



## Richard Finch

November 7, 1955 - January 18, 2024

Richard Paul Finch (Rick to those who loved him) died in a skiing accident on Thursday afternoon, January 18, 2024. And man, do we miss him already.

Rick was happiest on his motorcycle, riding down some country roads to no place in particular. He was happiest watching his grandchildren try their best in a sport or activity. He was happiest sharing a beer with his friends after a long day working together. He was happiest talking about Clarkson hockey and all of the players, coaches, and staff that he spent time with. He was happiest sitting next to his wife and children while enjoying a good meal. Kind, fun, and a little competitive, he loved sports, camping, motorcycles, tinkering around the house, and spending time with his family.

Born on November 7, 1955 to George and Virginia Finch, and brother to Vic (Dorothy) Finch, Jim (Gail) Finch, George (Betty) Finch, and Tom (Shirley) Finch. Rick grew up in Clare, Michigan and had a childhood filled with adventure. He was a musician and athlete - setting the stage for his lifelong love of sports and music.

He married Sherry (Deaton) on September 1, 1979 - but they started dating in 1974, so they get credit for a full fifty years of partnership. They both attended Aquinas College, and lived in a variety of mid-western towns and cities while Rick pursued his medical education and a career that allowed him to regularly

feel the adrenaline rush that he loved. They moved to Malone in 1989 where Rick could combine his love of the outdoors and activity with a career in emergency medicine.

Rick is father to Adria Finch (Patrick Engle) and James Finch (Brittnie Finch). He is grandfather to Alesandra Finch (16), Serenity Finch (8), Anderson FinchEngle (6), Lilah Finch (5), and Elin FinchEngle (2). By watching him, Rick's children and grandchildren learned so much about balancing hard work with the things that bring them joy. Consequently they have many of the same interests and skills ranging from home improvement projects, to golf, to watching a car race.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 11:00 am at Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor Connie Bongard officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rick's name to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Rick was a wonderful friend and gifted athlete that was well liked by everyone. He enjoyed college life, especially after he met his lovely future wife Sherry Deaton. I'll never forget our car rides in my '73 Chevy Vega where we would drive around in the country until we got lost (after we finished our studies, of course). Unfortunately, I lost touch with Rick after college, but continued to look for him on Facebook and the web. That is how I just learned of his accidental skiing death in January of this year. My sincere condolences to Sherry and his extended family.  
—David Naumes, Aquinas College



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