



Richard Carlson

December 27, 1946 - December 24, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Richard (Rick) Carlson announces his passing after a brief illness on Monday, December 24, 2018, at the age of 71 years. He passed peacefully at his home in Orlando, Florida surrounded by his loving family.

Rick was born on December 27, 1946 in Jamestown, NY to Richard and Helen Carlson. He grew up in Whitesboro, NY and graduated from Whitesboro High School in 1964, then went on to earn an Associates degree from Mohawk Valley Community College. He married his high school sweetheart, Linda and together they raised four children. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2001. His passion in life was collecting and restoring classic cars, especially corvettes. He was very active in the Classic Corvette Club of Orlando and the Knights of Columbus.

Rick was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Rick was also a gifted mechanic, machinist, and engineer, and was always tinkering with assorted projects. Rick could fix just about anything, especially if everyone else said it couldn't be fixed. He was an excellent teacher and was always eager to show off new projects, or to teach his grandchildren about electronics and anything mechanical. Mentoring, inspiring and motivating others were just a few of his many gifts. He was also generous, thoughtful, humorous and grateful. His love of music was a gift he shared with his family.

Rick will be forever missed and loved by ALL.

Rick will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 51 years, Linda and his four children, Richard Carlson, Kristen (Michael) Simone, Amanda (Mark) Spano and Jeffrey Carlson. Rick will also be fondly remembered by his eleven grandchildren Alexandra, Matthew, Allison, Kaylee, Jake, Kyle, Zach, TJ, Dylan, Brandon and Emma. He is survived by his twin brother Robert (Betty) Carlson and his sisters Elizabeth (Joe) Nolan and Eileen (Brian) Phillips and sister in law Karen (Bill) Ward. He is also survived by an uncle, an aunt, several cousins, nieces and nephews and many dear friends. Rick was welcomed into heaven by his parents and siblings, Randy, Ellen, Ron and brother in law, Jack.

Visitation will be held at DeGusipe, 1400 Matthew Paris Blvd., Ocoee, Florida on January 1, 2019 from 5pm-8pm. A Funeral Service in memory of Rick will be held on January 2, 2019 at 11:00am at Resurrection Catholic Church, 1211 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.

A special thank you to Vitas for their loving care and support. Those who so desire, may make memorial donations in memory of Rick to Vitas Hospice.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory West Orange Chapel
1400 Matthew Paris Blvd.
Ocoee, FL 34761
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.DeGusipeFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Catholic Church
1211 Winter Garden Vineland Road
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Tribute Wall

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“ Acceptance, and therefore also Peace --thanks, Rick for such good example! Thanks, God.
Sr. Lois

Sr. Lois - January 03, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Richard Carlson.



December 31, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Carlson.



December 29, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Carlson.



December 29, 2018 at 03:23 PM

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“ I will always remember the good times and all the laughs we had over the years. Rick's strength and encouragement was always there to help me through the tough times and enjoy the good times. Already missed, but never forgotten. Sincerely, Mary Ellen



MaryEllen Gosselin - December 29, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Carlson.



December 29, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Carlson.



December 29, 2018 at 12:21 PM

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“ Aunt Marion and family purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Richard Carlson.



Aunt Marion and family - December 28, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Carlson.*



December 28, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ *On a group trip to Savannah one year Rick and I decided to race downstairs during a tour. Rick took the escalator and I ran the steps. He won of course but we sure had a good laugh. The rest of the group pretended they didn't know us. Loving memory for me for sure!*

Sharon & John Harrell - December 28, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ *Thinking of Linda and Rick who were high school sweethearts. We had such fun double dating when Linda and I were in nursing school. Fun times! Cherished memories. Sylvia gentile*

sylvia gentile - December 28, 2018 at 09:51 AM