



Richard "Dick" Van Loocke

August 30, 1944 - December 14, 2015

BLISSFIELD – Richard D. “Dick” Van Loocke passed away peacefully at home on Monday, December 14, 2015.

Dick was born August 30, 1944 to George and Arlene (Knapp) Van Loocke in Blissfield, Michigan. He graduated from Blissfield High School in 1963.

He had one son, Richard B. “Rik” Van Loocke, and he survives. He married Patty (Knadler) Van Loocke on September 30, 2005, and she also survives.

Along with Rik and Patty, Dick leaves behind a daughter-in-law, Sharon; grandsons: Richard Zakary (Emilee Knakiewicz) Van Loocke and Jarik Rigby Walls Van Loocke, all of Ottawa Lake, MI; step-daughters, Stephanie (Ken) Prill of Mt. Hope, Kansas and Krysta (Kurt Snyder) Barron of Blissfield, MI; and step-granddaughters, Jade Williams and Lilly Snyder.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his older twin sisters, Susann and Luann.

Dick was a lifetime Lenawee County farmer. He also spent many years working alongside his father, George, in the family business, Van Loocke Oil Burner Service. When he was not found in his shop tinkering with any number of “Ford” projects, in his younger years, Dick was playing basketball in several local recreation leagues, spending time with his good friends (most of which had their own endearing nickname), making “donut shop” visits with his grandsons when they were little, or participating in area car shows with his son and eventually his grandson, Jarik (both of whom inherited the same love for Fords).

There will be a brief service held at the Ottawa Lake Sportsmen's Club on January 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. with a Celebration of Life immediately after the service until 5:00 p.m. Please join the Van Loocke family in raising glass in Richard's memory.

"Richard the Hermit and his trusty dog, Two" lived his life his own way on his own terms. Those that knew him well know he was a strong willed man who fought hard until the end. May we not stay "bitter" and remain "still buddies". May his memory never "wear thin"

as we all learn to "get along" without him. May the "Black Label" and "Bluesberry" flow freely in Heaven as Dick now joins his many close friends who left the party too soon before him. Nothing will ever be the same. We will hold you in our hearts forever and always remember that smile and that hearty laugh...til we meet again.

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Dick please consider Hospice of Lenawee. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Dick" Van Loocke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I feel fortunate to have my lifetime's worth of memories to cherish, so many that I cant hope to ever say one is the highlight, Richard the Hermit and His Trusty Dog Two were simply beyond compare, as anyone who ever met him would certainly agree. Earliest memories as a child doing the 'funky chicken' with Rik (how that boy hasn't need knee replacement is beyond me), hanging with Two while listening to the stories passed around with the Bluesberry, Richard fixing my '78 Bronco on my way back from down south - it was Sunday, but the Van Loocke Ford Parts Barn and Black Label Emporium was always open.....*

I can still hear that raucous laugh and see the twinkle in his eye when he would let another one-liner roll off, and that I will hold forever.

Peace and Sincere Condolences to a wonderful family.

John Fatchett II

John Fatchett II - December 18, 2015 at 10:36 AM

CH

“ I'm probably the only guy that got Dick to drive a Chevy, we traded cars for a night. I drove his black fastback and he drove my '59 Corvette. I will miss Dick and his infectious smile.

*The Helzers
Jerry and Carole*

carole helzer - December 16, 2015 at 08:00 AM

MB

“ 1981ish.. I was 16. Out on the farm with Rik and checking out Dick's Harley Sporty 1000. After an extended period of watching me drool over it.. (I had a Suzuki 185..) Dick shouts out.. "IF YOU CAN KICK IT OVER... YOU CAN RIDE IT..." I was so excited.. About an hour later.. sweating like a mad kid.. Dick walks over and says.. "why don't you put the kickstand down and jump on it with both feet.." He watched me kill myself for an hour.. BOOM! kicked it right over.. I rode for an hour to make up for the hour of kicking.. That was my first Harley ride. Thanks Dick.. RIP...
Mike Bussing

Mike Bussing - December 15, 2015 at 06:29 PM

KS

“ What great memories with my cousin especially the canoe trips. Will miss his smile. Love and prayers to Patty, Rik and family💕

Kay & Dave Sneary - December 15, 2015 at 06:10 AM

CJ

“ Always remember his smiling face and that laugh after numerous jokes at Quinn's bakeryand his ultimate talent with his beautiful antique vehicles!!!! Yes Dick will be sadly missed...but will leave awesome memories by all who admired and loved him...deepest sympathy too Patty and family

Connie Jensen - December 14, 2015 at 09:58 PM

LH

“ Larry & Kim Hauser lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Van Loocke



Larry & Kim Hauser - December 14, 2015 at 07:32 PM

VH

“ Fond memories of good lookin' Dick, with his infectious smile and friendliness at The Stable in the mid '80"s. My love to you Patty!

Vicki Ganun Hall - December 14, 2015 at 07:00 PM