



Richard William Prentiss

May 19, 1939 - April 19, 2020

Richard “Dick” Prentiss, 80, Warren resident for fifty plus years passed away on April 19, 2020. He is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Joanne Prentiss. Dick is survived by his five children, Richard (Kelly) Prentiss, Mark (Debbie) Prentiss, Donna Prentiss-Bonner, Paula (Mark) Baker and Linda Prentiss; and five grandchildren, Nicholas Prentiss, Kenneth (Ronnie) Crocker, Ryan Prentiss, Jessica Prentiss, and Jolene Bonner and step grandchildren Justin (Katie) Kalousdian and William (Emily) Kalousdian; and predeceased step grandchild Kyle Kalousdian. Dick is also survived by his four-legged furry companion, Luna.

Dick was born one of six children to Hugh and Ila Prentiss. He is survived by his brothers, Harold (Laurel) Prentiss and Hugh (Phyllis) Prentiss, and preceded in death by his siblings, Juanita (Jack) Stanger, Patricia (Edward) Older and Norman (Carol) Prentiss. He grew up in Hazel Park, Michigan and Marysville, Michigan.

Dick was a very hard-worker and great provider for his family. He was employed as a Diesetter at General Motors Hydramatic for 43 years prior to retiring.

When Dick and Joanne’s children were growing up, much time was spent camping with neighbors and friends. That love of the outdoors allowed him to expose all of his children to hunting and fishing. It was hunting at the Atlanta property and fishing in Marysville that taught them many a life lesson. Later they spent much time boating and with marina friends.

Dick and Joanne were thrilled to spend several months of the year at their “Sunshine Haven” or “little house” in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida for many years. They enjoyed the sun, beaches, parties, time spent time with many Michigan friends and making new friends.

Dick was a quiet man in many ways – reserved one might say. However, he would regale you with many a story of his time spent at work, antics of Luna, and other current events. He did have the gift of gab. While he had a gruff exterior, Dick was a very loving, caring,

and thoughtful man. Dick was highly mechanically inclined, he could fix many things and some of his methods were a little unconventional, but always came out great!! No matter what he put his mind to, he accomplished. Dick was such a STRONG man in many ways.

He loved to tease people as a way of showing his affection, and had nicknames for many people in his life. He LOVED to garden and to cook and took pride in how well his garden was and how much everyone liked his cooking!! Dick will be sorely missed. RIP Daddy-O - We LOVE YOU!

Due to the current virus situation, a memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Tribute Wall

DP

“ My dad, Richard "Dick" Prentiss, was a GREAT Guy, who may have not been raised with all the tools in life to share his feelings, but with love from his wife and family, became a loving, caring, thoughtful man underneath his gruff exterior. My Dad taught us hard work, family values, and how to be a good person in life. He had a wicked sense of humor and if he pulled your hair, tickled you, or called you a name, you knew he loved you. Since our Mom passed, Dad had to adapt to life without his partner of 53 years, which he did the best that he could. He was a stubborn man who knew what he wanted, and that served him well in the last couple of years with some health issues. However, he was also the man I would talk with daily who always had a funny saying "feeling with my hands", "cat fur for kitten britches", "how can you see - you are blind in one eye and cannot see out of the other". My Dad is also the man who enjoyed Linda's companionship and her taking him places, doing projects together, and dinners out. He enjoyed woodworking, and LOVED to Garden. He proudly would show people pictures of his garden and how tall and well the plants were doing. Dad also loved to cook. It was hard for him not to cook for 7 people, but he would enjoy cooking and inviting family for dinner; making vegetarian things; and enjoyed having the family holidays at his house. No words will ever be able to describe him, or what he meant to me. Mister, my Daddy-O, I miss you and always will. Love you. Donna XOXOXOXO

dpar4legal - May 02, 2020 at 12:55 PM

RN

Did Dick coach at Delta College back in the 70s?

Randy Neumeyer - June 02, 2020 at 12:32 PM

DP

“ Love you and Miss You - Stick in the Mud, Stick in the Snow, Stick in the Swamp.
Jolene xoxoxoxoxo

dpar4legal - May 02, 2020 at 12:35 PM

TR

“ I will greatly miss my Uncle Dick. He is very special to me and we shared a special bond. My entire life growing up, my Uncle Dick would poke me in the ribs, pull my hair or whatever he could do to make me feel wanted and loved. This was how he showed affection. As I grew up and got older, I was very fortunate to be a part of this immediate family. When I went thru hard times thru life and with my own family. They welcomed me into theirs. Every holiday I was welcomed to spend living quality time with them and was made to feel special. Every time I came over or whenever I was in the company of my Uncle Dick, I would always get a kiss and hug. We would sneak off to a special corner and talk just the two of us, no matter what else was going on around us. We would talk about his work and special stories he liked to share. He would show me his wood working projects he was working on and talk about his garden. Uncle Dick was a very proud and intelligent man. He could work everything out in his head and achieve whatever it was that he wanted to do.

Uncle Dick is like a second father to me. I will always value our special times and how he loved me. I will miss him immensely. Selfishly.

Because I know that he is now with the love of his life, Aunt Joanne. I know how much he missed her and now he can be with her again.

I love you Uncle Dick and Aunt Joanne, you will be greatly missed and honored always!!

Tammy Rezny - April 27, 2020 at 04:59 PM

RN

Did Dick coach at Delta College back in the 70s?

Randy Neumeyer - June 02, 2020 at 12:31 PM

RC

“ So sorry for the loss of your Father. He will be missed by many! It was a privilege to know JoAnne and Dick all these years. Ron and I feel like part of the family. We met them in the pool at their Florida home. We had great times with them and their family. Dick always enjoyed gardening and cooking but most of all he loved to tease. He was a great story teller and loved to share his stories. He will always be in our heart.

Love, Ron and Nancy Clark

Ron and Nancy Clark - April 25, 2020 at 01:47 PM

RN

Did Dick coach at Delta College back in the 70s?

Randy Neumeyer - June 02, 2020 at 12:33 PM

PB

“ My dad was a very special person to me. When life threw me some tough curves it was my dad That was always there to lift me up and showed me how to be strong. He told me no matter what you will always be my little girl and that I will always LOVE you no matter what. He would coach my baseball team and was always there to cheer me. Thank you DADDY FOR BEING MY FRIEND SND THE BEST DADDY ANYONE COULD ASK FOR. I will miss you dearly. And wish I had your strength right now to deal with more curve balls that life keeps throwing my way. But I Know you'll be looking down from Heaven and passing that strength down to me. I LOVE YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY. Test in Peace Daddo rockin on the Patio.

Paula Baker - April 24, 2020 at 02:17 PM

 Trina Toll

“ I would like to send my condolences to the family of Dick Prentiss, he was such an amazing man.. I loved to have gotten to know him and help in his garden when he needed me to give him a hand.. He always told good stories and loved to put smiles on your face.. He was like a grandpa to me and he will be greatly missed.. He also just liked to pick on you just to get you going.. Again he will be greatly missed.. Love to the family and know that he is looking down on all of us and just putting a smile on our faces when we think of those funny things he would say or do..

Trina Toll - April 23, 2020 at 09:10 PM

KL

“ Love to all my cousins on the loss of your dad, my Uncle Dick. He sure loved to kid me throughout my childhood, and even as an adult. I knew I could always count on him for a funny story of his latest antics, most of which involved him stirring up “trouble” with his teasing to some unsuspecting person. He always tried to come off a tough guy but I know he was a softie at heart. He will surely be missed.

Xoxox- Kris LaMothe and family 

Kris LaMothe - April 23, 2020 at 02:00 AM

MO

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers, Love and Hugs from Monica, Jeff, Evan, Colyn, and Kyle. Sing Linda Sing your opera to your dad! He will love it as much as my boys do!!!

Monica.com - April 22, 2020 at 07:40 PM

BW

“ Sorry to hear about Uncle Dick. We'll all remember his love to share a story or two! I'm sure he's catching up with your mom and my dad! With love from Chicago...Bob, Cheryl, and Katie.

bob wojcik - April 22, 2020 at 06:59 PM

Ruth Kinney

“ Ruth Kinney lit a candle in memory of Richard William Prentiss



Ruth Kinney - April 22, 2020 at 05:53 PM

LC

“ Uncle Dick and Aunt JoAnne were quite special. They raised their to be sociable and fun. Uncle Dick lived to tell stories with sound effects and tease us all. We knew he cared. We care for all his family who are grieving his loss. With love, Ron and Lisa Cook

Lisa Cook - April 22, 2020 at 04:50 PM

JD

“ Dear Donna, Jolene, Linda and the entire Prentiss family, our deepest sympathies go out to you all, for the loss of your father, grandfather. Jon and I enjoyed talking and being with him, at all the different functions. He was always so nice, had a story, good humor and made you feel welcome. He will be missed by all who knew him. God Bless you and help you this loss.

Jon and Sandra Duff - April 22, 2020 at 04:22 PM

KS

“ Kris Simms lit a candle in memory of Richard William Prentiss



Kris Simms - April 22, 2020 at 02:54 PM

KS

“ When Donna invited us to a picnic I was sooo surprised when I met the family that we had already been introduced to Linda as our pediatrician's nurse. So many fun summer memories at the boat with Dick and Joanne and the whole family and how they generously included me and my kids. We experienced our first Parade of Lights at the Marina which turned into an annual event with lots of good food, family and friends.

As the patriarch of the Prentiss family he always had a story to tell, and a prank to share. He had a great sense of humor and a big heart.

I feel privileged to have been included in so many family events. Although Dick's passing will leave a big void in the hearts of those who loved him, his memory and that of all the good times he created will live on!!!

Love you guys!

"Krissy"

Kris Simms - April 22, 2020 at 02:53 PM

JB

“ Memory lane, a wonderful thing. I have known Richard as Linda's Dad for a long time. He has been welcoming, caring, hospitable, loving and a character too. I'm remembering a Florida vacation with Dick, Joanne and Linda going on an air-boat in the everglades, seeing more Alligators than I could count all over the place, watching Dolphins play from a powerboat adventure, having cocktails with friends, going to the beach and a state park to see nature all around us. He was happy to take us all around being the host he loved to be. Backyard barbecues and social gatherings, always enjoyable. Thank you Richard for giving me so many great memories, you are sorely missed. God Bless and enjoy those cocktails with Joanne!

Fondly, Jan Bush

Jan Bush - April 22, 2020 at 02:25 PM

MB

“ Mark & Paula Baker lit a candle in memory of Richard William Prentiss



Mark & Paula Baker - April 22, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MB

You were *THE BEST DAD EVER*. We miss you *TERRIBLY*. 🥺🥺🥺❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Mark & Paula Baker - April 22, 2020 at 01:06 PM

GL

“ I send my condolences to Dick's children. I always enjoyed being at get-together's as the conversations were never ending with your Dad. His garden was his joy and so was his family! R.I.P Dick

Ginny Lach - April 22, 2020 at 12:37 PM

GB

My condolences to the to whole family. R.I.P. Dick. Sending prayers to you all. 🙏

gina belfy - April 22, 2020 at 01:11 PM

MP

My dad loved my mom more than anything in the world. They did everything together except work but they always seemed to make sure there 5 children where taken care of even if it meant that they had to do without. My dad and myself had a very different relationship that most... There are a few stories that I will share. When I moved back home and told my dad that I was going to become a teacher his comment was what that you don't know how to teach you know how to cook we have some fun with that a few years later when Deb and myself opened the school.. Here are a few things that made my dad proud. When I got married Deb and my 3 sons re-did the entire first floor down to studs and floor boards, we had to install a new header, electrical, floors and so on my dad used to stop by all the time to check and see what we where doing and he would just wait for me to ask him question, and I did we finished the entire it in 5 weeks. The that made me feel the best is when I graduated with my Bachelors degree i walk across the stag mom and dad where there and mom was yelling and dad was just sitting there but I noticed that he was crying and wiping his eye it was then I new I mad my father proud. RIP Dad Love you

MARK PRENTISS - April 24, 2020 at 11:58 AM