



Ricky "Rick" Lee Sanborn

June 22, 1958 - November 23, 2022

ONSTED- Ricky Lee Sanborn, age 64, of Onsted, MI passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at home. He was born June 22, 1958 in Adrian, Michigan to Douglas W. and Patricia M. (Hall) Sanborn. Growing up on Peb-L-Brook Farm near Onsted allowed him to fulfill his love for country life. Rick was involved in 4-H completing many projects. He was chosen to attend the National 4-H Congress in Chicago in 1975, where he met Jean, a lifelong friend. He graduated from Onsted High School where he ran cross country and track. Rick also played basketball and baseball. He was a left-handed pitcher but could bat both ways. Rick attended Michigan State University and graduated with a major in political science and dairy science. After college, Rick returned to the farm where he managed the cows. He raised numerous cows and bulls that were award winners. He preferred the Guernsey breed, but had Holstein and Jersey, as well as Red and White Holsteins. Throughout the years, Rick showed at Lenawee, Jackson, Hillsdale, and Michigan State Fairs and became a dairy leader for the local 4-H club. He continued to be involved with sports, both at the YMCA and through church playing basketball and softball. Later Rick was a handyman, realtor, and worked with different electricians. Rick had a love for people, animals, and God.

Rick is survived by his mother, Pat Sanborn; brothers Kurt (Michelle), Kyle (Sheila), and Nate; sisters Jill (Brian) Merriman and Victoria. Rick had special siblings Steve (Patti) Hood, Rob (Rachel) Hood, Patricia Hall, and Rorey

Smith. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Rick was preceded in death by his father, Doug; niece, Zoolaka Pugh; and great niece, Amelia Brackmann.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 12 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home with Pastor Tom McMichael officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and again one hour before the start of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses.

For those unable to be present, a live streaming of the service will be accessible from Ricky's tribute wall on www.WagleyFuneralHome.com, where a link to view the recording will be available for 90 days. Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Visitation

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Ricky "Rick" Lee Sanborn*



Wagley Funeral Home - November 30, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Ricky "Rick" Lee Sanborn*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Many good times with my friend Ricky with all our Spartan buddies. Going to miss you. Rest In Peace. SBFL*



Nick Aretakis - December 02, 2022 at 07:20 PM



Thank you for sharing pictures Nick.

Jill Merriman - December 03, 2022 at 08:07 PM

RS

“ Rick, you are simply the best! I was a 4-year old little black kid when I was plucked out of one world and dropped into another at the Sanborn's. Everything was new. A new town, new people who at first were strangers, and nobody who had dark skin and wild, kinky hair like me. But what I remember most from when I first arrived was that I had a friend and protector in you. What special gifts you gave me. Security when I should have felt insecure. Love when I could have easily felt unloved. Comfort when most would have felt uncomfortable. But then again, what wasnt to love when you would take me out to get ice cream? And not just that, but you let me pick whatever I wanted to get.

Rick, thank you for these special gifts. I will always remember and love you!

Rorey

Rorey Smith - December 02, 2022 at 03:36 AM

JM

Love you Rorey. Thanks for the memories.

Jill Merriman - December 03, 2022 at 08:09 PM

JL

“ Rick, you brightened my life with your great laugh, intelligent wit, and sparkly eyes from the time i met you back at 4h Club Congress. Who would have known that an Alaskan girl and a Michigan guy would remain good friends for over 40 years without ever living in the same state, but we did! Your zest for life and easy laugh made every Rick adventure something special. I know that you are rockin' it in heaven, and that you are keeping everyone entertained! miss you, dear friend. you were taken way to soon. love always, jean Howarth

Jean Lindberg - November 30, 2022 at 04:02 PM

JM

Thank you for your wonderful tribute Jean.

Jill Merriman - December 03, 2022 at 08:08 PM

JL

“ 3 files added to the album Rick's Tribute Album



Jean Lindberg - November 30, 2022 at 03:42 PM

JM

Thanks for sharing pictures.

Jill Merriman - December 03, 2022 at 08:11 PM

TE

“ *Rest well my old friend, no more 12 mile runs in the dark before school.*

Tom Etter, Class of 1976 Onsted High School

Thomas Etter - November 30, 2022 at 10:59 AM

JM

Thank you for your thoughts.

Jill Merriman - December 03, 2022 at 08:11 PM

JF

“ Jean Lindberg and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ricky "Rick" Lee Sanborn.



Jean Lindberg and family - November 29, 2022 at 08:09 PM

KT

“ Keith Hnatowsky (Houston, TX) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ricky "Rick" Lee Sanborn.



Keith Hnatowsky (Houston, TX) - November 29, 2022 at 01:08 PM