



Eric A. "Rick" Nelson

August 7, 1957 - December 18, 2023

Eric A. "Rick" Nelson, 66 of Kankakee passed away on Monday December 18, 2023 at his home following a short illness. He was born on August 7, 1957 in Kankakee, the son of Howard D. and Marjorie J. Parzy Nelson. Rick married Susanna E. Dillard on July 18, 1989 in Mason County S.C. She preceded him in death on March 25, 2004.

Rick retired from CSL Behring in Bourbonnais after 42 years of service as a tool crib operator. He was a member of ICWU Local 498C. He also owned and operated Creative Design Landscaping in the area for 33 years. Rick enjoyed working outside, playing pool and riding his Harley with friends. He especially enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by sons, Ryan (Katie) Collins of Florida, Steven (Kristen) Reising of Georgia,

Kyle (Alyssa Gunter) of Kankakee, daughter Isabelle Keller of Watseka; Seven grandchildren, Landon and Wynter Collins, Brodie and Reese Reising, Susanna, Charlotte and Amelia Nelson.

Two brothers, Lance Nelson and Corey (Debbie) Nelson of Florida, two sisters Terri (Ralph) Hewitt of Indiana and Dena (Steve) Coy of Kankakee, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

In addition to his wife, Rick was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care or Toys for Tots.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel

1900 W. Court St.

Kankakee, IL 60901

(815) 932-2421

<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall

NI

“ Love you old man. Hug mom for me 🤗

Nichole - January 06, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JC

“ Never forget Rick opened his home to me saved me from the streets of Kankakee helping me reunite with my soulmate n best his Daughter Nikki Cross he gave me a job showed me love when my own family refused love ya Rick u riding in the sky now brother never forget ya

James Cross - January 06, 2024 at 08:31 AM

RS

“ The old Armour gang has lost another friend.
My most sincere condolences.

Rick Scott - December 25, 2023 at 10:37 AM

LL

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Nelson family.

Lynn Luehrs - December 24, 2023 at 10:39 PM

DW

“ I have good memories of working with Rick and later Facebook friends. Prayers for him and for his family.



Dixie C Wilson - December 24, 2023 at 12:50 PM

AN

“ *Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Eric A. "Rick" Nelson*



Anonymous - December 24, 2023 at 01:38 AM

TD

“ *Tom & Ruth Denoyer lit a candle in memory of Eric A. "Rick" Nelson*



Tom & Ruth Denoyer - December 24, 2023 at 12:42 AM

MF

“ *In high school enjoyed hanging with Rick.*

Dena, sorry for the loss of your brother.

Melody Trumble Forbes

Melody Forbes - December 23, 2023 at 01:25 PM

SG

“ *We're so sorry to hear of Rick's illness and passing. We lived across the street from him in Bradley for many years. He was a great, kind, and helpful neighbor who will be missed. Rick and Sue are now reunited with love. Godspeed.*

Steve & Kathy Glogowski - December 23, 2023 at 11:42 AM

TR

“ I’ve only known Rick in the few short years that I’ve been in the neighborhood but I’m that short time I got to know what a sweet, kind, and caring person he was. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My sincerest prayers and condolences to the family.

Tomiko Radford - December 23, 2023 at 12:34 AM

WM

“ Ryan, Kyle and Belle,

No words can express how sorry I am that your Dad was taken too soon. I know he loved you all very much! My memories with all of you were so much fun. Bacon, Bacon did you say Bacon!! You all know what I am talking about. LOL!! I am sure he would like you all to laugh and celebrate his life and your memories of him. ❤️😂❤️😂
We may not have talked every day but we never lost touch!

Love,
Wendy

Wendy Miller - December 22, 2023 at 09:31 PM

MH

“ I will always have fond memories of Rick and the rest of the Nelsons from our days on Rosewood Avenue. Growing up there with the neighborhood we had was magic and I am forever grateful for how all the relationships made me who I am. Rest easy, Rick.

Michelle LaRocque Hamlyn - December 22, 2023 at 09:12 PM

MG

“ Dena and family...so very sorry for your loss. Sending love and light.

Mari Gromer - December 22, 2023 at 08:43 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Eric A. "Rick" Nelson



Christopher Wilcox - December 22, 2023 at 06:46 PM

DP

“ Danny Powers lit a candle in memory of Eric A. "Rick" Nelson



danny powers - December 22, 2023 at 06:34 PM