



## Richard William "Dick" Cordes

February 9, 1958 - September 11, 2022

Richard William "Dick" Cordes died peacefully, Sunday, September 11, 2022, with his two sisters and two brothers at his side. Dick was born on February 9, 1958 to Maurice "Mort" and Margaret Cordes, who preceded him in death along with his brother, Scott and niece, Sara Steffey. He is survived by his sisters, Sue Kirby (Jim), Laurinburg NC, Sally Steffey (Rick) ,Summerfield, FL, brothers Bob, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio and Ted (Sandy) Ridgeville Corners, Ohio and several nieces and nephews. He was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township and served as deacon. He was employed by the city of Napoleon for 28 years until a motorcycle accident left him with a traumatic brain injury. Later he suffered a back injury that left him a paraplegic and confined to a wheelchair. Even with these disabilities, he managed to live independently, drive his van, and most importantly continue to pursue his passion of restoring classic cars, all from a wheelchair. Alcohol became a way to cope with all these challenges, and ultimately took a toll on his life. Dick was full of love, generosity, and compassion for anyone he came in contact with and this is what he will be remembered for. One of the effects from the brain injury was the inability to taste or smell and he would often how he missed the smell of fresh cut grass. Now, he has left his wheelchair behind and is running through fresh cut fields of grass and breathing in that wonderful smell. There will be a celebration of life for friends and family of Dick at a later date. Rest In Peace !



# Cemetery Details

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery- Napoleon Township**

16976 County Road Q1  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dick I have known him since 7th grade 7 years ago Dick built me a fantastic squirrel feeder for my birthday . I will always remember him with kindness in my heart . R.I.P. old friend .

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**Christine Traina** - September 15, 2022 at 11:01 AM

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“ I really enjoyed going over to his house and having cocktails and him firing up his Chevelle along with my buddy Charlie heinzie Good Times and he will be sadly missed

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**Greg Riebesehl. Creech** - September 13, 2022 at 09:44 PM