



Richard Ambrose Emel Jr.

March 2, 1956 - February 5, 2024

Richard Ambrose (Rick) Emel Jr., 67, of Fort McCoy, Florida, passed away on February 5, 2024 in the home he shared with his daughter Mandi Woodard and his grandchildren Maison and Eliza Woodard.

Rick was born to Mina and Richard A. Emel SR. in Williamsport, PA on March 2, 1956. Once he graduated from high school in Mississippi, he enlisted in the US Army and served in Germany until he was Honorably Discharged in 1976. He always enjoyed fishing, watching old western shows/movies and Nascar racing. He was a proud American/Veteran.

He is survived by his sister Dawn Smith of Orlando (FL), his children Kimberly Hudson (MS), Julie May (MS), William Phillips (MS), Amanda "Mandi" Woodard Fort McCoy (FL), his nephews Jonathan Smith Orlando (FL), and Jimmy Cantrell (AL) and his niece Nicole Smith Orlando (FL). He is preceded in death by his parents Mina and Richard A. Emel Sr., and his sister Christine Cantrell (AL).

The sudden death of Rick has been very shocking to his family, as per his wishes there will be no services or memorials, no celebration of life ceremony. He believed it is better for people to celebrate life while they're living, not once someone has passed. He is dearly missed.

“If only the good die young, then I’m going to live forever I guess” -Rick Emel

Tribute Wall

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“ *This family and mine have been long time friends since the 1970's. They have been one of our greatest blessings in this life here on earth.*

We rise together and we fall together. We laugh together and we cry together. God bless this family in their grief.

Rick was always a kind and caring person, we will carry those fond memories of Rick forward.

The Roberts family:

Clint, Myrle, Rickey, Wendy and Mona.

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