



Richard "Rick" Schumacher

September 18, 1958 - May 27, 2024

Richard "Rick" Schumacher, 65, of North Tonawanda, peacefully passed away surrounded by loved ones on Monday (May 27, 2024) at Buffalo General Hospital. Rick was born in North Tonawanda on September 18, 1958 to Donald and Laura (Staschak) Schumacher.

Rick worked his entire life at Mike's Service (NT), from sweeping the floors as a child to owning the shop in recent years - fixing every car in between. He was a hockey coach for the Wheatfield Blades and Starpoint Hockey Club for over 35 years and a racer and crew chief at Ransomville Speedway. He was a devoted father and grandfather, always putting his family first.

Rick was predeceased by his father Donald Schumacher.

Rick is survived by his sons Ryan and Steve (Julie) Schumacher, mother Laura (Staschak) Schumacher, sister Debbie (Kevin) McCumber, grandchildren Cole and Evan Schumacher, aunt Sharon York, uncles Mike Staschak, and Gordy Schumacher, nieces and nephews Dan (Margo) McCumber, Kevin and David McCumber, Dina (Kyle) Allen, Nathan and Connor Allen. Also surviving are many close cousins, and special friends. Friends may call Sunday from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, NY. Interment will be held in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. If desired, memorials may be made to the Niagara Hospice.

<https://www.niagarahospice.org/>

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Ave
Kenmore, NY 14217

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Tribute Wall

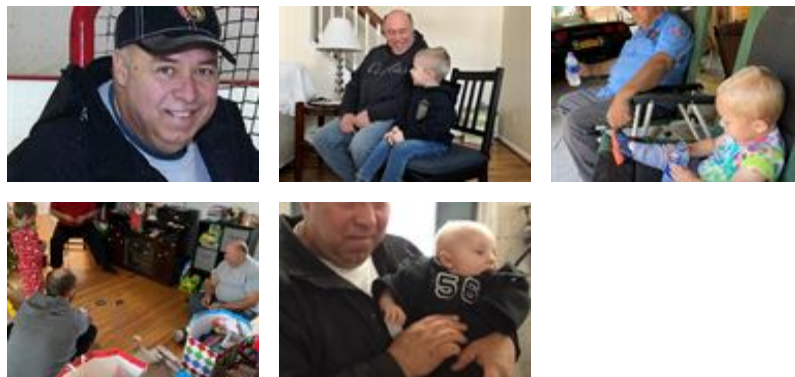
TE

“ So sorry to hear about Ricks passing. 😞 Very nice man and good and honest mechanic. May he RIP

Terry - August 04, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ 164 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wattengel Funeral Home - June 01, 2024 at 01:12 PM

AH

“ Al & Mary Horack planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.

Al & Mary Horack - June 01, 2024 at 09:20 AM

GM

“ Gary and Glena McArthur purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.



Gary and Glena McArthur - May 31, 2024 at 11:39 PM

GM

“ Gary and Glena McArthur planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.

Gary and Glena McArthur - May 31, 2024 at 11:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.



May 31, 2024 at 06:57 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.



May 30, 2024 at 09:21 PM

MV

“ Mike & Darah Vargovich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.

Mike & Darah Vargovich - May 30, 2024 at 09:21 PM

FF

“ *Flanigan & Takeda Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.*



Flanigan & Takeda Family - May 30, 2024 at 12:49 PM

SB

“ *Like so many, we met Rick through hockey. He took pity on me during Thursday night old man hockey at Brighton, and we shared many a laugh over beers and wings later at the Raintree. He was always respected by the kids as a coach, and always found a way to laugh at even the most ridiculous situations around the rinks. A real gentleman, he will be missed by so many. Condolences to his entire family and wide circle of friends.*

Steve Brady - May 30, 2024 at 11:21 AM

JF

“ *I was saddened to learn of the unexpected passing of Rick. My go to mechanic right down the street who was honest and knowledgeable and just a great guy to talk with. The many tributes tell the story of a person who was well liked, respected, and who really made an impact in the community. Rick will be truly missed. Wishing Rick's family our sincerest condolences on their loss. Rest in peace Rick and God Bless.*

Jeffrey Mis & Family - May 30, 2024 at 10:43 AM

LM

“ To the dear McCumber family,
We are so very sorry for what your family has to go through losing Rick, one of the good things to happen with his death is that even in death he helped many with his life donation, because of his generous nature in life. He will live on in others always. Please know your family is in our hearts, and prayers in these coming days our hearts go out to you all
With much love,
Gregg & Lori Marin

Lori Marin - May 30, 2024 at 08:56 AM

CS

“ Cynthia S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.

Cynthia S. - May 29, 2024 at 02:36 PM

JK

“ My condolences to the Schumacher Family. Rick had the biggest Heart and Smile there was to see. A Great And Special Friend to me when I lost Karl. He went out of his way to take care of me. They were very close friends. We use to watch him race. I will never forget the Great Times we had together and the rides in the Vet for Ice Cream. You were One Special Guy that I had so much Fun with at the garage and Our Talks and Laughs. I have many Great Memories of You that I will cherish forever. RIP Rick. Fly High With The Angels. Jan Kendall

Jan Kendall - May 29, 2024 at 02:24 PM

MT

“ Marie Tabaczynski purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rick" Schumacher.



Marie Tabaczynski - May 29, 2024 at 10:56 AM

DV

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Rick. My heart breaks for the entire Schumacher family, especially his sons, "daughter" and his grandsons. He was their hero. Joe and I both loved being able to talk with him. It never mattered the subject. He always had a smile. To have known Rick was a gift I will always treasure.



Debbie Nichols & Joe Voytovich - May 29, 2024 at 10:29 AM

RC

“ Rick was an upstanding mechanic who I totally trusted with my vehicle although he never wanted to see my vehicle again, it gave him such hell. Sending love light and prayers for all family and friends and there are many!! Until we meet again my friend

rene considine - May 29, 2024 at 10:02 AM

MK

“ You were one of a kind stand up Guy! Loved our talks! You would help anyone go out of your way to fix our vehicles. Known you from Ransomville days 🏁. You loved to coach the hockey kids you enjoyed it along with go carts and grandchildren! You will be greatly missed. Love you always my friend 😊💙🙏 thoughts & Prayers for family and friends!

Melissa Kubas - May 29, 2024 at 09:31 AM

DA

“ Fly high Rick, you were an amazing person and true friend to many people!

Rick was a family man he loved his boys and grand children more then anything else! he was always so proud to talk about them and brag about them from the smallest to the biggest things, He loved and lived his life for his family and close friends! I've knowen Rick for 30 years or more, it started as a customer and turned into a special bonded friendship, he was an amazing person and friend to many. Rick, always knew how to make people laugh, smile, crack a joke, and knew the right things to say and how to say it! He would help anyone he could from the generosity of his heart. He will be missed missed by many! Rip my friend, fly high, You will be missed. Dawn Burnham

Dawn - May 29, 2024 at 08:24 AM

KL

“ Rick will be missed by so many. It's rare to come across such an honest, truthful, trusting person. He was just telling me how he's ready to slow it down and how his grandchildren were "the best". I feel lucky to have known him.

Kathy Laper - May 29, 2024 at 07:48 AM

JL

“ Rick was such a nice guy, and always willing to help you out when needed. I enjoyed the many conversations with him at Mike's service or whenever I would run into him around town. A friendly face that will be dearly missed. Rest in peace Rick.

Jim Leszak - May 29, 2024 at 07:31 AM

AF

“ *What a guy! I met Rick through the crazy convoluted world of hockey. He formed great relationships with the players and knew exactly how to navigate the never ending politics. He was a steady force for everyone at the rink and in the community. May you rest in peace, Rick, you deserve it. Thank you for all that you did and the support you gave along the way.* ”

Amy Ferrari - May 29, 2024 at 07:15 AM

JB

“ *Mr rick words can't describe how much you will be missed by all of us you taught me so much about life and what to do in those messed up situations WWRD what would rick do as you would tell me miss you thank you for everything* ”

Jamie D Brosius - May 29, 2024 at 06:33 AM

JE

A trusted friend. I can't believe that he's gone. I just saw you one week ago, and as usual, you made me laugh. I will miss you SO much. Rest in peace, good sir!

John Eggert - May 29, 2024 at 07:31 AM

LV

Rick you were the best always helpful and kind. My family is so grateful to have known you. You will be missed by so many. Rest in Peace Friend.

Linda Volmrich - May 29, 2024 at 10:24 AM

DS

One of the best guys I have ever had the pleasure to know he helped me so many times I will miss my cousin the family is in my prayers.

Don Schroeder - May 29, 2024 at 11:21 PM

GL

I feel so sad at the loss of Rick. He was like family to me. He was a great father and grandfather and friend to many. He will be missed by all who knew him.

George Lucas - May 30, 2024 at 06:41 PM

PN

*I am very saddened to hear of the sudden loss of Rick. Have known Rick since we were 5 or 6 years old as we attended grade school through high school together. He has always been an "upstanding", honest person, giving to the community. We will all greatly miss Rick. My thoughts and prayers are with the Schumacher Families.
Sincerely,
Paul Richards*

Paul N.Richards - June 02, 2024 at 10:31 AM

G.

I feel so sad of the passing of Rick , him and his father Don were very good friends for a long time My prayers are with his family , Rest in peace my friend . Glenn and Maureen Deverell

Glenn A .Deverell - June 04, 2024 at 06:48 AM

JH

My sympathy to Rick's family and the Staschak family.

joy heinrich - June 12, 2024 at 03:44 PM

VL

Sorry to hear about Rick's passing. Condolences to the family. My elderly father, who passed away several years ago, liked to go there for repairs and always recommended him to family and friends. He was the shop to go to for yearly inspections for myself, my brother and his son's. He will be missed.

Valerie Lopacki - June 29, 2024 at 05:44 PM