



Richard "Ric" Barker

November 25, 1957 - August 17, 2020

ADRIAN – Richard E. “Ric” Barker, age 62 of Adrian, passed away Monday, August 17, 2020, at his home.

He was born November 25, 1957, in Adrian, to Vernon and Mildred (Ackley) Barker, and graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1976.

On September 25, 1987, he married Valerie Smith, and she survives.

Ric worked at Brookside Cemetery in Tecumseh before going to work with the City of Adrian at the water department and Oakwood Cemetery, where he retired with 27 years of service. Ric was a member of Holy Family Parish, St. Mary’s Campus. He is also a member of the Christian Motorcyclist Association. Ric enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, racing, and go-carting. He also kept busy tinkering in his garage.

Ric will be greatly missed by his family including Valerie, his wife of over 32 years; children, Karrie (Bill) Evans, Brandon Barker and Tyler Barker; granddaughter, Katie Evans; and siblings, Ronald Barker, Brenda (Eddie) Blatt, Bev Barker, Carol (Ron) Randolph and Tim Barker.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The Rite of Committal will take place at 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 28, 2020, at St. Joseph Cemetery in Adrian with Fr. Jack Loughran, O.S.F.S. presiding.

Contributions in memory of Ric may be made to his family.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

1029 Oakwood Road
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Ric" Barker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I would go to Valerie and Ric's house on the weekends for a visit for a night. I loved him and now that he is gone, I just cant live in a world without him in my life to see him and visit him. My sister broke down too.*

John D Lubinski - November 05, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ *Knew Ric (whose nickname to a few of us was "Stubby") since kindergarten. When I think of Ric, the first thought is him with a Nova in high school. He would slide it into snow banks just to get stuck. We would laugh, dig it out and do it again. Rest in Peace ol friend.*

Jesse

Jesse - August 28, 2020 at 06:38 AM



“ *Love, Spider & Honey XOXO purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard "Ric" Barker.*



Love, Spider & Honey XOXO - August 27, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Ric" Barker.*



August 27, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Words cannot express my heavy heart for Val, Tyler, Brandon and Karrie Ric fought the fight till the very end and now he is up in heaven with mom. Ric would of done anything for anyone, friend or enemy. Fly high, Brother*

*sister
Brenda Blatt*

brenda blatt - August 24, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *My Prayers go out to Val and her family with the loss of Ric. I enjoyed both of you as members our CMA Lords Legion. Ric has a kind heart and will be missed here on Earth. We will meet again one day and take another motorcycle ride together. Your CMA friend Jeff Sears.*

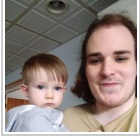
Jeffrey R Sears - August 24, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Prayers & Love sent to our whole family:(We are thinking of you all at this difficult time.*

*Shawn Trombley &
Gary & Connie Ackley*

Shawn M Trombley - August 24, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *I was very upset to hear of my uncles passing. My mom tried to call me for a couple days and the moment she said that he was dead, I hung up the phone and broke down crying. I just couldn't believe he is dead. Love and support to Valerie and Family*

David McClain - August 24, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family. I only met Rick a couple of times , but he was doing a favor for someone each time, so I know what kind of man he must have been. Prayers for my wonderful cousin, Val and the boys as well as all of the family. Diana (Beehler) Mueller and Family*



Diana Beehler Mueller - August 24, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *Valerie and family-I'm so sorry to hear about Ric. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kathy Tripp*

Kathleen Tripp - August 24, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ *Dee lit a candle in memory of Richard "Ric" Barker*



Dee - August 23, 2020 at 09:54 PM

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“ *I worked with Ric at the Water Dept. I really enjoyed working with him. He was such a nice guy.*

Dee - August 23, 2020 at 09:53 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear of Ric's passing.*
Georgia Gallant

Georgia Gallant - August 23, 2020 at 09:15 PM