



Richard J. "Rick" Lenhart

April 4, 1960 - September 17, 2024

Richard Jerome "Rick" Lenhart, 64, of Wapakoneta passed away peacefully on September 17th, 2024 at the Wapakoneta Manor.

Rick was born on April 4th, 1960 in Lima, Ohio to Herman and Clara (Yahl) Lenhart who preceded him in death.

He was married to Tonya M. (Schumann) Lenhart for 34 years and she survives. Rick is survived by his beloved children, Collin (Courtney) Lenhart, Kalie Lenhart, Kyle Lenhart, and Keaton Lenhart. He was a loving grandfather to his only grandchild, Asher Lenhart. Rick is also survived by his brother Joe (Judy) Lenhart; sisters, Marlene (Lenhart) Zwiebel and Diana (Lenhart) Kantner; brother-in-law Ralph Stoner and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sister Mildred (Lenhart) Stoner; brothers-in-law, Fred Kantner and David Zwiebel.

Rick was a Wapakoneta High School Class of 1978 graduate and 2012 graduate of Wright State University, earning his Masters degree in Education and Psychology. Rick spent most of his professional career as a carpentry instructor for 17 years at Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua, where he was awarded the OACTE Teacher of the Year honors. He spent time volunteering for St. Joseph Catholic Church through being a lector, usher and confirmation advisor. He liked to practice his carpentry skills through building homes, participating in Servant's Day with his children, and projects with friends and family. Rick found joy with his lifelong friends through card and poker games, the occasional drink and reminiscing in old stories. Rick was an esteemed

storyteller, who never missed an opportunity to fill the room with laughter. Rick's greatest happiness in life was being a father to his four children. He poured his heart and soul into raising them, always putting their needs before his own. Whether cheering from the sidelines at their school sporting events, helping with homework, or simply spending quality time together, Rick treasured every moment with his kids. Rick's legacy lives on through the love and values he instilled in his children and the cherished memories they will carry forever.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21st, 2024, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Fr. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will follow in the St. John Catholic Cemetery, Fryburg. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m., Friday Sept. 20th, and 9-10 a.m., Sat. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta.

Memorial contribution may be directed to The Class of 1978, Celebration of Life Fund. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery

Fryburg, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Visitation

SEP 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

SEP **21**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

TE

“ I worked with Rick for many years at the Career Center, he was a good guy with a huge heart!!! He will be missed!
Sorry, I missed his viewing, I was out of state.

Teri Emerick - September 25, 2024 at 02:59 PM

KK

“ Please accept my most sincere sympathy to your family in the passing of Rick. My memories of him will be his quirky sense of humor as he always said something that would make me laugh. My prayers will be for Rick and your family.

Kurt Kuffner - September 21, 2024 at 08:52 AM

SS

“ Loved our morning coffee talks, great guy !

Steve Schulz - September 20, 2024 at 02:45 PM

TM

“ Todd Elliott and Family / Sharon McSween purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard J. "Rick" Lenhart.



Todd Elliott and Family / Sharon McSween - September 20, 2024 at 12:50 PM

TM

“ Todd Elliott and Family / Sharon McSween planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard J. "Rick" Lenhart.

Todd Elliott and Family / Sharon McSween - September 20, 2024 at 12:50 PM

JC

“ Jon and Tammy Cooper purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard J. "Rick" Lenhart.



Jon and Tammy Cooper - September 20, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TF

“ The Buck family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard J. "Rick" Lenhart.

The Buck family. - September 19, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard J. "Rick" Lenhart.



September 19, 2024 at 09:33 PM

MJ

“ *Marlene, Tom & Julia purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard J. "Rick" Lenhart.*



Marlene, Tom & Julia - September 19, 2024 at 06:43 PM

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“ *Sara, Shaun, Joan & Taylor (Huelsman) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard J. "Rick" Lenhart.*



Sara, Shaun, Joan & Taylor (Huelsman) - September 19, 2024 at 06:40 PM

BD

“ *I was Richard's fifth grade teacher. He was smart and so fun to be around. He always had a smile. We meet up a couple of years ago and had such a lovely time reminiscing. He was so proud of his kids. I can rejoice in knowing that he and David Steinke are together as they were in fifth grade. Those Freyburg boys were special. Sending much love and prayers to his family.*

Barbara Dafler - September 19, 2024 at 02:48 PM

JC

“ *Loving man & father. Made every ball game that he could. Loved his stories. Onto your heavenly life.*



Joyce Coffey - September 18, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ *Such a clown in school so kind and sweet*

Karen Guess - September 18, 2024 at 07:54 PM