



## Richard M. "Rick" Witherspoon

June 30, 1963 - March 27, 2024

Richard M. "Rick" Witherspoon of Cadillac passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at his home. He was 60. Rick was born on June 30, 1963 in Muskegon, Michigan to Richard E. & Mitzie J. (Fulk) Witherspoon.

In 1978 Rick moved to the Cadillac area from Muskegon. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1981 and went on to go to Bethel College in Minnesota for a couple of years. Rick had been employed at MC Sports in Cadillac from the time they opened until the time they closed the doors. University of Michigan Sports were a big part of Rick's life along with hunting, fishing, bowling and golfing. Rick enjoyed volunteering with Tight Lines for Troops in Manistee.

Survivors include his mother, Mitzie Witherspoon of Cadillac; his sister, Debra Witherspoon and her husband Will Paiz of Wyoming, Michigan; his nephew, Josh (Kari) Sisson; great nieces & nephew: Zayla & Amira Sisson, Rylee & Carter Canaan; his best friend, Craig & Martha Kent and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Rick was preceded in death by his father, Richard E. "Dick" Witherspoon.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at Temple Hill Baptist Church in Cadillac with Pastor Andy Brubaker officiating. Burial will be at Cherry Grove Township Cemetery in Wexford County. Visitation will be

Tuesday from 5-7 PM at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac.  
For a more lasting memorial you may consider contributions to Tight Lines for  
Troops. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Grove Township Cemetery

Cherry Grove Township, Wexford County, MI  
49601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home  
205 E. Cass St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
(231) 775-3411  
[info@petersonfh.com](mailto:info@petersonfh.com)  
<http://www.petersonfh.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Temple Hill Baptist Church  
1601 W Division Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ I just found out about Ricks passing, I was sitting here chatting with my wife about how he and I used to be roommates way back in the day and had worked together for many years.

Haven't been in the area for awhile, forgive my late condolences, and deepest sadness for the loss of a great friend.

The memories of our foolishness and laughter are just a floodgate.

We'll catch up again soon my friend.

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**Terry Brown** - August 01, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ This is such sad news. We lost contact after our moving from Norton Shores in '77, yet, growing up in those days with "Ricky" were much fun. We reconnected via FB and it was fun to "see" him again. Prayers to the family.

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**Marina Courtis Kaufman** - April 04, 2024 at 05:14 PM

NH

“ I was the Regional Loss Prevention Mgr for MC Sports and knew Rick from the day he was hired. He was one of the most loyal and trusted employees we had. Always a kind word for you especially if you were a Wolverine fan! He will be missed but Heaven has gained a new angel!  
Nancy Howard



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**Nancy Howard** - April 03, 2024 at 02:20 PM

GS

“ Our loss is Rick's gain! I am sure he is rejoicing in his new home and body! I met Rick a number of years ago,as he worked for my son, Rob Stilson. He was always polite and friendly. He even came out to Rob's home to watch the fireworks that he puts on each year around the 4th of July. I am sure he will be missed by all who was fortunate enough to have known him in this world. God bless his family!

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**Gerald Stilson** - April 03, 2024 at 12:23 PM

DF

“ Rick was such a kind and gentle man. He spent so much time with me and my brother when we were young; middle school and early high school.



He took us bowling, putt putt golfing, to a video arcade in Traverse City, KFC, Pizza Hut, and much more. I spent many hours riding shotgun in his blue Pinto. We also simply spent time together playing board games at either of our homes.

Rick also supported our Awana program and church youth group. He chaperoned a trip to Washington DC. It takes a brave man to volunteer to spend a week with so many teens!

Rick was a steady role model in my life and I am richer for it. He will be missed.

*Daniel Finstrom*

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**Daniel Finstrom** - April 03, 2024 at 09:04 AM

PM

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Rick was a very kind man. He worked with my late husband Drew and was absolutely loved by him. He always had great stories to share about Rick and hilarious jokes that they shared. I’m sure they are embracing each other and laughing together in heaven now.

Pamela Manley - March 31, 2024 at 07:47 AM

CF

I am so saddened to hear of Rick’s passing. It seems like yesterday we were playing sports in our backyards on Reneer. Reconnecting with Spoon these last years and sharing our love for our teams brought back great memories. When my wife was starting out her career as a writer, she always said, your friend Rick is my biggest fan! RIP Rick!

Chris Fitzpatrick - April 02, 2024 at 06:24 PM

SK

“ Scott K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard M. "Rick" Witherspoon.

Scott K. - March 30, 2024 at 01:52 PM

CK

“ Craig and Martha Kent purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Witherspoon.



Craig and Martha Kent - March 30, 2024 at 11:24 AM

CK

“ Craig and Martha Kent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard M. "Rick" Witherspoon.

Craig and Martha Kent - March 30, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Witherspoon.



March 30, 2024 at 11:20 AM

LN

“ Love, Wayne and Nancy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard M. "Rick" Witherspoon.

Love, Wayne and Nancy - March 30, 2024 at 11:20 AM