



Richard "Rick" Riebesel

October 8, 1954 - September 10, 2018

Richard Riebesel, 63, of Napoleon, passed away Monday, September 10, 2018 at CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center. He was born October 8, 1954 in Napoleon to Henry, Jr. and Mary (Bost) Riebesel. On October 18, 1975 he married Debra Elling at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon.

Rick battled Glioblastoma for almost 10 years, visiting and calling on others also battling the disease. He wanted to give them friendship, positive thoughts and, most importantly, hope. Rick was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He was a past Elder, helping many through dark times. He also volunteered to assist with funerals and changed the message board. He loved bowling on Thursday nights Men's League, where he bowled a perfect 300 three times. He loved spending time at the Angola, IN lake house where he enjoyed skiing and boating with his family and friends. Rick had worked in the past at Fred R. Creager & Sons and The Fulton County Highway Department. Most recently, he was an administrator for the Ohio Department of Transportation until retirement in March 2010.

Rick is survived by his wife, Deb; his sons, Justin (Sara) Riebesel of Loveland, OH and Jeremy Riebesel of Napoleon; grandchildren Griffin and Logan Riebesel and Jocelyn Bischoff; siblings Sue (Rick) Moser of Stryker, OH and John Riebesel (Peg Dachenhaus) of Hubbard Lake, MI; and sister in law Pat Riebesel of Napoleon. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Bill and Jim Riebesel.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home,
Napoleon and one hour before the Funeral at the Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

SEP **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ rick was a good friend and I will mii him a lot.....rip rick.....

bill bechtol - September 14, 2018 at 07:33 PM

MJ

“ Dear Deb and Family,
RIP Rick. He was such an inspiration to many and so comforting to those that were battling that terrible disease. He will go down in the books I'am sure as he was able to live his life to the fullest in-spite of everything for 10 years which is amazing! Carl appreciated the times that Rick would stop by to just say HI and shake Carl's hand. They are now both in a better place suffering no more. Prayers for you and your family and may you find peace in knowing God arms are wrapped around Rick as he welcomed him home.

As Always,
Marguerite Jensen

Marguerite Jensen - September 14, 2018 at 03:02 PM

LG

“ Sorry to hear about your loss of Rick. Enjoyed when he came in the office he was always happy and smiling . Prayers to your family .

Linda Gerken - September 13, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Riebesel.



September 13, 2018 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss! Our deepest condolences.
Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - September 13, 2018 at 01:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Riebesel.*



September 13, 2018 at 01:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Riebesel.*



September 12, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Riebesel.*



September 12, 2018 at 11:27 AM

CW

“ Rick was a great co-worker and a very nice and caring man. He will be missed. Condolences to his loving family.

Colette Woods - September 12, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Riebesel.



September 12, 2018 at 10:02 AM

MD

“ So sorry Deb and family! We go back a long way and even though in later years we have not seen much of each other I always remember the good times and always considered you both good friends. I was not aware he was so sick again and this is when I wish I had made it a point to stop in. He Will be missed!

Marvin Drummond - September 11, 2018 at 05:45 PM

LI

“ I have known Deb many years through chief and a local gym. I just remembered when Rick was first diagnosed. So many decisions. His treatment was a miracle. Prayers for you Deb and the boys.

Linda - September 11, 2018 at 03:32 PM

CM

“ I have known Rick for more than 25 years. Over my own lifetime of 78 years, I have met, known, and worked with many, many people. Rick has always been to me an absolutely most noble person, a man of outstanding character, integrity, and honor. He was my friend, and I was proud to have been his friend. When his courageous wife, Deb, called to tell me of his passing, she commented that he had gone to a "better place." Yes, he has, but he made the here and now a "better place" by just being Rick. The good news is that our memories of him, of his mighty struggle, of his suffering, and the loving devotion of Deb give us all courage to face just living in the world as we find it. God loves him, and Rick is now at rest. My heart is broken, and I have lost a dear friend. My wife, Peggy, and I grieve at Rick's passing and feel blessed that we knew him.

*Chuck and Peggy Martin
Dayton, Ohio. 11 September 2018*

Charles E. Martin - September 11, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Riebesel.



September 11, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Riebesel.



September 11, 2018 at 01:44 PM