



Richard Lynn Callear

January 7, 1951 - November 3, 2022

The life journey of Richard Lynn Callear (age 71) ended November 3, 2022. He passed away at home following a courageous fight with cancer. Rick is survived by wife Nancy Bustin and daughter Tara Callear, as well as brothers Keith Callear, Kenneth (Janine) Callear, Ron (Roxy) Callear, and sister Loreita (Dennis) Gallick; and was pre-deceased by father, Elmer Ridgeway Callear (2014) and mother, Rachel Alene (Allis) Callear (2017).

Following graduation from Athens Area High School (Class of 1969—Go Bulldogs!) Rick took a job at DuPont that he gladly walked away from after 27 years to work at Nancy's Animal House. As owners, he and Nancy met many people from the community and enjoyed stories about their pets. For 25 years he was quite the salesman and was key to sustaining their small business. During the holidays he could be found outside their store peddling Christmas trees and at Hurley's Market ringing the Salvation Army bell.

In retirement, Rick further perfected the art of living and became a full time steward of his land along the Schrader Creek, where he and Nancy have thrived since 1979. Over the years they welcomed many friends and family to camp, swim, grill-out and drink the occasional Old Milwaukee. To the very end, he took pride in independently maintaining his slice of paradise. With help from friends and family he built barns and stone walls. He kept his wood pile neatly stacked and the rugged driveway passable through floods and ice jams. His new Mahindra tractor made the job much easier and much more fun! He will be missed by neighbors who appreciated his commitment as

gatekeeper of Smokey's Road, where he kept the peace for all to enjoy. Rick lived for outdoor adventures with friends, including fishing trips to Maine and Canada, and ski trips to Vermont and Massachusetts. In 2014, he and Nancy took an epic once-in-a-lifetime RV road trip to Alaska to see his daughter.

He liked fast cars and going with friends to races or car shows. As a teenager, he used money from his paper route to buy his first car. Just this summer he got a new electric motorbike to tear around on.

Rick shared his mother's love of baking and his dad's sweet tooth. He made a mean lemon meringue pie and delightful carrot cake. He was a master on the grill and hosted many a barbeque. In celebration of Rick's love of food, friends and family are encouraged to gather on November 10 for a Luncheon at the American Legion #42 (912 S Main Street, Towanda) from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in Rick's name, please consider the following: Guthrie Hospice, 421 Tomahawk Road, Towanda, PA 18848; You Too Animal Rescue, 13489 Route 220, Towanda, PA 18848; Cans for Strays, 99 Liberty Corner Road, Towanda, PA 18848. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Luncheon

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Towanda American Legion Post No. 42
912 South Main Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lynn Callear*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Richard Lynn Callear*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Richard Lynn Callear*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Richard Lynn Callear*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Richard Lynn Callear*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed our conversations. Chuck Campbell*

CHARLES Campbell - November 11, 2022 at 01:36 PM

PP

“ *Very sorry to hear about Rick. We have many great memories. A sensitive plant will always bring back memories of his wit and smile. Sending prayers to the family. So glad there are so many memories to remember and smile about.*

Paul & Mitzi

Paul & Mitzi Poepperling - November 11, 2022 at 07:45 AM

SG

“ *So sorry Nancy, Rick was such a good guy. I don't have to tell you that. Sending my love and sincere sorrow as you grieve. I pray God gives you comfort as you go forward. Please reach out any time you need or want.*

Susan Giordano - November 10, 2022 at 04:15 PM

RC

“ *Nancy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family! R.I.P. Rick! Judy and Bob*

Robert Cox - November 10, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Richard Lynn Callear.*



November 10, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Lynn Callear.*



November 09, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to you and Rick's family, Big hugs he was a great guy! Peggy & Richard Warfle*

Margaret Peggy Warfle - November 08, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Nancy and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely, Richard and Carol Bailey*

Carol Bailey - November 08, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Nancy, so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Way too young. May he RIP*

Monty Hughes - November 08, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you all in your loss of Rick. I am so sorry. RIP Rick.*



Claire Holton-Lizon - November 08, 2022 at 09:04 AM

AP

“ *R.I.P. Richard*

Alfred CURTIS PELTON - November 08, 2022 at 09:00 AM

SH

“ *Tara my heart breaks for you in the loss of your dad!! My the memories you made when he visited Alaska and throughout your life hold you up during this time!!*

Nancy, thoughts and prayers to you during this time!!!

Steffi Harris - November 08, 2022 at 06:39 AM

BW

“ *we are so sorry for your loss, we have wonderful memories of Rick, before & after he lived in Weston, he will be greatly missed by us both & our boys! David & Bonnie Wilcox*

Bonnie Wilcox - November 07, 2022 at 03:57 PM

GS

“ *So sorry to all Rick's family. My friend for 43 years, I have so many memories. Having our cabin near his home, I took a day trip to New York State back in the 80's with Rick and we stopped at several places that had wings back when wings just became popular. I have never had such a great afternoon and learned so much about the area he knew so well. So much more to share, He always came to visit when we were at our cabin and always helped us from fallen trees to running out of beer! I will surely miss you, until we meet again. Gregory Strony*

Gregory Strony - November 06, 2022 at 08:41 PM

BF

“ *Beers Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard Lynn Callear.*



Beers Family - November 06, 2022 at 11:55 AM

AW

“ *I'm sad to hear of Rick's death. I have so many memories of spending time with you guys at your creekside paradise. Family get-togethers, clam chowder, coffee by the water, the amazing gift of life. That was quite the man. I wish you peace and smiles when you remember him, and the support of friends and family to comfort the sadness. Much love, Amber*

Amber R Watkins - November 06, 2022 at 09:33 AM

DK

“ *Our prayers and condolences to all the families.*

Dick Kobbe - November 05, 2022 at 07:52 PM

MD

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. My deepest sympathy to Nancy and family. I knew Rick as my husband worked with him, and they were friends, and also the wonderful Animal House he and Nancy ran after he retired. Always great with the animals. May he Rest In Peace and his family find comfort.*

Martha Dunn - November 05, 2022 at 05:45 PM

PL

“ *Paul & Bert Lutz purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Lynn Callear.*



Paul & Bert Lutz - November 05, 2022 at 04:01 PM