



Richard Alan Lavender

May 12, 1945 - January 7, 2021

Richard Alan Lavender of Cadillac passed away unexpectedly Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 75.

Dick was born May 12, 1945 in Roswell, New Mexico to Ray Albert and Melba I. (Woods) Lavender and they preceded him in death.

Dick was known as "The Phone Guy" to many. He worked in the telephone communication industry for over 50 years. In the beginning of his career he worked at Continental Telephone in Illinois then owned and operated the Phone Shoppe in Cadillac for over 30 years.

He loved spending time outdoors and loved working in his yard. In his younger years Dick enjoyed snowmobiling. Dick loved to tell stories and never met a stranger. He loved cars of all kinds and enjoyed car shows. In the summer he was a regular at the Culver's Cruise night.

In 1978 he married Debra S. Miller and she survives him along with his three children: Michelle Lavender, Rich Jr. (Jill) Lavender all of Illinois, Pat (Erin) Lavender of McBain; grandchildren: Amanda, Joseph, Maddox, Madelyn, Makayla, Bella and Kenzie and one great-grandchild, Audriana.

In addition to his parents Dick was preceded in death by a brother, Michael

Lavender.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

An online guestbook is available at ww.petersonfh.com.

SM

“ Richard was one of the kindest guys in our class. He always had a smile waiting for anyone he saw. I think everyone could have learned how to be a better person through Dickey and I hate I never told him so. I am very sorry for his family's loss.

Sue Tabor Mitcham - January 12, 2021 at 09:37 AM

SH

“ All of us at Lakeside Title are deeply saddened by Dick's passing. We will miss him, our thoughts and prayers to his family at this most difficult time. Sara, Erica, Karissa, Kenzie, Sandy, Lorie and Dave.

Sara P Haskin - January 11, 2021 at 10:55 AM

JD

“ Debbie, Patrick and family
We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad! He was a top-notch guy in every way and he truly did know a lot about practically everything! He never missed a chance to bring his kids and his grandkids into every conversation!
He will be missed by one and all!

John & Diane Dunbar - January 10, 2021 at 04:49 PM

RH

“ Deb and family. We are so very sorry for your loss. We so enjoyed our coffee time together. He always gave me advise on repairing things and we laughed and joked with one another.
We will greatly miss him. If we can help you with anything please call us. He was such a great person.

Ron & Linda Hamilton - January 10, 2021 at 08:56 AM

TC

“ *Very Sorry to hear of Dick's passing! My condolences to you and your family. God Bless you and keep you.*

Tony and Terri Colasacco - January 10, 2021 at 06:34 AM

MS

“ *Shock and sadness to read of Dick's death. I have many memories of delightful conversations with him when he would stop by your office. It was always a brighter day to bump into the two of you at the Art Festival. You are in my thoughts. May you find comfort as time goes on through this time of grief.*

Melissa Sjogren - January 09, 2021 at 05:12 PM

ML

“ *Years ago I worked for Horizon Books and this very lovely man would come in every morning and order his hot cocoa. What a gracious and kind man Dick was. Laura and I certainly enjoyed our chats with him. I loved listening to him banter with the other morning customers. I enjoyed running into him throughout the years, particularly at the downtown car shows. I wish you peace of mind and spirit.*

Maureen Loper - January 09, 2021 at 11:16 AM

KL

“ So sorry to hear of Dick's sudden passing. He was just in our office to do some phone work, and sat down for a little chat like he always did. He was always happy, friendly and genuinely interested in what was going on in our lives. We always knew him as the phone guy-but became friends as Patrick and our Kertis played in sports together. He so very much loved his family and we'd share grandkids stories whenever we saw one another. He will be missed and our heartfelt condolences go out to you Deb, Patrick and family. Know that many prayers are being sent up on your behalf at this tough time.

Kathy and Kevin Lytle - January 09, 2021 at 09:34 AM

JC

“ Goodbye my dear friend. You will be so missed by so many. Bob and I enjoyed all our reunions and will treasure those memories. Deb - our love to you and your family. God Bless you. As a fellow native Roswell native, you made Roswell a better place.
JJ

Jo Christensen - January 09, 2021 at 08:50 AM

JC

“ Myself and Dick worked in the same industry and ended up running our own telco-data companies selling like products. We talked often helping each other solve problems related to our craft and then became good friends. Dick became like a big brother to me and he was always honest and just a joy to know,,how I will miss him....and he loved his family very much.

Joe Call-Signalcom - January 09, 2021 at 07:40 AM

DB

“ So very sad to hear of Dick's passing. Many prayers to Deb and his family. He was so personable and friendly and I always enjoyed chatting with Dick and Deb at the grocery store. He was such a good people person and always asked how my mom was doing as she worked with Deb for a long time. Will miss Dick's sense of humor and professional wisdom. So sorry for your loss.

Denise B - January 08, 2021 at 05:58 PM

SL

“ Had the pleasure of Linda earlier this week, She is a wonderful woman! Nicole is a remarkable young niece whom is married to our nephews Cory, & their sons! Sorry for loss, may they have peace with the Lord.

Spencer & LaVonneda - January 08, 2021 at 03:38 PM

DH

“ Deb, Patrick and family. I'm so sorry to see that Dick passed away ተቋቋሙ ተቋቋሙ. He was such a great guy and would always go out of his way to help anyone. He was funny and sweet. I always enjoyed working with him when he installed our phone systems at the bank years ago He'll be missed by you all and by so many others My thoughts and prayers are with you all ተቋቋሙ ተቋቋሙ ገጸኛህህ ገጸኛህህ

Dianna Haines - January 08, 2021 at 03:04 PM

TW

“ So sorry for your loss! Your dad was a good man and will be missed!! Praying for you guys!

Tracy Winkle - January 08, 2021 at 03:03 PM

BB

“ *Deb and family- Know that you are lifted up in our prayers. Pray that you feel Gods peace and comfort during this difficult time. Dick was so talented and always took a minute to talk-no matter how busy he was. He will be missed.*

Bonnie and Larry Bouza - January 08, 2021 at 01:40 PM