



Richard "Rick" Panning

December 15, 1957 - April 16, 2021

Richard Edwin Panning, 63, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021. He was born in Napoleon on December 15, 1957 to Edwin and Betty (Felgar) Panning.

Rick was a 1976 graduate of Napoleon High School and the Toledo School of Nursing. He went on to serve in the US Navy and was stationed in Hawaii. Rick worked as a Navy Corpsman during active duty and later as a Registered Nurse at the Fulton County Health Center.

He is survived by his parents; brother, Bill (Sharon) Panning; nieces, Kristen (Tyler) Tatham and Abby (Seth) Meyer; and great nephew, Aiden Tatham.

Funeral services for Rick will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope for Depression Research Foundation, American Diabetes Association, or a charity of your choice. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ I lost touch with Rick years ago, and just today, 3/9/22, saw that he passed away last April.

This news is particularly sad to me, as we knew each other very well, and from the very beginning of our young adult lives, shared experiences that can never be fully understood by many, but will never be forgotten by myself.

I first met Rick while we were in training at the naval hospital in San Diego.

After we were both sent to the Field Medical School at Camp Pendelton, we grew very close during our training there, obtaining our EMT certifications.

Subsequently after that training, we were both sent to the First Marine Brigade at Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Upon arrival, we were assigned to rifle companies within a marine combat battalion, and began our most difficult mission as being medical Corpsmen for those infantry units. We made two deployments together overseas, and were inseparable. The experiences we shared during those times were often challenging. Although we never saw combat, we were often in very difficult situations overseas. Our last assignment was when our units were sent to Iran during the hostage rescue attempt in April of 1980. When we weren't deployed, we were assigned to E.R. duties and responded by ambulance to areas on Oahu. In the field, Rick was as much a marine as any rifleman, and as much a caring professional as was anyone ever in that capacity.

When we both left for home following our enlistment, we kept in touch for years, and had many other experiences stateside which included trips to New Orleans, Yosemite, and other various camping trips in Colorado and the Ozarks.

We both experienced personal problems after coming home, but always seemed to overcome them.

Rick was my best friend back then, and I have missed him over the years, but was unable to find him in any of my searches over the later years.

*To his family go my deepest condolences.
To my friend Rick, I thank you for being my best friend, and hope that you rest in peace. I will never forget what we did, what we struggled through together, and what your friendship meant to me.
Semper Fi brother.
Rob Morris*

Rob Morris - March 09, 2022 at 05:56 PM

JD

“*Dear Panning family, you have my deepest sympathy. Rick and I were in catechism together as well as all our school years. I remember him fondly. He was such a nice guy and will be missed by all. I pray for your peace and comfort during this difficult time.
Julie Daman*

Julie Daman - April 23, 2021 at 10:17 AM

LW

“*Sorry to the Panning family for the lose of the loving soul of Rick. I worked nights at the Stress Unit and he worked days so he was always a welcome sight with his big smile. He will be missed.*

Lisa Wert

Lisa Wert - April 21, 2021 at 08:18 PM

DL

“ Ed, Betty, Bill & Sharon,
Cindy and I were devastated on the news of Rick's passing. We considered Rick a dear friend even though our paths had not crossed in many years. Many times in the years immediately after Rick's return from the Navy we would get together to play guitar, sing and laugh. Rick joined us on vacation to the U.P. and Old Man's Cave and was our oldest son's Sponsor at his baptism. He is part of our fondest memories from those days. Our hearts truly weep for your loss at his passing. He is deeply missed.
Dave & Cindy Langenhop

David Langenhop - April 21, 2021 at 09:47 AM

SJ

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Panning, Bill & the entire Panning family. I am very saddened and crushed to hear about Rick's passing. I remember growing up near the Grace Way Neighborhood and the Panning family was just a bicycle ride away and I always considered, to this day Rick and Bill my best childhood friends. I loved visiting the Panning home and playing games with Bill and Rick. We even had a few football games in our back yard and I remember getting tackled by Rick, although I was much younger and smaller than Rick and I didn't get up right away; but I loved it anyway because most of kids were older than I was and was just happy being part of the group. It makes me happy just thinking about the good times we had, when we were just kids. After Rick got out of the Navy, we shared a couple of apartments in Toledo while getting our college degrees. I have many fun memories of Rick during those college days, probably some that I shouldn't tell. Rick will always be in my memories.

-- Scott Joseph

Scott Joseph - April 20, 2021 at 07:15 PM

RM

*Scott Joseph,
I am old Navy buddy of Rick, and I would appreciate any information
you could give me on regards to where he was laid to rest, and to
make sure that he is honored for his service appropriately.*

*I tried to find him numerous times after we lost touch, but just found out
today of his passing.*

Thank you so much

Rob Morris

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Rob Morris - March 09, 2022 at 11:56 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of a son and a brother Rick was a great friend
growing up He will be sadly missed*

Jeffrey Joseph - April 20, 2021 at 06:51 PM

SP

“ *Dear Uncle Ed, Aunt Betty, Bill and family-*

*I'm so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I always enjoyed talking to
him the few times we had gotten together over the years. Rick was
such a kind person and gentle soul. I hope that God's love brings
you comfort during this difficult time. Rest in peace, Rick.*

~ Stephen Panning

Stephen Panning - April 20, 2021 at 03:12 PM

TB

“ *GOD Bless and keep all...
Numbers 6:24-26*

Todd (76classmate) and Pat Brink - April 20, 2021 at 02:30 PM

SM

“ Sincere sympathy is sent to Rick’s family. I enjoyed working with Rick for many years. Rick understood the struggles of “life” for many in our care. Rick shared with staff his cat stories, Hawaii memories, family times of his nieces athletic events and family holiday dinners at The Barn. We were glad to let him plan evening dinners out for interested staff, making reservations and phone calls to inform/remind us. I hope Rick knew how much we enjoyed his friendship. A small donation has been made in memory of Rick to the depression research foundation mentioned in his obituary. Sue Maltman

Sue Maltman - April 20, 2021 at 08:42 AM

MG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Gautz - April 19, 2021 at 09:52 PM

TL

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Rick was part of a small group of co-workers who would go out to eat at the local restaurants. We always had a lot of laughs. He loved his cats!!

Tina Leach - April 19, 2021 at 06:18 PM

KS

“ My condolences to Rick’s family. I worked with him at FCHC and am sure I drove him a little crazy at times. We had some great discussions about politics and the world in general. Loved his laugh and good nature. May he Rest In Peace.

kathy schramko - April 19, 2021 at 02:01 PM

GR

“ Ed & Betty, Rick was a good friend in High School. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. He had a real heart for serving God's people. May God grant all of you comfort and peace! "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Revelation 14:13

Gary Richard

Gary Richard - April 19, 2021 at 12:59 PM

MG

“ Deeply sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I worked with him on the Stress Unit and we shared many unique (HIIPA protected) experiences. So many of my fondest memories there include Rick. Rick was a compassionate man and took care of his patients and his co-workers with a sense of humor, and a booming laugh. He certainly touched alot of lives. Rest now, friend.

Mary Gautz - April 19, 2021 at 12:42 PM

SP

“ Dear Uncle Ed, Aunt Betty, Bill, Sharon and family-We were saddened yesterday to learn of Rick's passing. I will always remember him for his great sense of humor and storytelling abilities. He probably had the best laugh and smile in our family. We are praying for you, and wishing you His peace and love.

Scott & Jennifer Panning
Morgen and Sloan

Scott Panning - April 19, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Panning.



April 19, 2021 at 09:05 AM

CS

“ Thoughts and prayers go to Ed, Betty and Bill. Rick was truly a special guy. His laugh and his kind heart were unforgettable. May God give you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Caye Schroeder - April 18, 2021 at 03:27 PM

CO

“ Dear Edwin, Betty & Bill and all Rick's loving family, I was so very sorry to read Rick passed away yesterday. I remember Rick & Bill growing up. Mom & Dad would see Rick sometimes when they were at the Fulton County Health Center. Indeed he helped a lot of people. May God's loving arms be around all of you now and in the days to come.

Carol (Mann) Cain - Delta, Ohio - April 17, 2021 at 06:07 PM

PC

“ *Sorry to hear about Rick. We grew up on the same street. We worked together at FCHC.*

Rick was always willing to lend a hand, and share a cigar.

Paul J Celani - April 17, 2021 at 04:22 PM