



Richard "Rich" W. Mordick

January 22, 1968 - November 4, 2024

Richard W. Mordick, 56 of North Tonawanda, New York , Monday (November 4, 2024) in Buffalo General Hospital. Rich was born in North Tonawanda on January 22, 1968 to Thomas and Helen (Yurek) Mordick. Rich attended Niagara Community College for Animal Management, and worked for a short time at the Buffalo Zoo, then for the Amherst School District for 26 years where he was known as Mr. Fix-it. His last years have been at Windermere Boulevard Elementary School. Richard was an avid animal lover and outdoors enthusiast. He loved his children and wife greatly and cherished his granddaughter dearly.

Richard was predeceased by his parents. Richard is survived by his wife of over 26 years Donna M. Santangelo, children Ashley and Michael (Samantha) Santangelo, brother Thomas (Kim) Mordick, sister Teri (Michael) DonMoyer, and Mary Batug, nieces Jennifer (Edward) Guido, Hannah Ruth Kennicott, and Eleanor Lane Kennicott, granddaughter Peyton Schnell, and many dear friends.

No prior visitation services will be held at the convenience of the family. A Memorial Celebration will be held at a later date, possibly next summer in 2025.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Tom, so very sorry to hear about your brother's passing.

Mary (Miller) Brenzel - November 09, 2024 at 10:29 AM

EB

“ Grateful to have known Rich. He was always a person everyone knew at Windermere. He had a big heart for kids and service for all people. So sorry for your loss. Rich will always be remembered.

Erin Bejarano - November 08, 2024 at 11:53 AM

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Thank you for your kind words. Rich had a few favorite kids throughout the years that he would tell me about. He really did care about them looking out for their safety and helping them whenever possible. He especially loved their joy and any acknowledgements they gave him! He always tried his best to fix any issues in a timely manner. It's a tough job being Mr.Fix It in a school. He appreciated any acknowledgement from the staff. He enjoyed talking with the teachers and loved surprising them with the knowledge he had. ❤️

Donna his Domestic Wife of 27yrs - June 25, 2025 at 12:27 PM

SM

“ Windermere family will miss you Rich!!!! Not a season would go by without Rich sharing his amazing tomatoes and pears with me! But the BIGGEST thing he was so proud of and always spoke of was his granddaughter! Forever in our hearts!

Sofia Maxick - November 08, 2024 at 11:35 AM

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Thank you for your kind words! He enjoyed sharing his crop. I will miss his garden. His home grown tasted delicious!!! He grew pea pods for me and they were like eating candy! His Granddaughter was his PRIDE and JOY!!! He strived to make her life the happiest and experience many things!!! She called him Papa and that was music to his ears ❤️

Donna his Domestic Wife of 27yrs - June 25, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ *We used to go fishing alot out on a 12 ft aluminum boat with 3 people at 4am till 8am on the Niagara river before all the traffic came out !*

Dan Nadeau - November 07, 2024 at 06:47 PM

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Thank you for sharing your memory of Rich. He ABSOLUTELY LOVED the OUTDOORS, whether it be fishing or hunting in the woods just to sit and watch animal life. I have heard a ton of his stories over the years with his friends...lol ❤️

Donna his Domestic Wife of 27yrs - June 25, 2025 at 12:46 PM