



Richard "Rick" A. Stelitano

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Richard “Rick” Angel Stelitano, 67, passed away in Lakeland on November 27, 2025. Rick was born on September 9, 1958, in Los Angeles, California, and was preceded in death by his parents. Rick moved to Florida in 1984, where he built a full and meaningful life surrounded by family, friends, and the community he cherished.

In 1997, Rick opened The Nursery Landscape & Garden Center. He owned and operated the business with pride and dedication until its recent closing, serving customers with the same warmth and hard work that defined every part of his life. Rick had many passions—riding his Harley, spending time out on the water, fishing, and cheering on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. But nothing brought him more joy than time spent with his family. His granddaughter, Abigail, held a special place in his heart and was truly the apple of his eye.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Susan; his daughters, Michele and Angela; and four grandchildren. He will be remembered for his big heart, steady presence, and the deep love he had for those closest to him.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, from 10:00–11:00 a.m., with a funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m., at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Southside Chapel, located at 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland. Interment will take place at Oak Hill Burial Park.

Rick will be forever loved and deeply missed.



Events

Richard "Rick" A. Stelitano

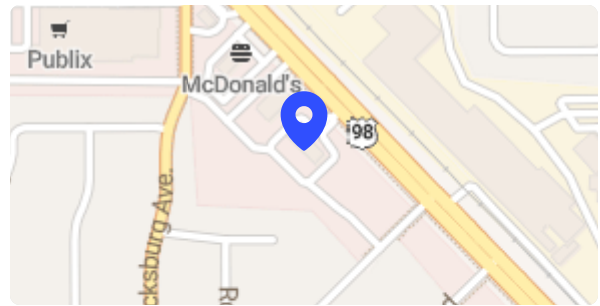
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- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel**
1727 Bartow Road , Lakeland FL 33801

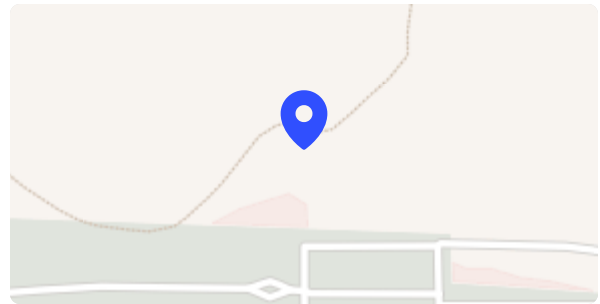
Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, December 3, 2025
- 11:00 AM ET
- Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**
1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801



Cemetery Details

- Oak Hill Burial Park**
4620 US Highway 98 S, Lakeland FL 33812





Tribute Wall

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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Video**.



December 2 at 12:20 PM



Sharon Ebersold shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Rick was my longest known friends. I've known him my wholelife. We lived next-door to each other, we ran around in diapers together(literally) We got into more than our share of trouble! He was my pesky brother from another mother! Heck, most of the time he didn't even knock to come in the house, he lived there too.One of my most precious memories of him was coming to see me four yrs. ago, I haven't seen him in almost 50 yrs. I love Rick, I am painfully going to miss him. Rest in peace, my Brother.

December 2 at 2:32 PM



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December 2 at 2:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Stelitano family.



December 2 at 1:57 PM



From Sherry & Donald Parrish planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Rick".



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Mike And Jenny Clark sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Stelitano family.

December 2 at 11:30 AM



Mike And Jenny Clark planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Rick".

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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stelitano family.

December 2 at 7:11 AM



Your 5Am Burn Gym Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Rick".

December 2 at 7:11 AM



Sheri & Brian Ebersold sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Stelitano family.

December 1 at 11:59 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Stelitano family.

December 1 at 8:52 PM





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JR

Josh, Roxie, Cali & Ramsey planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Rick".

December 1 at 8:52 PM



RL

Randy And Stepen Loose sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Stelitano family.

December 1 at 8:25 PM



RL

Randy And Stepen Loose planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Rick".

December 1 at 8:25 PM



TG

The Gentrys sent an Arrive in Style to the Stelitano family.

December 1 at 3:14 PM



Anonymous

Anonymous sent a Rays of Light Spray to the Stelitano family.

December 1 at 2:31 PM



SB

Shel, Boogie, And Bryan planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Rick".

December 1 at 2:31 PM





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Jack M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Rick".

November 29 at 8:11 AM



Robyn M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Rick".

November 29 at 8:02 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard "Rick" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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