



Richard Thomas McCarthy

February 21, 1961 - February 9, 2025

Richard Thomas McCarthy was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan to Richard J. and Mable McCarthy. Rich passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at Troy Beaumont (Corewell) Hospital in Troy, Michigan at the age of 63.

Rich retired as a Design Engineer working primarily on tail light and brake light design for SL America.

When he wasn't working Rich was a fantasy football nut. Starting with leagues at work and quickly transitioning to leagues primarily of his family members he would study player stats for hours getting his information for his fantasy draft from sources like XM Radio and various internet sights. His fantasy team always had the word 'SUNSHINE' in it...coincidentally he would often rain on the parade of the teams that he was playing that week with his expert draft choices and prime roster postings.

Rich was also deeply into his own health. Eating right and working out became his go to. He would also encourage those that he loved to make sure that they keep moving in order to maintain their own health.

Football season wasn't the only season that Rich shined in however. Rich and Denise had a pool and would often entertain friends and family at the house where Rich would often be found partying and dancing with those in

attendance of one his summer parties.

Rich found the love of his life when he met Denise at a workshop at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church. Rich and Denise shared over 10 years as a married couple. They would often vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico...their vacation resort became their happy place. When Rich wasn't spoiling Denise with trips to the Mexican Pacific coast he would be spoiling her with flowers and gifts and attending wine tastings with her. He was always first a gentleman participating in long lost customs of holding doors for the ladies and assisting everywhere he could...He was truly one of a kind.

Above all else though, Rich's number 1 job was being a great dad and grandpa. His grandkids were the light of his life and they brought great joy to his days.

Rich is the beloved husband of 10 years of Denise. Loving father of Richard T. (Ashley) McCarthy and Danielle (Eric) Hutchinson and loving step father of Jeffrey (Jaclyn) Hirschmann, Kenneth (Taylor) Hirshmann, and Jaclyn (Robert) Fortier. Very proud grandpa of Mackenzie, Makayla, Bella, Cameron, Sonny, Rena, Henry, Remi, Finley, Reagan, and Parker. Rich is further survived by his brothers and sisters, numerous nieces and nephews as well as his mother in law Esther Haddad, sister in law Charlene (Joe) Abbate, and many dear friends.

Visitation Thursday 2-8 PM with a 7:30 PM Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Instate Friday 9:30 AM until 10:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church 48115 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 21 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Rosary

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Instate in church

FEB 14. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Funeral Mass

FEB **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ To Denise and family of Richard,

I am deeply sorry for your loss. I pray for your comfort and peace during this difficult time. May Richard rest in eternal peace.

*With love,
Lindita Lulgjuraj*

Lindita Lulgjuraj - February 14, 2025 at 03:01 PM

ML

“ Thanks to Rich & Mr McCarthy for those softball days ... Mike & Lisa Larson



mike larson - February 14, 2025 at 12:05 PM

GC

“ Gianina C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Thomas McCarthy.

Gianina C. - February 13, 2025 at 06:58 PM

MA

“ *Monica Abbate purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.*



Monica Abbate - February 13, 2025 at 12:37 PM

GJ

“ *To Rick’s family I’m so very sorry for your loss. He was a good man with a big heart very kind to everyone. My condolences to his family and my cousin Denise he will be very much missed. He was a first class gentleman I send best wishes in this difficult time to everyone who knew him.*

George Jabara - February 12, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.*



February 12, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Thomas McCarthy.*

February 12, 2025 at 06:10 PM

BN

“ Bob and Kerry Nahas purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.



Bob and Kerry Nahas - February 12, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Thomas McCarthy.

February 12, 2025 at 04:26 PM



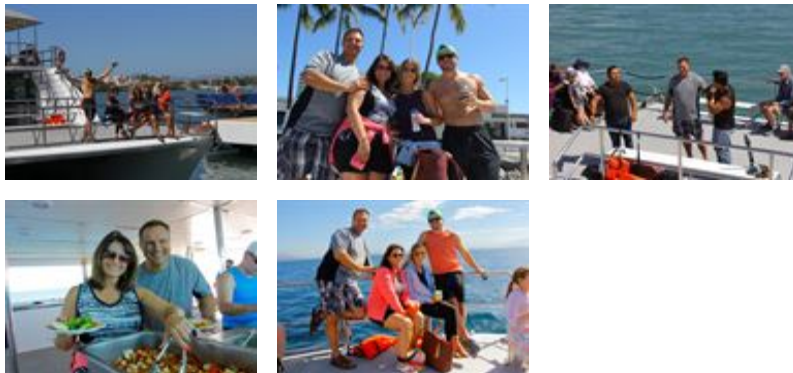
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.



February 12, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ 249 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - February 12, 2025 at 03:05 PM

YR

“ Yvette , Susan Daugherty, Elizabeth R purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.



Yvette , Susan Daugherty, Elizabeth R - February 12, 2025 at 03:03 PM

LF

“ Larry, Maureen & Josh Matta & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.



Larry, Maureen & Josh Matta & family - February 12, 2025 at 03:03 PM

FF

“ From your Shelby Junior High Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Thomas McCarthy.

From your Shelby Junior High Family - February 12, 2025 at 11:19 AM

FF

“ From your Shelby Junior High Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.



From your Shelby Junior High Family - February 12, 2025 at 11:19 AM

LF

“ *The four of us have had so much fun together, everything from wineries to playing euchre to Halloween parties to up north trips. Denise, Richie and your loving families, our hearts are broken along with yours. We do find comfort in knowing that Rich is with his Lord and Savior, and we know he is no longer in pain. Dear Friend, we will see you again on the other side.* ”

Linda and Greg Fennell - February 12, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.* ”



February 12, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.* ”



February 12, 2025 at 10:42 AM

RM

“ *Very sad news. He was a very cool guy. I worked with him in SL. He was a great teacher who shared a lot of his experience and wisdom. In my career path, he was one of the best leaders, and he will always be remembered. He messaged me on New Year's and told me that this year would be a good one, but unfortunately, everything changed, and he passed away. I will pray to God that his soul rests in peace. It's painful for his family and for all of us to bear his loss, but life is beautiful, and it goes on with his memory.*



RAJENDRAN MUTHUSAMY - February 12, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.*



February 12, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.*



February 12, 2025 at 09:26 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy ❤️🕊️ for you Denise and family. May the tree 🌳 I planted be a physical memory that lives on of the special love you have.

Jennifer and Leo Hudson - February 12, 2025 at 06:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Thomas McCarthy.

February 12, 2025 at 05:58 AM



“ If you were blessed to meet Rich, you immediately had a friend. I was blessed to meet him in 6th grade at St. Isaac Jogues. I was a new kid who had recently moved from Detroit. He helped me acclimate and make more friends. I have and will always be grateful for his kindness and our friendship through high school and beyond. Fly high brother!

Donald Sonck - February 11, 2025 at 10:36 PM

MB

“ Rich was a very dear friend and a wonderfully kind man! He and Denise were our frequent travel buddies to Puerto Vallarta, and Northern Michigan, where we many made great memories together. His devotion to Denise and his family was immeasurable. He will be greatly missed. -Mark & Michelle Bienkowski



Michelle Bienkowski - February 11, 2025 at 09:30 PM

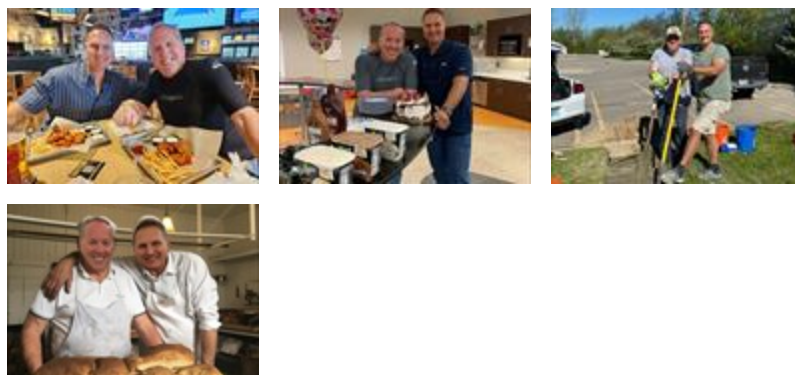
MS

“ Mark S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Thomas McCarthy.

Mark S. - February 11, 2025 at 09:12 PM

MS

“ *Richie is my best friend of 30 years, He is a giver who never asked for anything in return. Buffalo wild wings and Paulee's were are go to places, for lunches and retirement catch ups. Richie will always be with me on my runs, bike rides, or rucks pushing me on. I love him like a brother.*



Mark Stoi - February 11, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Thomas McCarthy.

February 11, 2025 at 08:46 PM

TF

“ *The Eljizi Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Richard Thomas McCarthy.*



The Eljizi Family - February 11, 2025 at 08:30 PM

DH

“ *Rich had the best smile and biggest heart. He was a caregiver to all and a gentleman, but mostly he loved God and practiced his faith zealously. Miss him so much.....,Denise and Bob*

Denise Hirschmann - February 11, 2025 at 07:29 PM