



## Richard Lee Willsey

October 7, 1939 - December 27, 2019

Richard Lee Willsey of Cadillac passed away Friday afternoon, December 27, 2019 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 80. Richard was born on October 7, 1939 in Pontiac, Michigan to Chester H. & Jean E. (Bliss) Willsey and they preceded him in death.

Richard graduated from Rochester High School in 1957 and went on to serve his country for 3 years in the United States Army with the Military Police. Returning from the service he started his career with Oakland County DPW where he was employed for 30 years and retired in 1995. After his retirement he moved up north to the Hoxeyville area from Rochester, Michigan where he has lived for the past 25 years. While living in the Cadillac area he had been employed as a driver for the CWTA for 10 years.

Mr. Willsey loved playing shuffleboard and was a member of the USA National Shuffleboard Association and had played in the Senior Olympics where he won Gold and Bronze Medals. He also enjoyed hunting, traveling and spending winters in Arizona.

On March 15, 1969 in Rochester, Michigan he married the former Susan Kay Zimmerman and she survives him along with their children: Richard Lee (Patricia) Willsey, Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO, Rochelle Jean Dobson of Wimberley, TX, and Roger Lee (Diana) Willsey of Lancaster, CA; 6

grandchildren: Jenna Lee Willsey, Jaydon Lee Willsey, Tori Sue Roberts, Clarice Grace Dobson, Cody Lee Willsey and Bryce Lee Willsey; and 2 great granddaughters; as well as 2 sisters: Barbara Jean (Fred) Solomon of Auburn Hills, MI and Mary Jo Siegler of Round Rock, TX and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Richard was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce Allen Willsey.

A memorial gathering will take place in the spring. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Susie, Fred and Barbara, We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers send for peace and blessings.*

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**Lynn and Pat Bohmer** - December 31, 2019 at 02:14 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. Miss him so much at shuffleboard.*

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**Paul and Gerrie Harding** - December 31, 2019 at 11:20 AM