



## Ricky L. Drazy

September 4, 1960 - April 6, 2026

Ricky L. Drazy, age 65, of Kankakee passed away Monday, April 6, 2026 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, following a brief illness. He was born September 4, 1960 in Kankakee, the son of Ralph & Rita (Tanner) Drazy.

Ricky married Linda Marek on September 5, 1987 in Deselm.

Ricky dedicated many years of his life working as a detailer at Napleton's, where he was known for his strong work ethic and pride in a job well done.

After retiring, he devoted himself to caring for his beloved wife at home, a role he took on with quiet strength and deep love.

Ricky found joy in the simple things-spending time with his slot cars, working on motorcycles, collecting guns, and listening to blues music. Ricky was also a Petroliana Collector. He cherished reconnecting with old friends and was always ready with a laugh, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who knew him. His smile was as big as his voice, and his presence could light up a room.

Surviving are the love of his life, his wife, Linda Drazy; one sister, Renee (Tom) Christensen; one sister-in-law, Sherry Drazy; one nephew, Joe (Tiffany) Drazy; one niece, Stacey Shreffler; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Ricky is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dick Drazy.

Ricky will be missed more than words can say, but will live on in every story, every laugh, and every memory shared.

To honor his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. There will not be

any visitation.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Dave And Deb McCarty lit a candle in memory of Ricky L. Drazy*



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**Dave and Deb McCarty** - May 04 at 02:04 PM

LS

“ *To say I'm heartbroken with Ricks passing is an understatement. I worked with Rick for 16 years and formed a lasting friendship long past when I left Napletons. He loved to pick on me relentlessly and I gave him the nickname of Jackass. He always had the good work gossip and always made time for anyone that stopped by his stall at work. His love for Linda is inspiring. When he could have let others take care of her, he stepped up and retired from his daily job to take care of her. We remained friends and we'd text often. I have caught myself these past few weeks going to text him something I heard or just to check in with him. He will be greatly missed by me and my whole family. Hope you're cruising on two wheels again. Love you Rick.*

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**Laura Siemsen** - April 24 at 02:13 PM

SP

“ Started working with Drazy back in 1997 at O'Brien auto group we both had fun working together I learn a lot from him he retired in 2022 but we still kept in touch texted back in forward he will text me though the week and ask how was my day and he will say are you mooches a meal from your mom and I'll laugh and say maybe I think the greatest memories of being friends with Drazy is when he got his black Mercury Marauder he really loved that car and I wanted to be just like him so I bought me a silver Mercury Marauder he got a big kick out of that I'm really going to miss you Drazy

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**Scotty Pryor** - April 12 at 08:48 PM

RV

“ Condolences to the Drazy family, Renee, and all their families and friends.

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**Rose Velatini** - April 12 at 09:51 AM

WS

“ Rick was my insurance client and then we became friends. He was a character for sure. From our conversations I knew he was very devoted to his family. He was a lot of fun to know and will be missed by many.

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**Wendy Skarstad** - April 11 at 01:40 PM

GK

“ I worked with Rick at Napletons in Bourbonnais. He was always reliable and did excellent work. Very easy going and helpful. A real gentleman. Prayers for the family.

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**Gene Kennedy** - April 11 at 08:04 AM

BD

“ Barbara Dams lit a candle in memory of Ricky L. Drazy



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Barbara Dams - April 07 at 10:47 PM

DK

“ We grew up together playing tennis, bowling, poker, listening to music, going to concerts, talking about stereos, and continued on in life discussions as we grew older. You will be greatly missed but remembered with love.

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david kelch - April 07 at 07:18 PM

AA

“ Great friends are hard to come bye and no way will your friendship ever be replaced. Until we meet again keep the pizza rolls close by the deck of cards shuffled and I'll bring the Dobbie Brothers album to sing along to 😞😭

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Al Argento - April 07 at 04:13 PM

DB

“ I will never forget our Slot Car Days, Our Blues Music Conversations and our Many Car Talks. Keep on Rockin Rick.

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D'Arcy Ballinger - April 07 at 04:05 PM

SL

“ Rick was a great guy with a laugh I will never forget. He will greatly be missed. My deepest sympathy to his family!



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**Steven Lemner** - April 07 at 02:48 PM