



Mr. Richard "Rick" Hoover

June 11, 1960 - April 10, 2017

Richard "Rick" Hoover, age 56, of Algonac, passed away on April 10, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer, with his family by his side. He was born on June 11, 1960, in Mt. Clemens. He married Carrie J. Gelsavage on March 26, 1982, in Durant, Oklahoma.

Rick was an adventurous, intelligent, brilliant and courageous man, with a wicked sense of humor. He enjoyed woodworking, photography, bike riding and walking his dog, Kali, in the woods. He also was an avid collector of die cast model trucks.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Carrie Hoover of Algonac, an incredible father to, Adam (Sarah) Hoover of Algonac, Logan (Amanda) Hoover of Bar Harbor, Maine and Casey Hoover of Dodge City, Kansas, adoring grandfather of, Brody and Fiona, loving parents, Richard and Cathy Hoover, cherished siblings; Brenda (Don) Pams, Mark (Kim) Hoover and Kelly (Mark) Dery, his dog, Kali, along with several nieces and nephews.

Services will be private.

Memorial tributes can be made to the wishes of the family.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ We are saddened to learn of Rick's death. He was a giant of a man in so many ways - big heart, big laugh, and big love. We will miss seeing him on the water and at the cottage. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Julie Fernandez - April 20, 2017 at 02:06 PM

PF

“ Rick, I will truly miss our conversations....mostly about your family, your photography, your work, the island.....I've always admired your humor and honesty.....and your strength with your health.....the cottage will never be the same without you....

Paul F

Paul Allen Fernandez - April 13, 2017 at 07:42 PM

JH

“ One day this farmer boy walked into T.M. Morley Trucking wearing a pair of overalls with a type of relaxed swagger that made his presence known. He had a big personality and sense of humor that matched his size. He quickly grew on you and became not just a friend, but a loyal friend that would do anything for you.

There were a couple times that I would relocate and Rick would be one of the coworkers that would be sent to help out. I remember vividly a large heavy oak cabinet that would make the average size man shudder, generally taking 3 to 4 people to handle. Rick would say "Step aside boys" and basically strap it to his back and walk it up the stairs. Again, a strength that matched his character! 😊

Yes, Rick was larger than life itself and you were blessed to have known him. What a great guy! My heart, thoughts and prayers to his family and friends who will miss him every day. 💔

Fondly and sadly,

Janice Freck (Hill)

Janice Hill - April 13, 2017 at 11:59 AM

NP

“ I still remember the wonderful visit that Carrie and Rick and I had at my home in New Port Richey, FL. Loved getting to know Rick better, and reconnecting with Carrie. Know that you are all in my thoughts, prayers, and heart.

Norma Pruss - April 12, 2017 at 06:05 PM

AD

“ Rick was a very special man. I worked with him at Morley's and he cared a great deal about his job and the people around him. He was a great "hugger" when you needed one..... a big "teddy bear" of a man with a good heart. He will be sorely missed.

Arlene David - April 12, 2017 at 05:14 PM

KL

“ My cousin Rick gave me one of the best pieces of advice anyone has ever given me and it has stuck with me for a long time. Ya see when I first started raising a family Rick gave me a part time job at Morleys. Times were alittle tough financially but Rick agreed to help me out. I worked from 4 to 10 p.m. five days a week. I would leave my full time job and go work for Rick. I was a custodian, we worked our butt off for Rick. All but one guy...i used to get so upset bc the guy was lazy...one day I was ranting and raving and Rick pulled me aside and said..."Kenny, when you are a hard worker like our dads taught us to be, no one is ever gonna live up to our expectations". This has stuck with me...thank you Rick...I love you cousin! You were a good man...you will ne missed by many

Ken Licari - April 11, 2017 at 08:25 PM

AS

“ Sending HUGS and PRAYERS to all the Hoover and Gelsavage Family. I went to Homecoming with Mark in our Junior year and Rick took some petty cool pictures of us. Love this family. <3

Annie (Sanchagrín) Schoen - April 11, 2017 at 06:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Rick" Hoover.*



April 11, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ *Ricky was a huge part of our lives on McDonald Island. As a teenager he would help with the kids on the island and have fun throwing in some of the moms 😭 Many fun memories of him 💕*

carol koonter - April 11, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ *I have many memories of Rick, we grew up very close all our lives! Cancer is an ugly beast, and this man put up one hell of a fight with the intentions of beating it! He and Carrie raised a beautiful family with a unconditional love for each other. Rick will be missed by us all, as he left us to young! Blessings to your family and you are now at peace my friend/cousin ❤️*

Cindy Roggenbuck - April 11, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ *I know words will not soothe the grief you're all going through, but I hope you're comforted knowing that Rick was a fighter, a good husband, father and friend. I will definitely miss his awful sense of humor, him giving Melissa and I noogies, stealing his chair, the cat magazines and his awesome pictures from his travels. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Nick DeCoopman xo*

Nick DeCoopman - April 11, 2017 at 04:02 PM