



Richard W. Sawkin

December 13, 1937 - May 27, 2009

Richard W. Sawkin, born December 13, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan, passed away May 27, 2009, Age 71.

Richard retired from the Michigan DNR as a conservation officer after 34 years of service preceded by several years with the Detroit Police Force and a graduate of De La Salle High School class of 1955. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and “Ranger Rick” to many friends young and old.

Devoted and loving husband of Carol, proud step-father of Eric (Kelly) Burdiak. Loving grandfather of Katelyn, Lauren and Madison. Dear son of Walter (the late Dorothy) Sawkin. Dear brother of Diane, Tim (Vicki) and the late Gary Sawkin. Dear son-in-law of Stuart and Joan Walker, brother-in-law of Joan (the late Jim) Pintkowski, Patricia (Frank) Wigman. Richard is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of you Carol, and keeping you in my heart and prayers for peace and strength that I know you have. Love you...Pam and Mike.##imported-begin##Mike and Pam Lasky##imported-end##

June 05, 2009 at 06:17 PM



“ The few times that we spent together was full of laughs and fun convesations.##imported-begin##George & Isabelle Adams##imported-end##

June 05, 2009 at 05:36 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol and family. May God in His infinite mercy and gracy comfort you. Rick will be missed by all who knew him. Personable and engaging, he did well at all that he pursued. His passion was the outdoors and the beauty of God's creation.

I am blessed to have known Rick as a friend, and fellow policeman at #13 and the Tactical Mobil Unit. Praise the Lord for putting Rick in our lives.##imported-begin##Ron and Betty Kerwood##imported-end##

June 04, 2009 at 02:46 PM



“ Dear Sawkin family, I am so sorry for the loss of you dear loved one, Richard W. At such a time as this it is comforting to have the loving support of family members and close friends. It is also comforting to turn to the "...the father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation." His son Jesus said at John 2:28,29, Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will come out." Please read the enclosed tract. If you have any questions, please if you have any questions feel free to contact me at the above address. -With Warm Sympathy, Celia J Russell###imported-begin##Celia J. Russellr###imported-end##

June 03, 2009 at 07:14 PM



“ Carol and Family,
Our hearts are heavy with Richard's passing. He inspired, taught and influenced many and we are honored to have known him. He was such a blessing to know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. However, the lake stands as a constant memory of who Richard was: strong, honorable, providing and filled with love. We love you Ranger Rick and you are forever in our hearts.

Becky & Kris Kiel###imported-begin##Becky & Kris Kiel###imported-end##

June 01, 2009 at 11:40 AM



“ Carol, Rick was a joy to have met, I only wish we could have gone hunting or fishing together. He was a man who bridged generations. I was totally at ease with Rick. I'm so sorry for your loss and wish your heart comfort in the days to come.##imported-begin##Matt Allen##imported-end##

June 01, 2009 at 10:52 AM



“ Dear Rick, my energetic and fun-loving brother-in-law, too soon your questions are answered. You and Jim are together again, probably playing cards, and Carol and I are left with your empty chairs. We were blessed to have you in our lives for as long as God allowed. Until we meet again, Joanie##imported-begin##Joanie Pintkowski##imported-end##

May 31, 2009 at 11:34 PM



“ Our deepest condolences on the passing of Richard. It came as a surprise to us all and we all will miss the good humor and bright outlook that emanated from him. He was an inspirational character who brought out the best in everyone he came into contact with, and everyone who met him will carry with them a little piece of Richard throughout their lives. If it wasn't for his sister Diane, we never would have met him. With warmest regards,
The Hewitts##imported-begin##Pamela and Patrick Hewitt##imported-end##

May 31, 2009 at 09:19 PM



“ ALL OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU NOW AND ALWAYS. THERE ARE NO WORDS TO SAY THAT WILL EASE YOUR PAIN. JUST KNOW WE ARE CLOSE BY WHEN YOU NEED A SHOULDER OR AN EAR OR EVEN JUST SOMEONE TO SIT WITH YOU IN SILENCE###imported-begin##BOB AND MARTY FULLER###imported-end##

May 31, 2009 at 08:11 PM



“ Dear Richard, you touched many during your lifetime. Your boundless energy and curiosity will live on in our hearts. I believe now your questions have been answered and you are at peace. 'Til we meet again... your sister-in-law, "Patty"###imported-begin##Pat Wigman###imported-end##

May 31, 2009 at 07:33 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Sawkin and family, please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Richard was my best man and a dear friend for many years.

Charlie###imported-begin##charles t. newberry###imported-end##

May 31, 2009 at 05:49 PM



“ A good man, a good friend, a good partner on DPD, and a pretty good poker player -- when he put his mind to the game!###imported-begin##Bernard & Brenda La Forest###imported-end##

May 31, 2009 at 03:32 PM