

## Record-Eagle Obituaries

### Richard G. Michael

September 15, 1950 - June 3, 2017

Richard George Michael, affectionately known as Rick, of Traverse City, age 66, passed away Saturday, June 3, 2017 at his residence.

Richard was born in Flint on Sept. 15, 1950, the son of the late Anthony and Mary Michael.

Rick is survived by his wife of 44 years, Therese Michael; his children, John Michael and Marci Michael; his siblings, Anthony Michael Jr. (wife, Carol) and Nancy Michael; father-in-law, Kelly DeNicolo; mother-in-law, Dora DeNicolo; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; as well as an enormous circle of friends who will miss his boisterous spirit and caring soul.



Rick was an active member of the Traverse City community, with roles in the Traverse City Housing Commission, the Knights of Columbus, Safe Harbor (homeless shelter) volunteer and a perpetual adoration volunteer and usher with the St. Francis Church.

Rick was a devoted husband, loving father and valued family above all things.

He regularly traveled the states to visit with everyone from elderly aunts and uncles to his great-nieces and nephews. He was an overwhelmingly compassionate man who went out of his way to help a stranger as easily as a friend. He instilled the motto of waking up every day to do something for someone else before doing something for yourself. When not with his family and friends, Rick could be found on the water fishing the day away.

The family asks that in honor of Rick's memory, you take time to enjoy the sun, the water and your loved ones.

Visitation will take place from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint. A rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, June 12, 2017 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church, 4133 Calkins Road, Flint, with Father Pierre Bassil officiating. Richard will be at the church from 10 a.m. Monday until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

A memorial service to be announced at a later date will also be held at St. Francis Church in Traverse City.

Memorial contributions should be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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