



Ernest C. "Rick" Davison III

August 24, 1956 - July 3, 2019

Florist Note- Please have all floral tributes delivered to the funeral home on Tuesday Jul 9, 2019 by 3 PM or to Holy Cross Church between the hours 9 am and 9:30 am Wed. July 10, 2019

ERNEST C. "Rick" DAVISON III

Ernest Claude Davison III, Son of Ernest Claude Davison Jr. and Cathleen M. Flynn Davison died on July 3rd, 2019. He was 62.

Ernest was born in Liverpool, England on August 24th, 1956. Ernie, as he was then called, grew up in Dover, Delaware where he attended Caesar Rodney High School. After graduation he continued working at the family business, Kent Construction Co. where under the leadership of his father, he oversaw many projects including, Dover Downs, Dover Air Force Base, Smyrna Harley-Davidson, the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, and the new Holy Cross Church.

After his father's death in 2007, he went on to build The Lewes Public Library, Cape Henlopen High School, Caesar Rodney High School Additions, The Fenwick Lighthouse, Dover Downs Miles the Monster and currently the new NASCAR Cup Garage at Dover International Speedway.

Mr. Davison's interests were many and varied. He enjoyed snowmobiling in Canada and upstate New York, navigating the Rehoboth and Lewes Waterways and cruising in his 1956 Vet and his Harley Soft Tail motorcycle. Mr. Davison was partner in Davison Racing Team for the NASCAR Busch Series. Later in life, Mr. Davison maintained an active interest in biking and fishing. He was an avid Green-Bay Packers and New York Yankees fan. He was an annual participant in the Peddling 4 Parkinson's Ride, benefiting the Michael J Fox Foundation and supporter of St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Mr. Davison is survived by his wife, Kathy Minner Davison, Daughter Courtney Kathleen

Davison, Son-n-Law James Sturtevant, Mother, Cathleen M. Davison, Sister, Julianne Tracey Davison, Brother, James Patrick Davison and wife Jean Davison, and Brother Lewis Drexel Davison all of Lewes, DE.

We would like to thank all those who reached out and visited Rick over these past few months. He was brave and courageous as he faced his challenges head on, always with a smile and happy disposition; never once a complaint. He was a loving, caring and compassionate individual. He will be greatly missed by those who lives his touched.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 at 12 noon, with visitation for friends beginning at 11 am, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 631 S. State St. Dover, DE. Interment will take place at St. Peters Cemetery, Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE, following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to

The Sussex County Parkinson's Education and Support Group, PO BOX 56, Lewes, DE 19958 and / or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please sign Mr. Davison's online guestbook at this site.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Holy Cross Catholic Church

631 South State Street, Dover, DE, US

JUL **Mass of Christian Burial** 12:00PM

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Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Comments



“ Kathy, my brother just told me. My sincerest condolences to you and your family. Please get in touch when you feel up to it. I'll keep you in my prayers.

Gail Sellers Paich - July 14, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ my condolences to the davison family you taught me a lot you will be missed rest easy my friend mike monahan



Michael Monahan - July 10, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ Dearest Kathy, Kathleen, Courtney, Pat, Julie ad Drexel, we are deeply saddened for your immeasurable loss, of your beloved Rick. We will forever and 'lovingly' treasure Rick's memory as our special friend who had a beautiful, kind soul and charming sense of humor. It was always a joy being in his presence: he truly brought us many smiles and much laughter. We hope and pray you will find strength and comfort through this immense time of sorrow from the outpouring of love from your family and friends. May you find some comfort in knowing how Rick left so many feeling honored and privileged to call him our friend.
Love, Sylvia and Gene

Gene and Sylvia - July 10, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ Drexel Very sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Although I never met Ernest, in reading the many wonderful comments from family and friends, it's obvious he was a fine fellow. And he owned a 56 Chevy. That's my kind of guy. My condolences. All the Best, John Schoonover

John Schoonover - July 10, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ Rick was a great man. He was always happy, always had a smile on us face and was a joy and fun to be around. He had integrity , was a esteemed business man and loved his family with all of his heart. He will be greatly missed but always remembered with love and the memories We have of him will always make our hearts smile. We are praying blessings of comfort , protection and peace over the Davison family and will continue to pray for your strength . We love you Laura & Ronnie



laura hettinger - July 10, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest C. "Rick" Davison III.



July 09, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest C. "Rick" Davison III.



July 09, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ From The RPJ Waste Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Ernest C. "Rick" Davison III.



From The RPJ Waste Family - July 09, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ Our deepest condolences. Prayers and sympathy are with the Davison family at this time.
Jose & Virginia Somalo.

Virginia Esteban-Somalo - July 09, 2019 at 08:42 AM



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July 08, 2019 at 11:46 PM



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July 08, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest C. "Rick" Davison III.



July 08, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ So so sorry four your loss, I remember his kind smile and kindness, go in peace cousin, your journey continues, my brothers will greet you

Dennis Joseph Davison - July 08, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ I have known the Davison family since I was a small boy from Holy Cross. I've gotten to know them more in my teen years as I went to work for Rick's Mom and Dad. One highlight in my life includes the Davison's and I am blessed for their kindness, life lessons and friendship.

Rick was kind, selfless, passionate and devoted to his family particularly his "queen" and little girl. He was extremely funny and a joy to everyone around! I learned a lot from Rick just by observing as he would randomly do odd jobs around the house, running errands, doing this and that for his Mom and Dad. This was in addition to working for the company. He was a hard worker and sacrificed for his family. Loyal beyond belief. He loved his "toys" particularly his boat, his '56 chevy but none of that meant anything if he couldn't share it with his family and friends.

Since Rick's passing, I pray for his beloved Mother, Kathy and Courtney, Jul, Pat and Jean, Lewis and the rest of the family. I pray that the love from your family, friends will bring comfort and peace to you all. God Blessed us for knowing Rick and he will never be forgotten. He will live in our memories forever. God be with you.

Bon Voyage Rick.

Charles Michael Maloy - July 08, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Andrew & Melissa Davison

Andrew Davison - July 08, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ Ms. Cathleen and the entire Davison family,

We are so saddened to hear of Rick's passing.
He was a very special person and will be greatly missed. You can't help but smile when thinking of him.
I hope you there is comfort in your favorite memories.
We love you so very much.
Tracey, Justin and Lil

Tracey Powell - July 08, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest C. "Rick" Davison III.



July 07, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss. I ran into Rick one summer while home from college. We chatted for a while about family and life. He was a very nice guy. I know my world was made better for him being in it.

Sincerely,

Steve Keener

Steven Keener - July 07, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ I held Rick in my arms when he was less than a week old and dreamed beautiful thoughts for him when he was born at Burtonwood, Air Force Base, England. He stayed a week at my home in Washington, DC back in 1975, in the days when he and his father enjoyed race car driving. On the day he was married and he stood at the altar with his beautiful wife to be, he looked back at me and winked. Maybe it was not me he winked at but I like to think so. Although I was not Ken, I was always referred to as Uncle Milton. A very high honor in my mind. Today, I went to church and prayed for his soul and the well being of his family and God's blessing upon them. As a business man, he was a chip off the old block or maybe he was the block. He and Ernest, Jr. can discuss that though-out eternity. RIP my friend.
Love and my Condolence to all.
Uncle Milton and my entire family

Milton A. Smith - July 07, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ Hearing about your loss has deeply saddened me, but I know that this is far from what you are going through right now. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family.
Frank N. DeSantis

Frank N DeSantis - July 07, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ Rick Davison III To the entire Davison Family Al I Deepest Sympathy for the entire family with loss of Rick John & Sylvia Holdren

John Holdren - July 07, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ To the entire Davison family; My deepest sympathy for the entire family with the loss of brother Rick. RIP and love to you all.
Chucky Evans and Ms. Nettye
Brunswick. Ga.

Chuckyevans - July 06, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ Our prayers and sympathy Are with the Davison family at this time.

Bonnie and Bob Peterson

Bonnie and Bob Peterson - July 06, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ To Ms. Cathleen and the entire Davison family,

Please accept my family's condolences as we learn of passing of Rick. As your family was the next door neighbor to my parents and our family for many years. The entire Davison family was extended family to all of my family. Ms. Cathleen extra special prayers and love are sent your way on behalf of Mom whom is one of your dear friends as well as love sent to all in the family at this time.

On behalf of my family, my parents, and my siblings..
We love you all,

Donya Hall-Maull, husband Jay and son Rashad and my parents Fred and Cecilia Hall.

Donya Hall-Maull - July 05, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ I remember Rick as "Ricky"; a nice, sweet, little boy who would visit the Coleman family with his family. That nice kid grew to be a man everyone could admire. I know that family meant everything to him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Alicia Coleman Parson

Alicia Parson - July 05, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Prayers and thoughts for Ernie's family. Went to school with Ernie always a very nice guy.



Mary Stevens Draper - July 05, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ So sorry that you've lost such a good man ~ from the time he was young until the end, I'm sure . . . I hope the good thoughts of others remembering Rick fondly will comfort you in your loss. Bev King

Beverly Jo King - July 05, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ Rick was one of my best friends, favorite fishing partner. Overall one of the best individuals I have ever known.

I was honored to call him my friend. I loved him like a brother. I will miss him, until we meet again.

Duane A. Woodard

Duane A Woodard - July 05, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ Linda Iverson lit a candle in memory of Ernest C. "Rick" Davison III



Linda Iverson - July 05, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ Rick was our Best Man I'll always cherish the times we spent together as young care free adults just starting out in life as married couples Rick married Kathy just a month after us that was 38 yrs ago.

Although time and life seemed to separate us.

We were able to spend quality time with him over the last few months. RIP Rick you'll be sadly missed by all but never forgotten. You're free from pain Fly Angel Fly High .

Linda Iverson - July 05, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ John remembers fondly sitting with Rick in back of the Bay house with a bottle of Frangelica. He and Rick weren't sure if they were really seeing so many falling stars or if it was the liquor. Sarah remembers Rick instructing her to kayak and his patience towing her in the boat. I vividly remember how gracious he always was and his laugh. We are heartbroken for you. Please accept our prayers for your peace as you grieve.

Donna Barron - July 04, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences go out to all of you during this difficult time . Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.



John J. Davison - July 04, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ So much love and respect... My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. I love you all.



Jeremy E. Troise - July 04, 2019 at 01:08 PM