



Mr. Richard Lee Kosal

March 15, 1931 - January 29, 2016

Richard Lee Kosal, 84 years young, of Macomb Twp., arrived at the Sunset of his life, accepting the call to come home to his Eternal Father, died on Friday January 29, 2016 at his daughter Kathy's home surrounded by his loving family after a hard fought battle with cancer. "When you die, it does not mean that you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and the manner in which you live." - Stewart Scott

He would tell you he was born "on the Ides of March," March 15, 1931 to Alphonsus and Susanna Kosal in Ruth Michigan, Huron County.

Richard was a Veteran, proudly serving his country in the Army from 1952 to 1954. Throughout his life he was a farmer, school bus driver, cement mason and a renowned carpenter who worked as a handyman until he was in his 80's, loving every minute of it. One of his favorite sayings was Carpe Diem! Which he fully embraced and strived to live his life by. He loved adventure, having traveled to all 50 States and 7 countries continually meeting people who became lifelong friends as he rolled along in one of his many Ford F150s pickup trucks. He was a positive inspiration to everyone that crossed his path and strived to live a life worthy of God. Every day he said "It's a great day to be alive!" trying to learn something new and pausing to witness "the miracles God gives us every day if we just look around." He would tell you "the best place on Earth is under the Blue Water Bridge" in Port Huron, MI which he

visited as often as he could. The utmost pride and joy of his life was his family; he loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren with all his heart, saying “they are my legacy; the most important part of my life.”

He is survived by his daughters: Kathryn (Barrie) Vardon of Fargo, MI; Amy Kosal of Lake Butler, FL; daughter-in-law, Betty Kosal of Spring Hill, FL; grandchildren: Jason (Lara) Vardon of Linden, MI; Jordan (Kerri) Vardon of Charlotte, NC; Alicia (Michael) Drago of Spring Hill, FL; and Christie Kosal (Stephen Knudsen) of Vero Beach, FL; great-grandsons: Kevin Drago and Jack Vardon, sister, Mary Jane Purkart of Plainfield, IL; sister-in-law, Lillian “Lee” Kosal of Ubly, MI; his God Daughter and Pal, Lynn Purkart of Wheaton, IL; special companion, Lucille Jurson of Ann Arbor, MI; 16 step-grandchildren, 9 step-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard is preceded in death by his son, Kevin Kosal (2006); brother, Eugene “Gene” Kosal (2009); sister, Anna Kosal (infant); brother-in-law, Rudy Purkart; and his parents, Alphonsus and Susanna Kosal.

“A lovely place of quietness lies deep within my heart ruled over by the Prince of Peace whose love will never part. So when I’m worn and weary and burdened down with care I enter my secluded spot and find Christ waiting there.”

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave. at 17th Street, Port Huron. Brother, Al Gebarowski will officiate.

Interment will be in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Ruth, Michigan.

Visiting hours will be held Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home. To view obituary and share memories visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery

Ruth, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I attended Ugly High School with Dick. Every day our bus would stop at his home in Ruth, Mi and he would get on the bus with his signature smile for everyone. He was always polite and a gentleman and dressed neatly. I am glad to have met him since he was such an inspiration to all.

I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Great men can't be replaced. I will keep him and his family in my daily prayers.

I live in Macomb Mi. , but I was unable to pay my respects in person.

Betty Stawicki

Betty Stawicki - February 07, 2016 at 11:36 AM

DM

“ Dick was a humble and gentle soul. A man with a simple but strong faith in a loving God who had a blessing in store for all mankind. It was my privilege to work with Dick over the years. His work was always upright and solid just like he was. When Dick was on the job you were always confident that any problems that came up could be solved. At lunch you could count on some wonderful conversation and good stories to be told. Dick was a fine man a good example to follow. Knowing him has certainly enhanced my life.

Dan Monette

Dan Monette - February 02, 2016 at 06:20 AM

JV

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Jordan Vardon - February 01, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lee Kosal.



February 01, 2016 at 09:00 PM

AP

“ *Amit and Prem* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. Richard Lee Kosal.



Amit and Prem - February 01, 2016 at 07:41 PM

BK

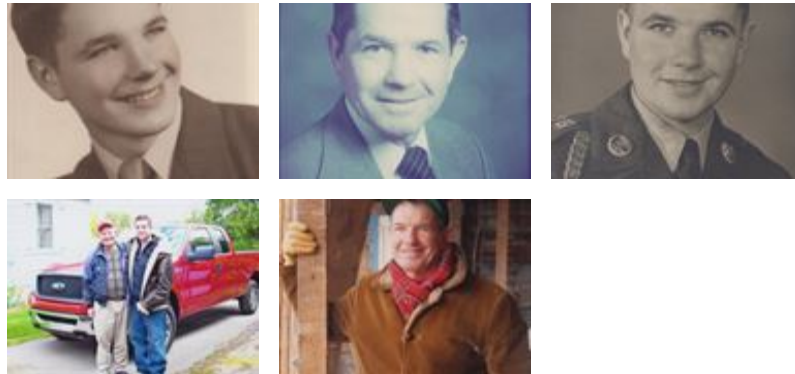
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betty kosal - February 01, 2016 at 06:17 PM



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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 01, 2016 at 11:36 AM

BS

“ *An amazing man who showed us all what a grandparent is. Not many like him. We are sorry for your, "our" loss.... the world needs more men like him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Emerson and Bets*

Bets Steffes - February 01, 2016 at 11:27 AM

TH

“ *Tom Scott, RN, McLaren Port Huron purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Richard Lee Kosal.*



Tom Scott, RN, McLaren Port Huron - February 01, 2016 at 11:05 AM

AG

“ *Sorry for the loss of your loving father Dick. Lord give you strength to bare the loss. May his soul rest in peace. His ever smiling face and positive attitude will be missed. He was a wonderful man*

Amit & Manju Garg

Amit Manju Garg - February 01, 2016 at 10:34 AM

MH

“ *Dick was a very good friend of my parents Irvin & Connie Weber from Ruth. We were always so glad to see him as he was such a friendly fellow. May he rest in peace and our sympathy to his family.*

Mary Ann (Weber) Holdwick and all the Weber family from Ruth.

Mary Ann Holdwick - February 01, 2016 at 07:58 AM

AS

“ So very sorry for your loss. He will truly be missed. His smiling face and always positive disposition. Truly someone we could all aspire to be more like. I had the pleasure of speaking to him about my boys and family during our Vardon Christmas get together while we shared a peice of dessert. A wonderful man indeed.

Andrea Simons - February 01, 2016 at 06:52 AM



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Jason Vardon - February 01, 2016 at 06:11 AM



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Jason Vardon - February 01, 2016 at 06:07 AM

TF

“ This is a one-of-a-kind man! Coffee and lunch every other Friday with Dick was stories of travel and adventures with a little religion and politics (plus a bit of Rush Limbaugh) It would always end with a laugh and/or a prayer for God's blessings! His love for country, friends and family was evident as he would smile and add, "it is a great day to be alive!" He is now alive and vibrant in the arms of his savior, Jesus Christ.

You will truly be missed, Dick, but until we meet again, "Aaaahhhh-Haaaaa!"

See you soon!



The Farley family - January 31, 2016 at 09:25 PM

TF

“ This is a one-of-a-kind man! He was more than a friend, he was family! Coffee and lunch with Dick every other Friday meant tales of travels and adventures. His love of his family, country and friends was always evident in his smile as he told his amazing life stories. Add a little religion and politics (with a touch of Rush Limbaugh) and your visit always ended in a laugh and/or a prayer for God's blessings! He always said, "it is a great day to be alive!" Now he is forever alive and vibrant in the arms of his saviour, Jesus Christ! I truly believe that Dick modeled the humble but faithful life that we should all hope to attain. He was the "real deal" ! You will be missed, dear friend! Till we meet again, "Aahhh Hahhhh!" See you soon!

Robert and Robyn Farley



The Farley family - January 31, 2016 at 09:04 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lee Kosal.



January 31, 2016 at 11:24 AM

BF

“ Coffee on Saturday mornings in Fargo, sharing stories and travels.
Brenda Favero

Brenda Favero - January 31, 2016 at 10:34 AM