



## Richard David Kay

December 19, 1961 - May 27, 2021

Richard Kay, age 59 of Deltona, Florida, passed away on May 27, 2021.

Richard was born on December 19, 1961 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Richard Arnold and Jendeanna Cecelia (Berent) Kay.

Richard was preceded in death by his father and grandchild Addison McKinley Kay.

He is survived by his wife Kimberly A. (Kulich) Kay, mother Jendeanna Kay, daughters Jennifer Catherine (Jeffrey) Onyski, Nicole Elizabeth (Adam) Kay-Mindick, Amy Jendeanna Kay, and son Richard David (Stephanie) Kay; grandchildren Logan, Aiden, Conor, Emma and Gwenevere; his siblings Judith (Glen) Perye and Karen Owens; and his faithful dog Frankie Kay.

Visitation will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL 32751.

Funeral Mass will be held at 2:00pm, Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at St. James Cathedral, 215 N Orange Ave Orlando, FL 32801.

Burial to follow Mass at 4:00pm at Queen of Angels Cemetery, 1901 Queen of Angels Drive, Winter Park, FL 32792.

The family of Richard David Kay invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

JUN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

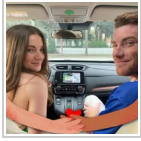
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## Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. James Cathedral  
215 N Orange Ave  
Orlando, FL 32801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kim. I am so sorry for what you and your family are going through... we can never imagine*  
*With love*  
*Kay Cairns*

Kay Cairns - June 02, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *I got to know Rick during the events at the Speedway in the '90s, a time of unprecedented growth. With John Power, CK Sylvester and the DBPD motor crew we were creating the off-site parking and bus operations we still run today. Rick was a go-to problem-solver, and the positive results speak for themselves.*

*More importantly, he cared about people. I only knew him from work, but know that he was a good man by the way he spoke, carried himself and his actions. I knew he cared about me, his coworkers, our guests, most importantly his family. He set a great example for me to follow as a family man.*

*Godspeed Rick Kay...*

Andrew Gurtis - June 02, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Juan A Rodriguez - June 01, 2021 at 09:33 PM



*With all respect, I wrote this many years ago, and thought that it was appropriate for someone like Mr. Kay. He was truly a Special Man. A man that I looked up to. He had a way of supervising that just cannot be matched or compared. Honest, Caring, Hard Worker and a Man of Law, He was a Modern Day SUPERMAN. I am Proud that I had the opportunity to work for such a man, I will Never Forget Him.*

*Juan*

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**Juan Rodriguez** - June 02, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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June 01, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Jerry and I and so many of our ' Crew' from the simulcast room thought so much of Rick and his lovely daughter Amy. He will be missed!!!*

*Philip Farruggio and friends*

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**Philip Farruggio** - June 01, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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June 01, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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June 01, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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June 01, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *We were so very sad to hear this new! Rick was one of the best fathers and family man around. We have so many fond and fun memories of him with our boys growing up playing baseball together. Lots of fun and laughs! He truly loved his family more than anything! Our hearts ache for his family. The Maingang Sends Love and Hugs to all of them!*



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**Brenda Main** - June 01, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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June 01, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Austin & Hailey Giovanetti and Bill & Gina Lore purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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**Austin & Hailey Giovanetti and Bill & Gina Lore** - June 01, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *From Rick's friends and colleagues in Buffalo, NY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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**From Rick's friends and colleagues in Buffalo, NY** - June 01, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BF

“ my deepest consultances to Ricks family. Rick was not only my Superior but a ver,y good friend, he would often times take a few minutes out of his busy schedule just to chat and usually ask me if I was okay and how everything was going, we had many talks about one of Rick's loves,, working on his house and property,, we both had home projects going at the same time and he was always interested and asked me how it was going I miss him terribly as I'm sure everyone here does.,, Bob Ferguson

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**Bob Ferguson** - June 01, 2021 at 11:00 AM

GS

“ Gary & Ginger Saunders purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard David Kay.



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**Gary & Ginger Saunders** - June 01, 2021 at 10:30 AM

DM

“ We were so very Sad to hear this news! So many fun and fond memories of Rick when the boys were growing up playing baseball. So many good times and laughs. Rick was truly a family man and Loved his family more than anything. One of the Best! Our hearts are breaking for his family! The Maingang is Sending Love and Hugs to them all.



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**Dirk & Brenda Main** - June 01, 2021 at 09:19 AM



Michelle  
Ayala

“ *We will miss talking to you some morning's when taking the dog out, also waving at you and chatting when you did your front yard work, seeing how you played with your grandkids in front of our home, you sure will be miss Rick! RIP! Love, always Rich & Michelle front neighbors.*



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**Michelle Ayala** - May 31, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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May 31, 2021 at 06:09 PM

TB

“ Todd Barnes

*Sorry for your loss. I worked with Rick at DBPD for almost 20 years. We were in the traffic unit and CID together. I can recall all the great lunches with Rick and Tom (and the guys) at Stavros and the CID parties at my house. One year I was asked to ride with speedway motors during the Daytona 500 and Rick asked me to do an escort for him after the race for a guy named “John “ at the owner/driver lot. I went to the lot and I asked a gentleman if he was “John” and he replied yes. I proceeded with the escort to Beville/95 and returned back to the speedway. A few minutes later Rick called me on the radio and asked me if I picked up the escort. Rick never got upset, but he delicately told me that I had been duped and that he would take care of it. I will miss times like that, but will cherish all the moments we had with Rick. From your buddies at the PD, we love you bro. Gone but not forgotten.*

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**Todd Barnes** - May 31, 2021 at 03:25 PM

DA

“ With deepest condolences to the entire Rick Kay family. Only knew Rick about 4 1/2 years, came to know him through the workplace. Came to respect Rick as a supervisor, but mostly as a person. The way Rick handled a situation, regardless of it's severity, should be a lesson for us all. Feel blessed to have known Rick and he will be missed by many. Rest in peace until we meet again.. Dale Atchley

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**Dale Atchley** - May 31, 2021 at 01:12 PM



*So true. Rick was a person that you could depend on to get a job done. He handled situations with respect and care. I too am glad that I had the opportunity to meet and work under his command.*

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**Juan Rodriguez** - June 01, 2021 at 09:48 PM

FC

“ Friends, Daytona Beach & Orange City Card Clubs purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Richard David Kay.



Friends, Daytona Beach & Orange City Card Clubs - May 31, 2021 at 11:40 AM

AK

“ Sorry to hear about Rick. I worked with Rick for 2 short years in Daytona .He was the Most caring Person I know All way Looking out for others. My Condolences To His Family.  
Chester Kepka/



audrey kepka - May 31, 2021 at 09:58 AM



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



May 30, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ Please accept my condolences..Rick was a trusted co worker and friend.. He will be greatly missed...Arthur Johnson and Family.



Arthur Johnson - May 30, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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May 30, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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May 30, 2021 at 08:00 PM

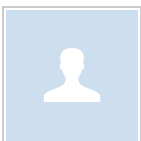


“ *Rick, thank you for being a great neighbor and being you. You were the first person we met when we moved in 10 years ago. Your kindness, smile, a wave and chat were sincere. God took an Angel to his gates. You will be sorely missed. May God wrap his loving arms around your beautiful family as they grieve you. RIP Rick.*



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**Sheryl and Mark Brown** - May 30, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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May 30, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kim Kay** - May 30, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Richard David Kay*.



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May 30, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Chuck Scott* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Richard David Kay*.



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**Chuck Scott** - May 30, 2021 at 12:29 PM

DA

“ Dear Kay family,  
My husband and I extended our deepest sympathies. Rick was such a great guy to work with. He always had a smile. We were so surprised to hear Rick had a heart attack and and even more so of his passing. Our condolences and prayers.  
Donna and Tom Avery  
(Retired) Supervisor Property & Evidence  
Daytona Beach Police Department

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**Donna Avery** - May 30, 2021 at 08:24 AM

WW

“ My deepest condolences to the Kay family.  
I met Rick through my job at DBKC and was always so impressed by the way he treated concerns from all staff members exactly the same no matter if you were management or down the line. He smiled and greeted you by name EVERY day. We could all learn from how he handled all situations with his "chill " demeanor. I can honestly say in 6 years of working side by side I never once saw him in a cross mood.  
Thank you sir for your brave service to the Daytona community as well. An outstanding police officer, a great family man, and an eminent co-worker will be missed by all.  
Sincerely,  
William ( Billy ) Williams  
Daytona Beach FL

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**WILLIAM J WILLIAMS** - May 30, 2021 at 02:43 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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May 29, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ *Rick you will be surely missed I love you brother Rest In Peace it will be hard to work here without you But God has a place in heaven for special people until we meet again*

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**E.H. BRANTON** - May 29, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ *There is a common theme in so many of the comments & remembrances posted about Rick. He was a great friend to so many. I consider myself lucky to be one of those many. Rick & I were partners for a time on Speedway Motors but it was the last few years of both of our DBPD careers that we spent a lot of time together, going out to lunch most days, and making more than a few trips to FDLE in Orlando together. Rick was one of the greatest guys I've ever known and I admired him more than almost anyone I've ever known. His overall demeanor, love of family & friendly smile are some of the things that made him special. Nobody knew he'd leave us so soon and I, for one, am very sorry I didn't keep in better touch the last year or two. Love & miss you, my friend. RIP.*

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**Dave Savitski** - May 29, 2021 at 10:07 PM

DC

“ Rick was such a good dad, husband and human being. Prayers to all of the Kay's from Dawn and Clint Christian

Dawn Christian - May 29, 2021 at 09:39 PM

TR

“ Rick was a great neighbor friend .We played everyday as kids and his dad drove us to school everyday. You have left us way to soon and you will be missed .  
God Bless and RIP my friend.

Tom Rzeppa - May 29, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.



May 29, 2021 at 09:08 PM

DN

“ My deep condolences to Rick's Mom, Kay, Jennifer, Nicole, Amy and Rick Jr. Rick was a genuine real friend. He would go out of the way for me and I am so sorry that he left us so soon. I wish we could have shared more moments together but in life we move on and we will meet again. Will always love you my dear friend.  
Dom Niro

Dom Niro - May 29, 2021 at 08:16 PM

FG

“ To Kim and all of Ricks family I’m so sorry and I was praying for Rick the whole time!  
Rick was a great mentor to me and imparted incredible knowledge and a career skill set to me as we worked THI investigations. He was always the great voice of reason and wisdom providing great advise and direction.  
We had some great discussions about football and his son, whom he was incredibly proud of, college football and retirement!  
Rick will be missed and I feel blessed to have known and worked with Rick for many years.  
Rest In Peace my brother and friend!  
Never Forget!  
Thank you!

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**Frank Geremia** - May 29, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.



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May 29, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.



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May 29, 2021 at 04:43 PM

JM

“ Once in a while you get a supervisor that makes you feel like a good worker and that cares about your job. But very rarely you get a supervisor that cares for you as a person. Rick was that one of a kind. He will be missed.

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**Javier Martinez** - May 29, 2021 at 04:37 PM

JO

“ *Dad  
You held my hand when I was small  
you caught me when I fell  
You're the hero of my childhood and my later years as well  
And every time I think of you my heart still fills with pride  
Though I'll always miss you dad I know your by my side  
In laughter and in sorrow  
In sunshine and through rain  
I know you're watching over me  
Until we meet again  
I love you*

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**Jennifer Onyski** - May 29, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of  
Richard David Kay.*



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May 29, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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May 29, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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May 29, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



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May 29, 2021 at 02:09 PM

RD

“ The words I have come with great emotion and feelings of loss. I know everyone truly loved and appreciated Rick. He was the guy everyone admired and felt blessed to know. I can only hope to be admired by half as many in this lifetime. He was a real cop a real friend and a real man. God Bless his family and closest friends my heart is truly aching for you all. Thank you Rick Kay for being my friend and always making me know it. 🙏

Love you, Randy Doyle

Randy Doyle - May 29, 2021 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to the Kay family. He was a bright light in the work place. I always looked forward to our conversations in his office. He was the first person to congratulate me on my promotion. He gave me a big boost of confidence and told me I was going to fit right in. I will always remember this moment and the talks about RV's and vacations. You will be sorely missed.

Juan Schembri - May 29, 2021 at 02:02 PM

WM

“ Sorry to hear the passing of Mr. Kay my deepest condolences to the entire Kay family. RIP my friend..... Munoz Family

Wilfredo Munoz - May 29, 2021 at 01:14 PM

KS

“ Kimberly Stachecki sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard David Kay



kimberly Stachecki - May 29, 2021 at 01:02 PM

KS

“ So sorry to hear about Cousin Ricky, I’m sure he will be truly missed by all who knew him. There is no words how sorry We are!!!! Love, Cousin Kim and Mark

kimberly Stachecki - May 29, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.



May 29, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.



May 29, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.



May 29, 2021 at 12:25 PM

MP

“ *My sorrows to the Kay Family. From one Motor Officer to another Motor Officer Rest In Peace Rick and thank you for your service.*

MICHAEL EDWARD PHILBRICK - May 29, 2021 at 12:19 PM

CB

“ *I had the honor of working with Rick for many years. I first got to know him when we were sent to IPTM in Jacksonville for Traffic Homicide Investigation and Accident Reconstruction. It was a 6 week adventure. During that time we played many jokes on one another and really got to appreciate each other humor. What didn't help was that another officer, Rick Seaman was with us. I'm not sure what was the funniest thing they did to me but taking one of the lenses out of my glasses when I wasn't looking and sharpening my pencil down to half and inch were some of the hilarious ones. Good bye my brother. I love and miss you but will see you one day again. Prayers for the family during this time.*

Craig Buth - May 29, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kay.*



May 29, 2021 at 12:02 PM

MF

“ To the entire Kay family we are so sorry for your loss. Our daughters grew up together (both named Jennifer). We appreciated the beautiful home and yard you created every time we would pass by, and loved stopping to visit with you when we saw you outside. It was so evident of the pride and love Richard shared of his amazing family and grand babies. Again so sorry for your loss our prayers are thoughts are with you all. The Baggs family

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**Melanie, Steve Baggs and family** - May 29, 2021 at 11:33 AM

RD

“ So sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I worked with him at DBPD. We were partners on Speedway motors in the early 90's.

*I remember one morning of the 500 the temperature was 23 degrees. We were assigned to escort buses from the I-4 rest stop to the speedway as fast as the motors would run. It was freezing!*

*CBS had a tent outside the speedway for their crew. They allowed us inside where there was hot coffee and a buffet. We didn't know whether to hug the rather large coffee pot or just drink the wonderfully hot coffee.*

*As everyone has said in paying tribute to Rick he was one of the good ones, always smiling, polite, and calm.*

*Even though I haven't seen you in many years the memories are as if it happened yesterday. I am thankful to have cross paths with you. RIP my friend.*

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**Ron DeSalvo** - May 29, 2021 at 11:01 AM

SC

*My sincere condolences to the entire Kay family. I worked with Rick at DBPD and he was one of my Field Training Officers. Throughout my career I had the honor of working with Rick in many capacities. I really got to know what a caring beautiful person he was , his family was his number one priority. You will be missed my friend , thank you for the great memories.*

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**Steve Copsidas** - May 29, 2021 at 12:36 PM

EG

*“ Rick was one of my favorite field training officers! He was always patient with a big smile and quick to laugh! I can still hear you talking and laughing! RIP, my friend and keep smiling and laughing down on us!*

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**Elaina Golsen** - May 29, 2021 at 10:56 AM

JT

*“ My deepest condolences to Rick's family. I loved the time I got to share with him, even on those 3am call outs. He was a great man, a great friend, and always there when you needed him. He is gone way too soon, but Heaven is a better place with him!*

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**John Tarr** - May 29, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ I met Rick when I was 15. We were married 38 years. He gave me a great life. Through all of the ups and downs we were happy and planning for retirement in 5 years. Rick loved life and never missed an opportunity to be with his family or help his children. He loved his kids and grandkids fiercely. He loved his house and property and his recently purchased camper. We had many wonderful trips planned. Rick would want everyone to know they were loved by him. He would want all of his loved ones to take care of themselves and live life to the fullest.

Toasting you, my love, with a bottle of your favorite Dave Matthews red wine, until meet again ❤️🙏 Always and forever, your faithful and loving wife Kim

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**Kim Kay** - May 29, 2021 at 10:26 AM



Mrs. Kay, how sorry I am for your loss. Rick held the title as my Manager, but personally, he was was more. Rick, from day one, saw something in me when I was at my lowest. He gave me opportunities to explore my views, and grow my confidence. He knew how to correct you when you were wrong, without making you feel low. He was a Great Man, and I thank God for putting him in my path. I am a better man because of Rick. He will truly be missed but never forgotten...

Juan Rodriguez

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**Juan Rodriguez** - May 29, 2021 at 06:33 PM

JS

Kim,  
I am so sorry to hear about Rick. He was one of my best friends in school and one of the kindest people I have ever known. We enjoyed Football and hanging out (when he could pry himself away from you) . You were always first on his mind and in his heart.

I enjoyed following your son's football career and talking to Rick about our chosen profession. He was a great man! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

John Stano

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**John Stano** - May 29, 2021 at 09:07 PM

PU

*On behalf of the Machuta family we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Kay family. We lived next door to the Kay's. Although we have been in contact everything that has been posted does not surprise us. What a tribute of outpouring love. One memory I have is when Rick would play with his matchbox cars the houses and roads that he made were so meticulous. In reading Kim's post I see it extended in his later years. We are heartbroken for your loss. The Machuta family. (Dave, Pat, Kathy, Mike and Danny).*

**Pat Machuta Urbain** - May 31, 2021 at 09:45 AM

RB

*Kim, we are heartbroken. We have known you and Rick and watched your beautiful family grow in the many years we have been neighbors (when we were the only ones out here)! It seems like just yesterday. Rick will be so missed - always a great smile and a big wave when he was out working in your beautiful yard. Sending our love and condolences to you, Kim, and the family. Heaven has gained an Angel.*

**Randy and Cheryl Bowling** - June 06, 2021 at 03:22 PM

BW

*What a shock! Rick was one of our favorite people. He was ALWAYS smiling and happy whenever we ran into him. God Bless you and your entire family. I'm speechless! Barbara and Jim White*

**Barbara White** - June 08, 2021 at 03:07 PM

CO

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Kay family. I worked with Rick for many years and we became good friends working closely on the Crime Scene Unit. I will miss Rick's great smile and great sense of humor. I have never met a person that lived his family more. He talked endlessly about all of you. My heart is broken 😭*



**cynthia Oteri** - May 29, 2021 at 10:18 AM

IM

“ I will remember him as a kind , giving & open hearted father & husband . I do appreciate his presence when we lost our mother & he traveled from so far away to share in our mother’s services . I also recall & hold so dearly both him & Kim showing their support when our niece Stephanie & nephew Ricky were going through their own grief . That is something you don’t see much of these days . Their love for each-other surely shows in their children . We also recall his two speeches given to Ricky & Stephanie , one at their rehearsal dinner & the other at their wedding reception . His loving speeches were the perfect reflection to his unconditional love for his family & his kind gestures.



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**Isabel Milo** - May 29, 2021 at 10:06 AM

LF

*Linda and Tony Frinzi send our deepest condolences to Ricky and Stephanie and the whole Kay family. May Rick Rest in Eternal Peace with Jesus and all the Saints and Angels. God Bless Rick. Sincerely Yours*

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**Linda Frinzi** - May 30, 2021 at 02:49 PM

SS

*Kim and Family,  
Rick was a true "nice guy".....in al the years we have known each other (since 1986!), I can't remember a time when he said something bad about another or didn't live up to the word, "gentleman". All of the games Nicole and Kristina played together, all of the UCF tailgates when we went to see son Rick, we always enjoyed each others company. Rick was a fun person, dedicated worker, and I will cherish my memories of DBPD, the Speedway, Dog Track and the few family times we were able to share together. He is respected, honored, and missed. Our sincere condolences on a true loss to you, and to everyone who knew him.  
Steve, Martha, Stephen Jr, and Kristina Szabo*

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**Steve Szabo** - May 31, 2021 at 12:53 PM