



Ricky Lee Benchley

March 12, 1962 - November 23, 2021

Ricky “Rick” Benchley, 59, a business owner and life-long resident of Clare, Michigan passed away Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. He was born March 12, 1962 in Clare to Bernard & Jean (Reger) Benchley. Rick was a loving son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, significant other, and friend to so many.

Rick was a 1980 graduate of Clare High School before becoming a Certified Master Mechanic and Refrigeration Specialist. He dedicated over 35 years of service at The Delfield Company of Mt. Pleasant. Rick was the proud owner of R & A Sales in Clare for over 35 years, which he built from the ground up. He was devoted to his family, especially his three daughters. He dedicated his life to ensuring they were strong, independent, educated, and hard-working individuals in which he supported them in everything they pursued. He enjoyed belting out random tunes, camping and boating, traveling, going to demolition derbies and figure eight races, restoring vehicles, taking care of his animals on his farm, and taking on new and unique projects. Rick loved to attend family reunions and local church services with his father and was a devoted Christian. You would find him around town snow plowing, pulling people out of ditches, and saving the day if you locked your keys in the car. He was always smiling, caring, acting goofy and joking with his co-workers, family, and friends. He never hesitated to lend a helping hand.

His wonderful life will forever be cherished by his mother, Jean Benchley; daughters, Sara, Heather (Michael) & Corissa (Steve) Benchley; grandchild, Aiden Benchley; brothers Mark (Kris), Jerry (Karen), Joe (Kathy) Benchley; significant other Lori Riedel (Ray, Tiffany (Mitch), Matt, Michael (Sam), Rossi, Lillie & Alisha) and family; many nieces, nephews, cousins, countless family members, friends, and co-workers. Rick was preceded in death by his father, Bernard Benchley. His life was a blessing, his memory a treasure, loved beyond words and missed beyond measure by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

A visitation service will be held at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on December 2nd, 2021, from 5 - 8pm. A graveside service will be held at the Warren Township Cemetery in Coleman on December 3rd, 2021 at 11am. A celebration of life luncheon will be held at a later date. Social distancing and masks will be required for all attendees. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be donated to the family to assist with funeral and medical expenses at 8375 S. Cornwell Ave, Clare, MI 48617. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Warren Twp. Cemetery

4360 N. Coleman Rd.
Coleman, MI 48618

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanfh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Graveside Services

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Warren Twp. Cemetery
4360 N. Coleman Rd.
Coleman, MI 48618

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Hell of a rafting trip in West Virginia even though big Rick was wearing a wet suit. We all poked fun of him untill we felt the temp of the water. I for one was guilty of pushing him in the river out of the raft when our guide was screaming high sides. I use to work with Rick at Delfield and he was a blast to pick on and joke with. The world lost a good one when Rick stepped out. Rich Decker

Richard R Decker - July 22, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee Benchley.



December 02, 2021 at 08:25 AM

JZ

“ John, Pam , Gage,Alix and Kyler Zinser purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ricky Lee Benchley.



John, Pam , Gage,Alix and Kyler Zinser - November 30, 2021 at 06:36 PM

AS

“ Rick, you will be missed by many. Thank you for all the laughs, insight, and kindness. I will always remember our white water rafting trip! Our deepest condolences to the family. God Bless. AS

Adam Smith - November 28, 2021 at 05:04 PM

RD

Adam I just heard today from Basil 7/22/23 people need to stay in touch better

Richard R Decker - July 22, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee Benchley.

November 28, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee Benchley.



November 28, 2021 at 03:19 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Shear lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Benchley



Rebecca Shear - November 28, 2021 at 11:17 AM

MH

“ sorry for family and friends loss he always had a smile great friend and co worker he was great to deal with if i needed parts or a car. always fun to be around he will be missed mark hemmert

mark hemmert - November 28, 2021 at 08:21 AM

KM

“ *Sending all our love and prayers to family and friends . Kathleen Merrill-gierum*

Kathleen Merrill-gierum - November 28, 2021 at 12:33 AM

TA

“ *We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Rick. He was a wonderful man. Thinking of the family and lifting you all up in prayer. Don and Tina Alwood*

Tina Alwood - November 27, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee Benchley.*



November 27, 2021 at 09:05 PM