



## Richard A. Poulos

April 10, 1944 - December 29, 2025

Richard A. Poulos of Cadillac passed away Monday, December 29, 2025, at his home. He was 81.

Rick was born April 10, 1944, in Saginaw, to Donald and Marie (Proux) Poulos who preceded him in death. On August 28, 1970, he married Cynthia S. Parrette (in Saginaw) and she preceded him in death on November 15, 2021. In addition to his parents and wife, Rick was preceded in death by his siblings: Thomas, Don and James Poulos and Lori Munger.

Rick was mischievous and loved to regale everyone with the many stories about his childhood “adventures.” His fun-seeking continued far into adulthood when he had the added benefit of siblings-in-law to cause trouble with as well. He loved snowmobiling and boating and was a huge fan of NASCAR and Elvis Presley. Family, camping, boating, and snowmobiling brought them north where they fell in love with Cadillac. For years Rick drove from their home in Cadillac to GM in Saginaw for work. It is hard to capture the essence of Rick, but imagine a huge belly-laugh, bright blue eyes twinkling with mischief, and wildly inappropriate jokes and you’ll be in the ballpark.

He is survived by their children: Kimberly (Clifford) Wilkinson, Jamie Lowe, Christopher (Trina) Poulos; 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren as well as these siblings: Gary Poulos, Randy

Poulos, and Jayni Martinez.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 PM Friday, January 16, 2026 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor Mike Horlocker officiating. Friends may meet the family at 2:00 for visitation. His final resting place will be Clam Lake Township Cemetery in Wexford County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wexford County Council on Aging or Cadillac Area Public Schools Athletics Department (contact Tara Donzell with questions). Online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services  
205 East Cass Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601



JP

“ *Hilarious, with a heart of gold. ✨  
I can only imagine the welcoming party on the other side. Favorite  
uncle to so many of us. ~ Jenny Parrette*



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**Jenny Parrette** - January 02 at 10:48 PM

VW

“ *Poulos Family, So sorry to hear of Rick's passing. You are in my  
prayers.  
Vicki (cousin)*

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**Vicki Wheatley** - January 02 at 06:23 PM

GM

*Old friend and neighbor raising our family's, been a long time!*

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**Gerald & Judy Misekow** - January 03 at 09:50 AM

GJ

*We are so sorry to hear of our friend and neighbor for many years  
passing. Great friend, have so many fun memories of Rick and Cindy,  
Rick stopping by our house for visits after we moved - that contagious  
laugh of his will forever be remembered. So sorry we can't make his  
funeral we're out of town for a few days. Greg and Mary Jo .*

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**Greg and Mary jo** - January 12 at 06:29 PM

SK

*Rick, a family friend, and one who supported me as I and Chris played many of nights of tackle nerf football with who ever in our country neighborhood we could rally together. He took us skating to The Spot so many Friday and Saturday nights, and I knew their phone number as well as my own. I always knew I could call on him, and I did, when neighbors needed help, Rick was there to help. A man who commuted daily for years to Saginaw, a dedicated father, and husband, and a man I will never forget from my childhood! Rest in Peace, Rick. Bless your soul.*

*Shanie J. Keelean*

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**Shanie J. Keelean** - January 25 at 08:58 PM