



Durham Rick

April 16, 2011

Ricky James Durham, 50, of Napoleon, died Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Fulton County Health Center. He was born September 5, 1960 in Wood County, Ohio to Larry James and Terry (McCone) Durham. On October 9, 1982, he married Lynn Winover at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. Rick was the owner and operator of Durham's Auto Service, a family business started by his father in Napoleon, Ohio. He graduated from Napoleon High School and Four County Career Center in 1978, and worked part-time prior to graduation at Snyder Chevrolet. He was a devoted husband and father who loved the outdoors, camping, and hunting. He was a proud member of the Napoleon Volunteer Fire Department since 1983. He served on the parade and water ball committee for the NOVFA convention hosted by Napoleon and was one of five members who took first place in the NOVFA bowling tournament in 1984. In 1986, he became an EMT with Napoleon Rescue. Rick took the civil service test in 1993 and became a volunteer firefighter. In 2002, he accepted the position of temporary lieutenant and then passed the lieutenant's test to become a lieutenant two until he retired in December 2008. He served as president and secretary for the Napoleon Fire and Rescue association for 25 years. He was honored for the the most fire runs in 1991, 1992, 1996, and 1997. He received a multitude of commendations from the State of Ohio and City of Napoleon and recieved recognition from U.S. Rep. Robert Latta and Ohio Rep. Lynn Wachtmann for his 25 years of service. Rick was a devoted member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon where he had served as

usher for many years. He is survived by his parents, Larry and Terry Durham of Napoleon, his wife, Lynn of Napoleon and sons, Joshua and Jeremy both at home, and a brother, Kevin (Kelly) Durham of Defiance. He was preceded in death by a sister, Dawn Durham. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 21 at 11:00 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon with Pastor's Peter Marcis and John Holyer officiating. Interment will follow services. Visitation will be on Wednesday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon from 2-8 p.m. with a County Wide Fireman's Last Call Service at 8:00 p.m. and at the church on Thursday from 10-11 a.m. The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Fire & Rescue, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeremy, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. I didn't know him well, but I know he loved you and your family deeply. He was very proud of you! Take care. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*###imported-begin###Sally Furney###imported-end##

April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. We would like to thank the entire family for your sacrifice through the years. It was not without your support could he represent our city to such a high standard.*###imported-begin###Mr & Mrs David Mack###imported-end##

April 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lynn, Jeremy and Josh:I am so sorry for your loss. I know that you will miss him deeply as a husbandsnd, and father. But Lynn, I know words can not express your loss for your husband. Just remember that Rick is always with you in your heart and he is at peace in heaven with God.From Cheryl Yaw, Jennifer Fife and Larry Yaw*###imported-begin###Cheryl Yaw###imported-end##

April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We want to pass on our condolences to your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.Sincerely,Dennis and Linda Benien*###imported-begin###Dennis And Linda Benien###imported-end##

April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sad to hear of Ricks passing We hope your strength in the Lord will get you through this hard time in your life and that he helps you and the boys to cope with what is to come We won't be able to come to see you because of Chets health but know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers In christian love---
Bonnie###imported-begin###Bonnie Brenneman###imported-end##

April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn...I am sorry to hear of Rick's passing. My thoughts are prayers go out to you and your family.###imported-begin###Cathy Bressler Hutchinson###imported-end##

April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn, we knew Rick through Amber & Steve Trausch and hearing their boys talk about Rick and his Coffee bunch and the tootsie rolls. He will be missed. We are very sorry for your loss. Kathy & Steve Lieb###imported-begin###Steve And Kathy Lieb###imported-end##

April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to all of the Durham family. Rick will be greatly missed and was a very well known member of the church, community and of course fire dept. God's Peace to you all. Pastor & Gale Koy###imported-begin###Pastor Norm Koy###imported-end##

April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn, sons and family I am so sorry in the sudden lost of Rick. Just to let you know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I pray that God will give you comfort at this time of needs. God Bless You###imported-begin##Linda Lulfs###imported-end##

April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn, Terry, Larry, So sorry to here about Rick, I was just thinking how proud Dawn would be with him being named a hometown HERO, Terry and Larry losing one child is the worst that can happen but losing another is just heart breaking.... my thoughts are with your family...###imported-begin##Deb Silveus###imported-end##

April 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn, Jeremy, and Josh, So sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Seems like forever ago that I had the boys in class. I always enjoyed seeing your family when we went camping. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. May God give you the comfort that is so desperately needed right now.###imported-begin##Tony And Kelley Borton###imported-end##

April 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences to your family Lynn at this time, I will be keeping your family in my prayers###imported-begin##Cody Hall###imported-end##

April 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are all saddened in hearing of Rick’s passing. We pray you are comforted during this time. Robert & Marla Weitzel##imported-begin##Robert & Marla Weitzel##imported-end##

April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM