



Richard M. Ritchie

September 27, 1955 - March 2, 2015

Richard M. Ritchie, 59, of Rochester, died Monday, March 2, 2015, at his residence.

He was born Sept. 27, 1955, in Chicago, to Herschel and Beulah (Smith) Ritchie. He was married to Jean Dennis Johnson.

Richard was a heavy machine operator for Miller Farm Drainage. He was involved with the 4-H Horse and Pony Club, supporting his daughter and continuing on for many years after her involvement.

Survivors include his daughter, Jennifer and husband Rick Thompson, Rochester; grandchildren Mackenzie, Shane, Parker and Courtney; mother Beulah Ritchie, Ellijay, Ga.; sisters Sheila Wright, Ellijay, Ga., and Lola Mercer, Bunker Hill; brothers Herschel and wife Jane Ritchie, Spring Valley, Ohio, Jim and wife Phyllis Ritchie, Macy, Lloyd and Kathy Ritchie, Bowersville, Ohio, Bill and wife Denise Ritchie, Ohio, David and wife Shawn Ritchie, Ellijay, Ga., and Doug Ritchie, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herschel Ritchie, and his brother, Buddy.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, 2015, at First Baptist Church

of Mentone, 206 S. Oak St., with Pastor Michael Wilhite officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Mentone
206 S. Oak St.
Mentone, IN 46539

Tribute Wall

DR

“ I loved living down a couple streets from you at granny's farm,I'd come over and bug you about riding your horses as a kid,most of all i loved living with you and hearing your stories,and when you brought your backhoe home was the first I ran one,I'll never forget you uncle rick,I loved how you would see through people's bullshit when I thought no one knew,you taught me how to sum it up that them people are attention hogs and thats all I had to say...and your most defintly a cowboy!love you

Derek Ritchie - July 23, 2021 at 10:07 PM

CB

“ Rich worked laying tile and bulldozing at the Masteller Farm since he was 18 working for then LD Thousand. Moving on to work for Miller's Drainage, Rich designed complex layout patterns for the Masteller farm fields. Rich, you worked for many generations of Masteller families, sure going to miss you, your laughter and knowledge.

Claudia Masteller Bailey - March 10, 2015 at 09:32 AM

RD

Was this u father

Robin Davis - July 03, 2023 at 02:49 PM

KL

“ Kathy Lehiy lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie



Kathy Lehiy - March 07, 2015 at 05:56 PM

AN

“ *Mirrored sunglasses, cowboy at heart. Stories told slipping out at night with his brothers. What shenagens they would do. A master in working a backhoe, he made it look so simple. The millions of miles of tile layed draining farm land all for the better.* ”

ann - March 07, 2015 at 05:23 AM

Mikala
Kozel

“ *Mikala Kozel lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie* ”



Mikala Kozel - March 06, 2015 at 02:17 PM

JE

“ *Uncle Rick and Aunt Jean taught me and my brother at a young age how to work and work hard around horses and a farm it was an opportunity of a life time for me and that's what I will miss the most about my Uncle Rick he was a hard worker, and he always had a smile on his face. Love ya always will be greatly missed Jeremy Landrum and family* ”

Jeremy - March 05, 2015 at 09:02 PM

Peggy
Sue

“ *Peggy Sue lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie* ”



Peggy Sue - March 05, 2015 at 04:48 PM

PZ

“ PAT ZEYEN lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie



PAT ZEYEN - March 05, 2015 at 08:13 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard M. Ritchie.



March 05, 2015 at 06:21 AM

KR

“ Kathy Ritchie lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie



Kathy Ritchie - March 04, 2015 at 07:18 PM

WE

“ Wendylee lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie



Wendylee - March 04, 2015 at 04:41 PM

WE

“ *Wendylee lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie*



Wendylee - March 04, 2015 at 04:33 PM

 Brandy Ritchie

“ *Love and miss you uncle Rick*



Brandy Ritchie - March 04, 2015 at 04:04 PM

BS

“ *Bunny Smith lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie*



Bunny Smith - March 04, 2015 at 03:17 PM

KT

“ *Kelly Thompson lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie*



Kelly Thompson - March 04, 2015 at 01:32 PM

JJ

Thank you honey.

Jean Johnson - March 04, 2015 at 02:09 PM

SH

“ *So many good memories!! I wish i could put my favorite one down but boy would he be mad at me!! Rick was not only my Brother he was like a Dad when I needed one, The dearest Friend I could have ever asked for! I lived with him and three dogs for a long time, I loved being out there with him, no matter what he always made sure we kept a smile on our faces!! He took care of me and I took care of him we spent many sleepless nights playing monopoly while listening to Dr.hook and trust me we could belt out every word to every song.. I'm gonna miss our talks the most. Love and miss you Bub*



Sheila - March 04, 2015 at 01:32 PM

LM

“ *Lola Mercer lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie*



Lola Mercer - March 04, 2015 at 12:57 PM


Annette
Hartman
Wise

“ *Annette Hartman Wise lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Ritchie*



Annette Hartman Wise - March 04, 2015 at 09:00 AM

JJ

Thank you.

Jean Johnson - March 04, 2015 at 02:11 PM

DH

He would come into the store and cash his check each week. He always had a smile for us and a sweet word to say. Always made our day better. He will truly be missed.

deb howell - March 05, 2015 at 09:28 AM