



## Richard Anthony Stafford

September 23, 1933 - September 24, 2023

In Loving Memory of Richard A Stafford (1933-2023)

With heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved Richard "Rick" Stafford, a devoted father, a loving husband, veteran, a true gentleman, a source of endless laughter, an accomplished automotive designer, and a cherished grandfather and great-grandfather. He departed from this world on Sunday, September 24, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love, creativity, compassion, and cherished memories.

Born on September 23, 1933, Rick was a shining example of grace and kindness throughout his 90 year journey. His warmth, genuine compassion, and sense of humor endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him. He had the unique ability to brighten even the gloomiest of days with his infectious laughter, optimism, dry sense of humor, common sense and quick wit.

As a senior automotive designer and draftsman, Rick made an indelible mark at GM Truck & Chevrolet and previously with various automotive contractors. He had an innate ability to problem solve, focus, was detail oriented, and had highly technical skills.

In addition to his remarkable career, Rick was a dedicated family man. His love and devotion to his wife Geraldine "Gerri" Stafford of 63 years, was a testament to the enduring power of love. Together, they created a home filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

As a father, Rick provided unwavering support, guidance, and love to his

children, He instilled in them the values of kindness, hard work, and the importance of family bonds. His cherished role as a grandfather and great-grandfather brought him immeasurable joy. He doted on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, showering them with love, wisdom, and memorable stories.

Rick is survived by his children, Christopher (Eduardo Barbosa) Stafford, Susan (Kevin) Adkins, Mark (Renee) Stafford, and Richard (Lisa) Stafford. His grandchildren Gregory (Katelyn) Adkins, Tracy (Germain) Schmitz, Lauren Stafford, and Kendall Stafford. Great grandchildren Camille Schmitz, Elsie Adkins, Harvey Schmitz and Gavin Adkins. He also was survived by his brother John (MaryAnn) Stafford and was preceded in death by his parents Francis and Pauline Stafford and brother Gerald (Judy) Stafford. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and host a of friends and colleagues who will forever cherish his memory.

Per his wishes, Rick was immediately cremated and there will be no funeral arrangements. We would like all his friends and family to pay tribute to a remarkable individual who touched so many and honor his life as they deem appropriate. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Ronald McDonald House, these were causes that were close to Rick's heart.

As we say our goodbyes, let us remember Rick not with sadness, but with gratitude for the laughter he brought into our lives, the love he shared, and the lasting impact he made on all of us. His memory will forever be cherished in our hearts, and he will live on through the love and inspiration he provided to us all.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal." - Irish Proverb

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ He was the best God Father/Uncle I thought he would live forever. I LOVE YOU uncle Rick and I will miss you so very much ❤️



Katie - October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

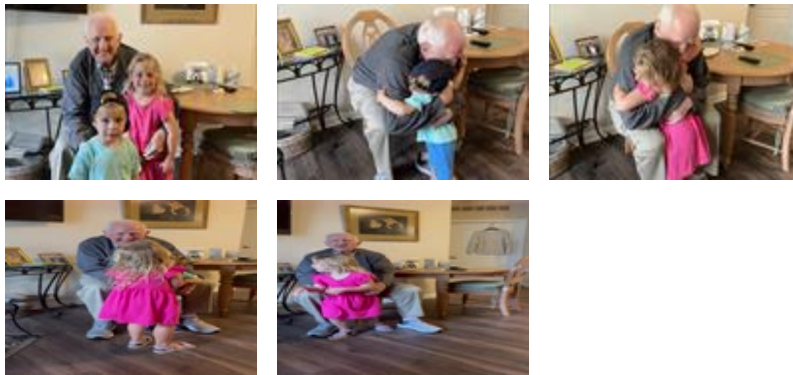
JG

“ Although I never got to meet Rick, I have heard countless stories about him from his children and grandchildren about his larger than life personality and the wonderful times he had with his wife Gerri. I want to send my condolences out to the entire Stafford family at this time.

John Grogan - October 04, 2023 at 05:52 PM

TS

“ The best great grandpa! (Gpa) ❤️



Tracy Schmitz - October 04, 2023 at 05:35 PM

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“ We are keeping the entire Stafford family in our prayers during this sad time. There are so many wonderful memories of Rick and the great group of friends that were always there for each other. This picture speaks volumes of the love they all shared. RIP with those who have gone before you.



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**Noreen Montemayor** - October 04, 2023 at 03:09 PM

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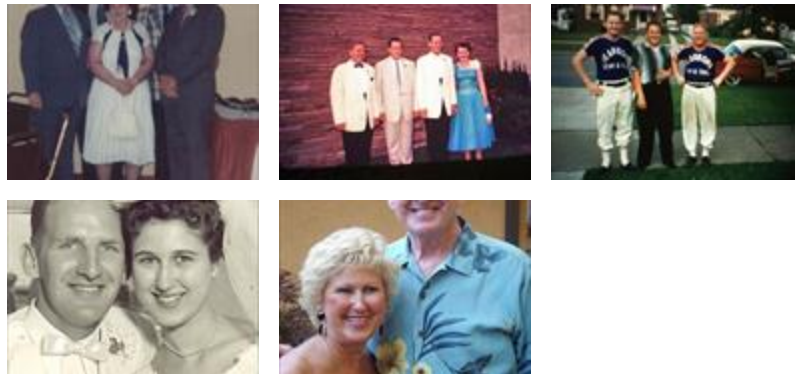
“ Best wishes and condolences to the entire Stafford family. It's so easy to see so much love and good memories in these photos. Prayers for comfort and healing being sent to you.

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**Valorie Stough** - October 04, 2023 at 10:41 AM

RI

“ 182 files added to the album Memories



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**rickstafford** - October 03, 2023 at 08:29 PM

RI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**rickstafford** - October 03, 2023 at 08:22 PM

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“ *Our hearts and condolences are with the Stafford family. There are no words strong enough to say about "Rick". He was the epitome of the greatest attributes of life. We will truly miss our wonderful friend. Rick will hold a special place in our hearts forever. Until we meet again....*

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**Frank & Carol Selewski** - October 03, 2023 at 01:50 PM