



Richard "Rick" Kaps

November 5, 1951 - May 3, 2021

Richard "Rick" Kaps, 69, of East Peoria, passed away on Monday, May 3, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. He was born on November 5, 1951 to Richard and Irene (Ferreira) Kaps in Peoria. He married Judy Holliday on December 24, 1983 in Marquette Heights; she survives.

He is also survived by his daughter Megan (Mike) Mobeck of East Peoria; his son Jonathan Lee (Lisa Parr) Kaps of Pekin; his 2 stepdaughters, Robin (Paul) Bennett of Huntsville, AL and Hope (Larry) Ware of Peoria, IL; his stepson Michael (Terri) Holliday of Bloomington, IL; his brother David (Georgia) Kaps of Morton; 13 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rick worked as a machinist for Caterpillar Tractor for 30 years. He was also a school bus driver for East Peoria District 309 for 17 years. Rick was very active in the community. He served as a police officer in Marquette Heights and was a volunteer fireman for East Peoria for five years. He also volunteered with the Tazewell County Sherriff's Office Auxiliary for 30 years and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for 15 years.

Rick was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in East Peoria.

A visitation will be held from 3:00-4:00PM on Friday, May 7, 2021 at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with a funeral service following at 4:00PM. Pastor Brian Pape will officiate. Burial will be in Hirstein Cemetery in Morton.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Midwest Affiliate or St. Peter's Lutheran

Church. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Hirstein Cemetery

Morton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Funeral Service

MAY 7. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Rick" Kaps*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Jon and family, I am so sorry to hear of your father's death. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love you, Aunt Joan*

Joan Chandler-Parr - May 07, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Thank you for taking care of Mom. You will missed very much!*



Robin Bennett - May 07, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *Im so sorry to hear of Ricks passing. I'm a cousin that never got to meet him. I would have loved to meet the Kaps family as my dad (George Ferreira) was the brother of his mom Irene. Rick, I look forward to meeting you in the future when I cross over. May our Savior Jesus greet you with open arms and comfort your family during this time.*

Fred Ferreira - May 06, 2021 at 12:52 AM

JR

“ Judy, Robin, Hope, Eric, Nathan- We want to express our sympathies to you. We are so thankful that Rick knew the Lord. You will be in our prayers! Joanne and Ken Reutter (Grandma and Grandpa)

Joanne Reutter - May 05, 2021 at 02:41 PM

CE

“ Charles Emig lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Kaps



Charles Emig - May 05, 2021 at 09:35 AM

CE

Sorry to her the passing of Rick. Back in the 70's we rode motorcycles. Rick had the first Automatic motorcycle. We used to joke about it. He always said anyone can ride a Harley. Well he took Roger on bike for a joy ride. Didn't even make it out of the driveway. He laid it on it side. It kinda hurt his pocket book. Another time when he was a police officer he pull a guy over for speeding. Only to find out the guy was in a hurry holding to ice creams code. He started laughing so the guy got out if a ticket. He loved chocolate donuts and always for some reason would loose his Caterpillar badge only to pay Roger \$3.00 to get it back. Hope Rick is reading this from Heaven. Rest in peace Brother. We will meet again

Charles Emig - May 05, 2021 at 09:44 AM

CE

Read commit

Charles Emig - May 05, 2021 at 09:45 AM

RL

Rick was a caring public servant always willing to help others. A true gentleman. Always a pleasant man to speak with. My condolences to Rick's family for their loss. I had not seen Rick for several years since I was working overseas but thought of him often. Wish I had one more opportunity to see and speak with Rick.

Bob Lickiss

robert lickiss - May 05, 2021 at 10:15 AM

JM

“*Judy. I am so sorry to hear about Rick. Prayers for you and family. May God be with you through this sad time. Jane Marshall.*



Jane Marshall - May 04, 2021 at 06:20 PM