



Richard Tony Lemansky

October 6, 1953 - May 11, 2023

Richard Tony Lemansky, 69, lifelong resident of Footedale, Pa passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

He was born October 6, 1953. He was the beloved son of Clarence "Cork" and Nora Jean "Jake" Coffman Lemansky.

Rick was a graduate of German Township High School class of 1971. He then enlisted in the US Air Force where he enjoyed his travels to different US bases and then in Takhli, Thailand. His time in the service developed his skills as an accomplished mechanic of the F-111 airplane. This led to a 35-year coal mining career, most of which was at Dilworth Coal Mine. After his retirement he held several jobs. He was the courier for Uniontown Hospital, Corrections Officer at SCI Greene and a security guard at Maitri in Uniontown. He was a proud member of the UMWA Local 1980, American Legion Post 945 and AMVETS Post 103. He was inducted into the Fayette County Sports Hall of Fame as part of the 1969 German High School undefeated Football Team. Rick was also a gifted storyteller and a Mr. Fix-It for family and friends. He never met a stranger whether you knew him for 69 years or 6 months he left you with memories to last a lifetime.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, sister Judy Davis and infant brother Michael, in-laws Stanley & Dolores Puscian, Dolly Shimshock, Wayne Edenfield, Joe Shuman and nephew Joe Uphold.

He is survived by his childhood friend and lifelong sweetheart Janet Rae (Puscian) Lemansky who he married nearly 51 years ago. Together they

lovingly made a family with their 3 children: Nikki (husband Richie) Fabrycki, Ben Lemansky, Crystal (husband Turk) Haynesworth. He was a flawless Pap Pap to Taylor (fiancé Ashley) Workman, Braden, Patten and Bruno Fabrycki, Elijah Lemansky, Veronika, Jazmine & Madison Haynesworth. He was a great grandpap to Ellie, Bryce & Nolan. He also leaves behind "Brothers" Tim Davis and Chuck Shimshock "Sisters" Elaine Edenfield and Jean Shuman. Nephews and Nieces: Mark, Marcy, Scott, Amy, Jill, Cindy, Robyn, Danny, CJ, and their families. A special Godson, Christopher Uphold. Aunts: Judy Lemansky and Angie Lemansky and many many cousins. He was a beam of light to many. He will be deeply missed by numerous friends, especially his best friend Vic Benco and lastly his fur Baby and faithful companion, Darcy.

The family expresses their extreme gratitude to the staff of Ruby Memorial Hospital, Dr. Abbas & the rest of the thoracic team. We are especially thankful to: Chris Burgan-P.A. Nurses: Chris Elliott, Garrett Phillips, MacKenzie Earlywine, and the 8SE and the CVICU Units.

Arrangements are under the direction of the DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory, Dolfi Chapel, 65 N. Gallatin Ave., Uniontown, PA, Stacey A. Dolfi, FD.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 1pm followed by a service with Military Rights by the AMVETS Post 103 starting at 3 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Social Hall in Footedale, Pa.

Donations in his name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Francis of Assissi Parish (A&J 10-24-15)

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New Salem, PA 15468-1008

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Tribute Wall



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Richard Tony Lemansky.*



May 21, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I remember Rick and my brother Danny playing in our yard many times. And him and my brother would take turns riding in Danny's home built race car with me being the "motor" and pushing them up and down the road. When I last saw Rick at one of the Footedale reunions, I was surprised when he said he had very happy memories of that and he even remembered the name painted on the car, "The Blue Angel". All my best to Janet and the family.*

Dave Solarsick

Dave Solarsick - May 20, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Tony Lemansky.*

May 20, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Tony Lemansky.*



May 20, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Jeanna Mario lit a candle in memory of Richard Lemansky*



Jeanna and Mario - May 19, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ *I was lucky enough to know and work with Rick, we all called him SKI, being stationed together in the Air Force at Plattsburgh, NY for a year and a half and in Tahkli and Korat, Thailand for a year. We had many great laughs. We both worked as technicians on 25+ test stations that performed diagnostics for all the electronic boxes that made the F-111 aircraft do what it did. Rick was always happy and funny. My condolences to all the family and extended family/friends. I kept in touch with Rick after we left the Air Force and would call him every year at Christmas time. It was always great to catch up . I'll miss Rick. May he rest in peace. Some pictures of he and I, and our Thai barracks manager in Tahkli attached.*



Richard Breithaupt - May 18, 2023 at 06:16 PM

BC

“ Rick, God Bless you and your family! R.I.P my friend! Brian

Brian Coleman - May 18, 2023 at 10:01 AM

NR

“ Nikki N Richie lit a candle in memory of Richard Tony Lemansky



Nikki n Richie - May 17, 2023 at 10:56 PM

PS

“ I worked almost two years with Rick at Maitri, and he was a wonderful co worker as well as he became a trusted friend. he always brought us in those small containers of pickles or olives to share and candy. I cannot tell you how precious the moments we spent talking and laughing were, and above all that he always made sure we were safe in our environment. I will always cherish the moments we had. I am so sorry for your loss because I know if we miss him like this your loss is much greater, but please know he was a very special man to a lot of us.

Patty Schwarz - May 17, 2023 at 12:23 PM

CH

Thank you Patty ❤️

Crystal Haynesworth - May 18, 2023 at 09:24 AM

GO

“ Rick worked with me on the same crew at Dilworth! I was the mechanic on the crew. We had many great times as we worked together those years! So sorry to find this out of his passing! To his family, I send my deepest sympathy! I hope he at some time mentioned me in his stories! I'm Cabbage! Real name is Gerald Onderko.
May he rest in peace!

Gerald Onderko - May 16, 2023 at 09:45 PM

CH

Thank you

Crystal Haynesworth - May 18, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ Growing up with Rick in Footedale during the 1950s and 1960s was looking back a unique experience. I will attempt to relate some of memories.

Rick started kindergarten at about 4 years old, I did not have a playmate so I also started kindergarten a bit younger 4 year old a few weeks later. He would walk to my house one house down and we would walk to the school which was located adjacent to St. Thomas Church, I believe the teacher was Miss Longstretch. One day Rick did not show up, so I walked up to his house and he had his head stuck in an opening of a wrought iron gate, I asked how he was doing and he said OK, so I walked school alone. Remember we were 4 years old.

We spent endless hours exploring the woods, barns and church steeples around Footedale, New Salem and Shamrock. Playing baseball, basketball, football, wrestling and some boxing. Rick was always the first to try something new like a skateboard, pogo stick, walking into the mine entrance by the firehouse or jumping off the bridge into the Cheat River.

We shared a dog "Pal" which would come to sit on our front porch around 8 AM and then come to meet the bus around 3 or so during the school year.

Rick was always very quick witted and I recall that when we found an abandoned car on the hill behind the firehouse and reported the car to State Police. Subsequently, two Pennsylvania State Troopers picked us up and asked if we could show them where the car was located. One trooper asked if we had been in trouble before, Rick quickly replied "Why do you think that we are in trouble now?".

Through high school I recall , Rick at the speaker podium for graduation practice saying that he would like to address the Seniors and Senioritas.

Rick will be missed. TomS

Donna Sichko - May 16, 2023 at 01:25 PM

CH

Thank you. My dad was something. ❤️

Crystal Haynesworth - May 18, 2023 at 09:25 AM

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“ *Crystal Haynesworth lit a candle in memory of Richard Tony Lemansky*



Crystal Haynesworth - May 16, 2023 at 07:27 AM

CI

“ *Uncle Rick and I shared two very special things. First, we loved to swap stories about our time in Thailand and the crazy/surreal things we saw while there. Second, we talked a lot about the loss of his sister and my very best friend Grandma Judy. I loved to hear his stories about her and it was a comfort to know that he felt the same hole in his heart that I did when she passed away. Uncle Rick, I'm so jealous that you're with her now and I hope you're telling her and Jake and Papap all about us down here. See you soon, I'll continue to make you proud.*

Ciara - May 15, 2023 at 10:48 PM

CH



Crystal Haynesworth - May 18, 2023 at 09:25 AM

RB

Ciara, I was stationed with Rick in Tahkli and Korat. Also in Plattsburgh, NY. We had some great times and created some of those stories . I'll miss him.

Richard Breithaupt - May 18, 2023 at 05:54 PM