



## Richard Eugene Halifax

July 6, 1939 - September 20, 2020

Richard was born to the late William and Irene Halifax on July 6, 1939, in Minden City Michigan. He was the twelfth child of sixteen. Surviving Siblings are: Betty Smith, Jean Wilson, Jack (Mary) Halifax, Robert Halifax, Mary Lou (Hoffman) Kramer, Carol (Michael) Ireland, Charles (Barbara) Halifax, his sister-in-law Violet (James) Darling, Paula "Sue" Halifax along with many nieces and nephews.

Deceased Siblings, Ralph (Stella and June) Halifax, Howard (Virginia) Halifax, Helen (Art) Winkel, Gerald Halifax, Gordon (Rhea) Halifax, William Halifax Jr. Ruth Ann Halifax, Marjorie Halifax, sister-in-law Bernadine Halifax, brother-in-law, Krestyn Smith, Erwin "Wayne" Wilson, Floyd Hoffman, Gerald Kramer, and several nieces and nephews.

Richard was 81, living in Lakeland, Florida. He passed away on Sunday, September 20, 2020, from complications of lung cancer. Richard was born in Minden City, MI on July 6, 1939. He was the twelfth of sixteen children born to the late William and Irene Halifax. Richard briefly lived and worked in Port Huron, MI, married Gloria Halifax, with whom he had one surviving son, Brian Halifax, 53, also of Lakeland, FL. He moved to Sterling Heights, MI, and worked at the Ford Van Dyke Plant as a die setter for the next thirty years. Richard married his surviving spouse, Linda Halifax (formerly, Billingsley and Lawrence), 75, a registered nurse, on March 30, 1986. Richard became a loving step-father to Linda's three surviving sons, Shawn, Scott, and Bryan Billingsley, from a previous marriage. Richard and Linda continued to live in Sterling Heights, retired together in 1998, and then moved to Evert, MI, purchasing a home on Lake Miramichi. Richard and Linda became dedicated members of the South Evert Community Free Methodist Church. Richard enjoyed fishing, hunting, and helping friends harvest and process maple syrup. Richard was always proud of the vegetables he grew in a raised garden he developed after a traditional one was ravaged by rabbits and deer. Richard was always willing to help anyone in the community and donated his time to cut the grass at South Evert Church. Richard and Linda moved to Lakeland, FL, in 2017. His energy, sincere smile and caring personality will be missed by all who loved him. A memorial service will be held in Evert, MI, at a later date.

# Comments

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“ Richard was one of the group that volunteered time to do what ever asked on the Lake where we lived. He would always stop at Bob's for a good with both Bob and Cy , my husband. Always running the lake with Linda in his Tiger's golf cart, and stopping to chat with everyone.



**Patricia Worth** - September 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM

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“ Richard was always cracking jokes with us. And we had an ice cream social and my hubby Jeff, Richard and myself was having a ice cream eating contest. Richard made it so much fun and memorable for sure. We could always count on Richard, he was always there for us when we needed some help. Richard will be missed for sure, he is at peace and with our Lord. Can't wait someday to meet up with Richard.

**Lisa Knight** - September 24, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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“ Never give up. Will be missed

**jane beld Smith** - September 24, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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“ What a good, Godly man with a joyful soul. I remember how he embraced our children, upon first meeting them. The kids loved Uncle Richard, Aubrey thought so much of him.

**linda carlson** - September 23, 2020 at 10:57 PM