



Richard "Rick" Blanchette

July 19, 1956 - May 17, 2019

Richard "Rick" D. Blanchette, 62, of Crescent City, IL, formerly of Kankakee, IL, passed away Friday, May 17th, 2019, at his home. He was born July 19th, 1956, in Kankakee to Foy Baker (Bradley) and Richard "Dick" J. Blanchette. He was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and grandfather. He was a kind and gentle soul with a heart of gold who touched many lives and was loved and will be missed by many. He loved nature and the outdoors and enjoyed camping and fishing. He was an animal lover and leaves behind two dogs, Max, and Baby Chewy. He also really enjoyed playing pool. He was a die-hard Chicago White Sox fan as well as a Chicago Bears fan. He coached little league baseball for the Kankakee Jaycees for many years and was well liked and respected by both players and other coaches alike. He was a retired State of Illinois employee after having worked at Shapiro Developmental Center for many years. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sandra S. Blanchette (Alvey) of Crescent City, IL, his mother Foy Baker (Bradley) of Kankakee, IL, his brother Mike (Lisa) Blanchette of Crescent City, IL, his step-brother Darren Baker, two sons, Richard "Rich" (Kori) Blanchette of Bradley, IL and Joseph T. Blanchette of Anderson, IN. He is also survived by his only daughter, Lisa M. (Chris) Dumas of Bradley, IL. He was also a proud and loving grandfather to ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Tamara "Tammy" Blanchette, his father Richard "Dick" J. Blanchette, his step-father Don Baker and his youngest son, Brian A. Blanchette. Cremation rites have been accorded by Clancy Gernon

Funeral Home in Kankakee, IL, where there will be an open, public visitation on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 4 to 8 pm. A private family burial is being scheduled for a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in his name to The Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
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Kankakee, IL 60901
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Tribute Wall

Lisa
Dumas

“ Dad, I miss you so much. I hope you know how much I love and appreciate you. You were the best dad a girl could ask for. You exemplified a good husband, father, and friend. You are so loved and missed by many. Keep flying high with Brian dad. I'll see you on the other side. Til we meet again, I will keep sending 🦋💕 up to you!



Lisa Dumas - September 03, 2019 at 04:00 AM

LL

“ Sandy, I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was a favorite. He will be missed by friends and family.

Lynn Love - June 13, 2019 at 02:31 PM

DS

“ Rick was great guy to work with, always with such a sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with your family with deepest sympathy.



Denise Schrum - May 24, 2019 at 07:45 AM

ET

“ Sandy, I'm always going to remember Rick being such a devoted husband, father and always being easy to work with. He's definitely going to be missed by me and many others. In Jesus name may He comfort your hearts. Love ya. Ethel

Ethel - May 21, 2019 at 11:10 PM

DG

“ We are sorry for your loss. Rick was a good guy. We were friends of Rick and Sandy's .Gordon grew up with Rick our thoughts and Prayers are with the family.

Deborah & Gordon Guttendorf - May 21, 2019 at 01:29 PM

VD

“ Vern & Carolyn Dumas lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Blanchette



Vern & Carolyn Dumas - May 21, 2019 at 01:19 PM

RP

“ I have many fond memories, growing up in the same neighborhood, both my dad and Rick being coaches for the Jaycees for many years! My heart aches for the entire family. My mother, Carolyn, my brother, Bryan and I truly understand the loss Sandy, Rich, Joe and Lisa are feeling at this time! It is my hope that the love and support of so many around you will comfort you and give you strength now, tomorrow and in the days, weeks and months ahead! The guardian angel each of you have now is a one of a kind as he truly earned his wings while on earth. Much love from our family to yours!

Richelle Ryan Peterson - May 21, 2019 at 12:46 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 21, 2019 at 12:31 PM