



## Richard L. Butzin

March 9, 1935 - January 10, 2021

Mr. Richard L. Butzin, age 85, of Port Huron passed away on January 10, 2021 in his home, unexpectedly.

He was born on March 9, 1935 in Port Huron to the late Clara Butzin.

Dick served honorably in the United States Army and was the owner and operator of Checkmate Barber Shop for many years. Dick was an artist, painter, and longtime dedicated employee of Jowett Funeral Home. He loved his dog, Gracie and all other pets that he had. Dick especially loved living on the St. Clair River.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Sandra (David) Brandreth, their children, Karen (Gary) Pritchett and Melissa (Kurt) Fritz, brother and sister-in-law, Gary (Cheryl) Crawford and their children, Scott (Wendy) Crawford and Sara (Joe) MacDonald along with several great nieces and nephews and many friends.

Services will be private. Arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Blue Water Area Humane Society.

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family with arrangements. To view the obituary and share memories, please visit [www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Richard, he will be dearly missed by us all.*

*Joanne at Kroger*

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**JOANNE HUBER** - January 21, 2021 at 02:54 PM

DD

“ *Video tribute to my friend Dick.*



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**Dan Dorland** - January 18, 2021 at 04:09 PM

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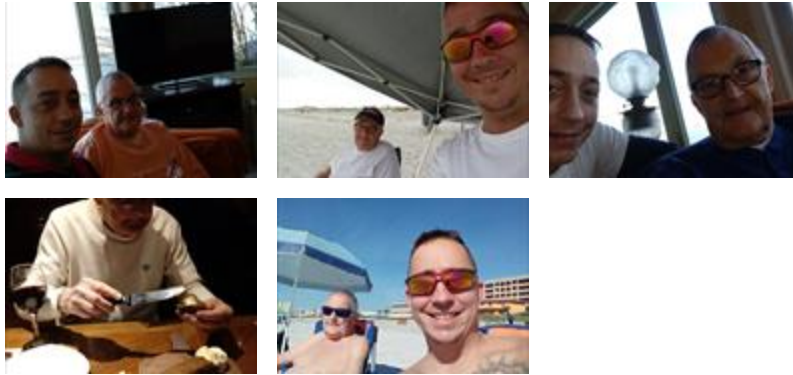
“ *So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Fond memories of Dick. His demeanor was always cordial. I was blessed to have him work for Duraclean. A great employee. God bless you Dick, you will be missed my friend!*

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**Michael Bacheller** - January 16, 2021 at 11:19 AM

DD

“ So happy that I took the time to capture some of the wonderful moments Dick and I had together. It's very sad he is gone, but I'm so happy that he was here.



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**Dan Dorland** - January 15, 2021 at 04:09 AM

ME

“ We shared love, laughter, and fun from the beginning of life to the end.



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**Meryl Engelhardt** - January 14, 2021 at 09:12 PM

PG

“ Sorry to hear of Dicks passing.  
Dick was a kind caring soul.  
My father and I where friends  
Eugene Genaw was a go to fix  
repair for him at the Red Lion  
Barber Saloon and the Pizza /bar  
on Black River. I enjoyed working  
for Richard at the pizza shop- cutting  
his lawn etc, he made the best pizza's.  
He helped me with Algebra in  
high school, he sure was a excellent  
Chef . I had often thought of Dick with  
all the talks we had, what a intelligent  
wonderful gentlman.  
God Bless you Richard - off to the  
next plane . Love you

*Paul E. Genaw*

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**Paul E. Genaw** - January 14, 2021 at 11:48 AM

DD

“ Dan Dorland sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Richard L. Butzin



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**Dan Dorland** - January 14, 2021 at 12:36 AM

MF

“ My Uncle was my heart. Cut from a different cloth, and gave of  
himself always. He left a big hole in the lives of everyone he  
touched. You will be missed, Uncle Dick. Until we meet again.

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**Melissa Fritz** - January 13, 2021 at 08:09 PM

JC

“ *Judy Clubb lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Butzin*



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**Judy Clubb** - January 12, 2021 at 05:04 PM

DD

*Dick loved candles. When it got dark, he would light candles throughout the entire house, and play Norah Jones, Frank Sinatra, Stephen Sondheim, Les Misérables and Diana Krall. Nearly every day. The ambiance he could create in a room, was so relaxing.*

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**Dan Dorland** - January 14, 2021 at 12:43 AM

AT

“ *Dick was a very kind, sincere and soft spoken man. We was gentle and extremely personable. He could strike up a conversation with a total stranger and end the conversation with a new friend. Dick was a wonderful friend and we will miss him tremendously. Dick was an amazing cook and loved to entertain. We had many fabulous meals together and we can't forget the wine. We sure are going to miss you. Love Alan and Terry*

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**Alan and Terry** - January 11, 2021 at 09:40 PM

DD

*It's because of Dick, that I had the pleasure of working at Jowett, with Alan, Terry, Wendy, Don, Nick, and Andrew. I've never enjoyed a job as much as I did when working with all of you. Dick really loved all of you. Countless wonderful memories. I will cherish those years.*

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**Dan Dorland** - January 12, 2021 at 05:14 AM

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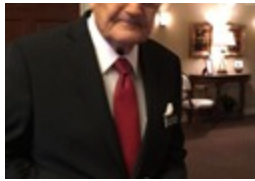
*Just heard of Dick's passing today. He was a gentleman to the core. Remember times of being together for services and a few social times. He was a great cook and a great hospitality host. Dick loved his dogs just as much as he loved people. May he rest in peace. Patti and Dan Bakay*

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**Daniel S. Bakay** - January 13, 2021 at 05:05 PM

DD

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dan Dorland** - January 11, 2021 at 12:40 PM

DD

*I once told dick, that... I could conquer the world with 1 hand, as long as my other hand was holding his. And I did just that. I could die today, and know that I was the happiest person ever, because I had the privilege of having him as my best friend. Michael, thank you for introducing me to the most wonderful person I've ever met. I will continue to post pictures, and stories on a website that I'm currently building in honor of Dick, which I will post on this page as soon as it's finished. And believe me, I have some great stories, pictures, and videos. I invite all of you to share your memories of him with myself and everyone else who loved him. Dick, till I see you again, you will live on in all of our hearts. Miss u so much. Love Danny*

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**Dan Dorland** - January 14, 2021 at 12:33 AM

BS

“*Sadly the world has lost a true angel.. if you knew Dck that's what he was to you... Living each day to the fullest never taking his time here for granted... Words cannot express the love and admiration I have for Dick... Definitely we know heaven is a classier place now because Dick is there... Dck could effortlessly show a complete stranger what class kindness and swagger was with almost not even speaking... And for those of us who were lucky enough to call him our friend.... Somehow and someway he eniched our lives... You will be sadly missed*

Barbie Stocks - January 11, 2021 at 12:33 PM

BS

“*Barbie Stocks sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard L. Butzin*



Barbie Stocks - January 11, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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“*Barbie Stocks sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard L. Butzin*



Barbie Stocks - January 11, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JC

“*My condolences to Dick's family and friends. I know he will be greatly missed. He was a good man and a great neighbor for 23 years.*

Judy Clubb - January 11, 2021 at 10:25 AM

DD

*Judy, thanks for the kind words. I hope to see you soon, and share our memories of Dick over a nice dinner and a glass of wine. Keep in touch*

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**Dan Dorland** - January 13, 2021 at 09:48 PM

PK

“ *When I met Dick 20 years ago, he did as he always did, he welcomed me into his home without hesitation. A few years later he would loan me a suit for Prom and get the biggest kick out of me splitting the pants with my big butt. He wouldn't even let me pay for them. He was one in a billion. We will miss you and we will remember you fondly. Rest In Peace Sir.*

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**Peter Kamicka** - January 11, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *You were such a positive influence on so many people, and did so much to help improve their lives with your time, knowledge, and warmth. You did it all out of the kindness of your own heart and with such class. All the wonderful, funny, and joyful moments in our times together will never be forgotten. Thank you for being an amazing friend and always being there for me.*

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**Ray Jackson** - January 11, 2021 at 08:06 AM

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*Couldn't have said it better myself.*

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**Dan Dorland** - January 13, 2021 at 09:53 PM

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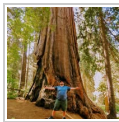
Dan Dorland - January 11, 2021 at 03:05 AM

DD

“ I spent almost every day with Dick for the last 20 years. I feel like the luckiest person in the world to have had him in my life as much as I did. We had some amazing times together. He was the most kindest, honest, loving person I've ever known. He will be missed. I love you Dick. I couldn't have asked for a better friend. ❤️ Dan



Dan Dorland - January 11, 2021 at 02:51 AM



Very well said Danny. He loved you so very much, and we all were so fortunate to have him in our lives. Through the good times and the bad, we always knew he had our back. Friendship in it's rarest form.

Ray Jackson - January 11, 2021 at 08:34 AM



Dan I know he was a good mentor to you. Always had your back and wanted the best for you. I'm sorry for your loss. Judy, from the basement apartment

Judy Clubb - January 12, 2021 at 05:09 PM

LI

*So sorry for the loss of your BEST friend (dad)  
Hugs and prayers to help you and his other friends & family through  
this devastating sudden loss.*

**Liza** - January 13, 2021 at 08:53 PM

 Bree  
Drake

“ *Dick was a great friend and mentor to me. I met him through my  
grandmother, Meryl Engelhardt. I will never forget the adventures  
we had went on in my short few years of knowing him. He will be  
greatly missed.*

**Bree Drake** - January 10, 2021 at 07:49 PM

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Drake

*Chase Hyzer posted this. Not Bree.*

**Bree Drake** - January 11, 2021 at 10:00 PM

DD

*Chase, Dick really thought that you were a great person with a good  
head on your shoulders. He always looked forward to spending time  
with you and Meryl. Keep in touch.*

**Dan Dorland** - January 13, 2021 at 09:42 PM

SB

*So sorry to hear about Dick's passing. He was a good friend. We met  
at the Red Lion when he gave me my first big kid hair cut 50 years ago.  
Always enjoyed talking to him when we was out walking his dog. He  
will be missed by all.*

**Scott Bradley** - January 21, 2021 at 11:25 AM