



Rick Meli

June 17, 1952 - July 26, 2014

Rick Meli, 62, of Bradley, passed away Saturday (July 26, 2014) at his home.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, also at the funeral home, with Deacon Ron Gagnon officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or the American Cancer Society.

He was born June 17, 1952, in Kankakee, the son of Paul and Joyce Koenig Meli.

Mr. Meli was employed as an administrator working with the developmentally disabled. A graduate of Kankakee Eastridge High School, he went on to attend St. Xavier University in Chicago and was a graduate of Governors State University. He had been an outstanding athlete, having played and coached at St. Xavier, was a longtime umpire and referee, an avid sports fan and also enjoyed reading.

Surviving are one son, Quintin Meli, of Bradley; two brothers, Rodney and Kathy Meli, of Kankakee, and Ron and Nancy Meli, of Longwood, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Hospice of Kankakee Valley - www.hkvcares.org

American Cancer Society - www.cancer.org

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ *I was a teammate of Rick's with the Chiefs. I hadn't heard of his passing until last weekend when we had a reunion of the club. We had a great time back then. I am so sorry to read and hear of his passing. I look forward to the day we reunite ! AMEN ! Tony Maners*

Tony Maners - September 19, 2016 at 07:38 AM

SV

“ *Dear Rick Meli Family:*

I send my sincere compassion to all of you. Rick was a fine man and teammate. As you seek find peace, I pray that Rick's perpetual spirit guide each one of you every day of your life.

On behalf of the De Valk Family, God's blessings. I promise to keep Rick's spirit in my heart forever.

Scott De Valk

Scott De Valk - August 17, 2014 at 10:32 PM

JG

“ *My condolences to Rick's family. I coached your Dad in High School & he always gave his entire effort to any thing that he did. He helped many people in his short life time & will always be remembered as a giver. Joe Gubbins*

Joe Gubbins - August 01, 2014 at 02:18 PM

BN

“ I officiated many basketball games with Rick over my 21 year career and always found him to be one of the most professional men I've had the opportunity to work with. Not to mention the fact that he was also very personable and had a great sense of humor. I am truly heartbroken to hear of his passing while I was on vacation with my family. I am deeply saddened I was unable to pay my respects and will personally miss him on the court very much. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Rick and wish the peace of the Lord unto all during this very difficult time. My prayers and thoughts are with you. God Bless! Brian Neukomm, Cissna Park Illinois.

Brian Neukomm - August 01, 2014 at 07:40 AM

TM

“ Rick was my Administrator at Pinnacle Opportunites. He was such a sweet guy. Easy to talk to, always listening and just was a very genuine person. Quentin, you were a young boy back then and all he talked about was you. He absolutely adored you and loved you with everything he had in him. My prayers are with you Quentin & your entire family. I pray God comforts you and gives you peace in this sorrowful time. May God bless you all!

Tamika McCaleb

Tamika McCaleb - July 31, 2014 at 02:22 PM

DG

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David Gomez - July 31, 2014 at 10:37 AM

EL

“ Rick was one of the nicest people you will ever meet. He was also very professional on his job. May you Rest In Heaven Rick.

Ethel Lee - July 30, 2014 at 12:25 AM

BE

“ Rick, you will be sorely missed by so many! You blessed us all with your award winning smile, and your compassionate heart. You touched the lives of many individuals---- befriending, encouraging, monitoring, managing, listening and making changes always for the better! Our earthly loss, is heavens gain! Prayers of comfort for your family.

Betty Ebben - July 29, 2014 at 09:49 PM

MJ

“ R.I.P. Rick ...u will be missed...a good man!!!

Michael Jackson - July 29, 2014 at 08:35 PM

JS

“ Rick and I were both in the Class of 1970 at Eastridge High School. Unfortunately, you lose track of classmates, but always remember them. Rick was such a nice, sweet, caring guy to everyone. He seemed on the quiet, shy side, but apparently he opened up to people alot. His list of accomplishments were something that he should be very proud of. I've lost several classmates, acquaintances and close friends, and it breaks my heart every time I lose another one. I know he's in a better place, My thoughts and prayers are with Rick, his family, and especially his son, Quintin.



Jan Jackson Siefert - July 29, 2014 at 11:38 AM

SL

“ RICK you will be missed. Your where missed when you left Shapiro as a LUA. You always had a smile on your face when ever I saw you. You always seem to remember people . I remember once when you came to pick up some of the guys from 502 to go on a outing with KCTC. you always seem to love you jobs. My prayers and thoughts are with you family.S. Lamb.

Susan Lamb - July 29, 2014 at 10:45 AM

SH

“ Shaunda lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli



shaunda - July 28, 2014 at 11:47 PM



“ Rick and I worked together at Shapiro. he was always a great person. Later on he took care of my son at KCTC. Rick was a true friend to him, he encouraged my son to do well and Rick helped him see the good in himself. Rest in peace Rick Meli. You were so sweet and kind to all persons.

Heather Bryan - July 28, 2014 at 09:51 PM

DA

“ He was Rilly nice man I now him he one best man now at kctc nice person I now

dan - July 28, 2014 at 09:07 PM

KD

“ A fellow promise keeper gone home too soon.
God speed my friend.



Ken Dvoret

Ken Dvoret - July 28, 2014 at 08:48 PM



“ I am so sorry this good man was taken by cancer so quickly. Rick touched so many lives. He was good to everyone--fair and giving and helping. I look back at the years I worked with him, and I cannot remember him ever losing his temper, no matter how bad someone might be acting. he did so much for me when we worked together, and each time I have seen him after we parted (due to building transfers), he still had such encouraging words. rick and I had some long talks, sometimes about some deep subjects. He was a good listener. I know I'm rambling on here, but so many thoughts keep popping into my head. He was good, through and through. Rest in peace, my dear friend. I'll see you again.

Delores Roof - July 28, 2014 at 07:41 PM

TR

“ Sorry to hear that Rick has died, I remember when Rick started@ Shapiro he was on the unit I was working on he was a little intimidating for him. But he hung in there and became a good employee, Rest in peace Rick, now you are safely in his arms. ..

Terry Robicheaux - July 28, 2014 at 02:35 PM

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli



sharon - July 28, 2014 at 02:32 PM

SH

“ one of the sweetest guys that graduated from eastridge. he shall be missed. sharon crevier

sharon - July 28, 2014 at 02:32 PM

JP

“ My condolences to Quintin and the entire Meli family. Rick was great team mate, mentor and coach at St. Xavier. A well respected man and a good person, I am proud to have known him.

Rest in peace friend, God bless.

Jim Panozzo

Jim Panozzo - July 28, 2014 at 01:41 PM

CH

“ Don't know what to say. I remember the good times at grandma's house. Although you were a little older than me we always shared a laugh when you stopped my grandma's. I know that grandma and grandpa Meli and all our aunts and uncles will be waiting for you. God bless you on your journey home cousin. Ill see you again someday. Love you.

Christine Page Huffman - July 28, 2014 at 01:36 PM

CH

“ *Christine Page Huffman lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli*



Christine Page Huffman - July 28, 2014 at 01:29 PM

AC

“ *Alicia Cutter lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli*



Alicia Cutter - July 28, 2014 at 01:05 PM

JE

“ *Julie Enright lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli*



Julie Enright - July 28, 2014 at 11:20 AM

CS

“ Rick was always so proud of of his family. You could always see the joy on his face when he talked about his son Quentin. A couple of years back, I remember Rick's face beaming when he told me that Quentin was going to watching him umpiring. Quentin, you do not know me but I know that your Dad loved you to the max. Thanks for being a good son to him.



Cherri Saindon - July 28, 2014 at 10:12 AM

AM

“ I had the pleasure to have Rick as my Boss at Shapiro Developmental Center. A very nice guy to work for! Prayers to the Family!



Annie Moody - July 28, 2014 at 09:57 AM

CW

“ I have known Rick for many years. He had the ability to make you feel important. He always listened and above all...he cared. Rick my friend will be missed.

carol wheeler - July 27, 2014 at 09:46 PM



“ Denise Delaney lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli



Denise Delaney - July 27, 2014 at 08:45 PM

TL

“ This news brings me a very heavy heart of such a nice guy and fellow sports official has gone on to meet the great sports field in the sky.

My deepest condolences to Rick's family and especially his son in which he was so proud of..... Tom Longtin



Tom Longtin - July 27, 2014 at 06:22 PM

JC

“ John And Judy Cooper lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli



John and Judy Cooper - July 27, 2014 at 06:20 PM

PD

“ Polly Davis lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli



Polly Davis - July 27, 2014 at 05:47 PM

MG

“ Marsha Grams lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli



marsha grams - July 27, 2014 at 11:00 AM

AB

“ Ashley Bell lit a candle in memory of Rick Meli



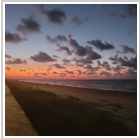
Ashley Bell - July 27, 2014 at 10:44 AM

CT

“ My thoughts and prayers go to the family of Rick. I worked with him at Shapiro and KCTC. He was a wonderful and caring man. He always thought the most of the individuals he served. He will be missed.



Cheryl Taube - July 27, 2014 at 08:42 AM



“ I met Rick at Quik Shop. One of the many lucky bartenders who have the honor of knowing this guy. He was gentle, kind and fun loving man who cared about his friends. His love for his son always came first in his life, but he made sure to be there for friends whenever he could. Rick, you will be missed. I am sending prayers to your family and close friends.

Debi Graeber

Debi Graeber - July 27, 2014 at 04:36 AM

SH

“ *angles in the stars
god saw I was getting tired s he put his arms around .*

*as he whispered come with me . there is a place for you in heaven
where is there is no
suffering and no pain all you have to . this go out to rick and to his
family and to Quintin I will keep on praying deep in mine hart this on
go to rick family to this pome is call
the moving on after death . I lost a few loved one and I just now one
day we will be in heaven with them again . I know it s sad now but in
time god will help you throw it and moving on. from stacy I hartley*

stacy I hartley - July 26, 2014 at 10:58 PM

AH

“ *Rick was an amazing human being who always gave from his heart.
Rick truly cared about the people that he served in his many years
in social services. He was a great friend and colleague and I will
never forget him.*

Angie Hasemeyer - July 26, 2014 at 09:37 PM

CS

“ *Rick was my boss, for a short time and was a person with integrity.
Which made him stand out among other people he worked with, he
was a fair and just man.*

Cecil Stoffregen - July 26, 2014 at 09:21 PM

PD

“ Rick and I have known each other since the late 1960's... since he played baseball on the Kankakee Chiefs with my exhusband. We became close when we worked together as we had side by side offices. "Rickster", that was my nickname for him and he called me "Pol". He had such a great sense of humor and he showed it by always "messing" with me and making me laugh. One day I walked into his office to talk to him and found him in front of his computer walking around and around in a circle. I started to laugh and asked him what in the world was he doing. He replied.. oh Pol, my puter chair was here ... I'm telling you, it was right here...you don't believe me, do you?? I bet I looked like a dog chasing his tail and that he did. We both had a good laugh over that one. On a serious note tho, Rick was so thoughtful..He always made everyone feel important and special regardless of who they were. He loved his family dearly and was so proud of his son, Quintin. My condolences go out to all his family and friends and especially to Quintin at this difficult time. Rest in Peace, Rickster! I will miss you!

Just me,
"Pol"
Polly Davis

Polly Davis - July 26, 2014 at 08:49 PM

ES

Quintin, you can be very proud of your dad. I worked with him for several years and knew him to be a very kind and caring person. You were his pride and joy, I don;t think we ever talked without him mentioning you and how proud he was of you. We are never ready to lose our parents, but the quality times you spent together will help to comfort you. Heaven is rejoicing as Rick enters those gates. Sincerely,
Eleanora Shipley

Eleanora Shipley - July 26, 2014 at 09:19 PM