



Richard "Rico" M. Kouri

March 23, 1958 - February 21, 2025

Richard M. Kouri, age 66, of St. Clair Shores, passed away on February 21, 2025. He was born on March 23, 1958, in Detroit, Michigan

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements in care of Jowett-New Haven.

Tribute Wall

“ Michael Kouri is with Rich Kouri.

On February 21st 2025 this planet lost one of its greatest accomplishments. Trying to accurately describe how impactful Richard Kouri was to anyone who knew him is the most difficult thing I've ever had to put into words and never seems to be enough. No matter what he had going on in his life he found time to help people in need, and that was strangers. When it came to his family, his love and dedication was almost biblical. Sacrificing his own free time to make sure he kept his word, while beating himself up to keep the promises he made. First hand I got to witness what integrity looked like, what being a man really was. With all the different role models and heroes we can choose in this world I was blessed to be raised by mine. From the legendary stories he had growing up, to the tragic losses he endured as a young child, there was no one I wanted to be more like. Mentioning my father's name or even the Kouri name had the most magical effects growing up, like I was raised by someone famous. The admiration people showed regularly was something that I wanted to carry on into my adulthood. In all my childish attempts to create my own stories that mimic my father's, or got me in far more trouble than expected, he was always on my side even when my side needed to be taught a lesson still. For those that knew him and his selflessness well, you knew his stubbornness. While being stubborn is mostly a negative trait, his was recycled into his ability to get shit done. We butt heads many times, more so once I became an adult. We would argue with each other during our "projects" we would do together, and on the outside would sound much worse than it actually was. Not everyone can handle that energy but it was how we talked to each other, it was genuine and came from love. We rarely said outright that we loved each other, instead we would say "How about them lion's?" growing up so I didn't have to say it in front of others just in case I was embarrassed, which I never was but it was our thing. Through this journey called life he helped me not be a replica of him, but to become my own person instilled with everything he was. He raised

me to be as ready as one can be to lose a parent, he had first hand experience with. Even with all the preparation and bonus time used to ready the inevitable loss of my father, it never fully prepared me losing my hero and best friend.

While i could write about my fathers achievements To quote Dr. Hiluluk from one piece "When does a man die? When he is hit by a bullet? No! When he suffers a disease? No! When his heart stops? No! A man dies when he is forgotten"

While this is a sad time, the legacy my father created will live not just through me, but all he has done and the people he has touched. I can only imagine the tremendous welcome he receives when he crossed over. Matthew Kouri will be waiting to walk you through those gates Pa. Until we meet again.

bob kouri - June 18, 2025 at 01:19 PM

KD

“ *Rico was a great guy! We've always taken our cars to him for probably close to 30 years! He was genuine, capable, caring, and always honest!! He once ordered me a pair of cat eye glasses just because! You could always count on him for sage advice, friendly banter and a good laugh. He was amazing how he steadfastly continued working even while sick. SCS as a whole benefited greatly from this wonderful man and he will be greatly missed!*

Kristen Diefenderfer - March 10, 2025 at 02:45 PM

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“ *We join so many from the former Guardian Angels Church & Elementary School sending our condolences to the Kouri Family. Sue and I were classmates with Richard's older brother John. Praying for you all. RIP Richard.*

Sue - George Eichorn - February 27, 2025 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Lois Gordon lit a candle in memory of Richard
"Rico" M. Kouri*



Lois Gordon - February 26, 2025 at 06:29 PM