



## Richard Gustave "Rick" Nelson

January 25, 1954 - September 15, 2011

Richard "Rick" Nelson, age 57, of Buckhorn Drive, Richland Center, WI (formally of Schaumburg, IL) died peacefully in his home on Thursday, September 15, 2011 after a long and courageous battle with bone marrow cancer. Rick was born in Elgin, IL on January 25, 1954 to Richard E. and Faye (Deeke) Nelson. Rick graduated in 1972 from Conant High School in Schaumburg, IL. After graduating from high school he moved to Denver, CO and attended The Denver Automotive & Diesel College. After leaving Colorado he returned to the Chicago area and attended Greer Technical School of Diesel. Rick was then employed by Metco of Chicago where he worked on heavy Terex and Caterpillar equipment. In 1980 he moved to Richland Center and built his own home. Rick spent many years working as a diesel mechanic, heavy equipment operator and semi-truck driver. For many years he was employed by the Richland Center Bus Service as the shop manager. Rick was a jack of all trades and was able to build and fix just about anything. He was always willing to help out anyone who stopped by for a visit and a friendly conversation.

Rick with his life partner of 22 years Cheryl Jean "Cherie" Frye loved their home on Buckhorn Drive enjoying Cherie's two sons Kenneth Frye (wife Angela), Seth Frye (friend Renee) and two grandsons, Joshua and Myles Frye. One of Rick's greatest loves was riding his Harley-Davidson with Cherie by his side. Rick and Cherie put on thousands of miles across the country and

along the many beautiful roads of Wisconsin with his family & friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 13, Hwy 14 West, Richland Center. Rick asked that family and friends join together to celebrate and remember him. The family has asked that memorials be made to GRACE of Richland Center. The CLARY MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME is assisting the family with arrangements. On line condolences, pictures and life stories can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

KE

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*My condolences to Cheryl and her family; I hope they find peace after losing an amazing person.*

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**Kathy Moore - Elgin, IL - Ex-Wife** - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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**Kathy Moore - Elgin, IL - Ex-wife** - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ My deepest sympathy. I got to know Rick through Kathy Moore, Rick's wife back in the 70's. That was a special time for all of us then. Rick will be missed.

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**Theresa Mustafoff - Roselle, IL - Friend** - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I used to ride motorcycles with Rick and others back in the late '70s in northern IL where we grew up. His dad welded the highway crash bars I bought for my bike onto it. I was at Rick's place in WI in 1980 to help him with some of the construction for a little while, and again over New Year's Eve in 1981 into 1982. My wife was a big 7 months pregnant on that second visit, and we towed her around on a sled on the pond he had built there. Great memories of Rick. I just found out here in mid-July 2012 that he passed away, and I am teary-eyed as I write this tribute to him. Miss you, Rick.

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**Ron Schweigert - Maidens, VA - Friend fom high school - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ Our prayers are with the family. Rick will be missed.

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**Lester and Linda Peterson - Soldiers Grove, WI - Friends - September 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

AF

“ I just wanted to let you know my prayers & thoughts are with you. I only met Rick a few times, but during those times he was the nicest & sweetest guy. Very outgoing & had a passion for life. My dad absolutely loved him & had only exceptional things to say about Rick. He loved Rick like a brother, & from the few times I talked with Rick, I completely understand why. He will be greatly missed.

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**Amanda Olson - Lone Rock, WI - friend - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

PN

“ Rest in peace. You will be missed.

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**Pat& &Bill Peters - RICHLAND CENTER, WI - neighbor - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

BW

“ We enjoyed visting with Rick and when I needed a hand weather it be fixing something on our semi or taking a load to texas Rick was always ready to lend a helping hand . I will sure miss him

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**Barbara Cline - Richland Center, WI** - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Gonna miss you driving "The Girls" to State Bowling!!!

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**Traci Lynch - Richland Center, WI - Friend/ Cousin-in-Law... AKA Cuz** -  
September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I worked with Rick at the bus service,it was always interesting. He made the days more enjoyable.

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**Jackie Nachtigal - Richland Center, WI** - September 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM