cast and crew. E.T. movie star Henry Thomas (young boy Elliott in E.T) was one of the cast member Rick met. Although all scenes with the car were cut before the show aired on TV, he and wife Mary truly enjoyed the adventure. Rick's favorite times were fishing, big Sunday morning breakfasts, fishing, cruising in his Chevelle, fishing, working on projects with his family, fishing, loved his early morning cups of coffee with his mother-in-law, Linda, out on the deck at his home or at the north woods cabin, fishing, Wednesdays with this dad, and more fishing.

Rick took great pride and satisfaction in caring and supporting his family and home. Rick retired to his WI home in 2017, spending summers there and winters in Texas with his children, granddaughter, and family.

Rick will be dearly missed by his wife, Mary; daughter, Sarah and son, Andrew, his much loved and cherished granddaughter Zyonna; sibling, Rhonda (Rick) (Coates); mother, Dorothy White; brother-in-law, Mark (Cindy) Lungstrom; sister-in-law, Maria Lungstrom; brother-in-law, Matt(Theresa) Lungstrom; a niece and several nephews.

Rick was preceded in death by his father, Donald Walraven; daughter, Stephanie Lynn; sister, Donna Walraven; Mary's parents, Gerald Lungstrom and Linda Kay Larson Lungstrom; paternal grandparents, Andrew and Inez Jane Walraven and maternal grandparents.

Memorials in his name to the American Diabetes Association or the Kidney Foundation are welcome!

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Kay I am so sorry to hear about Rick. It was a shock. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Sarah and Andrew.* 🙏🙏❤️
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“ *Miss Mary, I am very sorry for your loss. I never had the chance to meet Rick but he must have been a wonderful man, I know he loved his family . You are so blessed to have shared a life with Rick. I saw the love between you both when I saw your your wedding day pictures. You will always have that part of him in your heart. God bless you and your family. Kim*

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