



Richard Lee McWithey

January 20, 1956 - December 26, 2011

Anderson - Richard Lee McWithey, 55, Anderson, passed away of cancer on December 26, 2011 at his sister's home. He was born January 20, 1956 in Anderson, Indiana, and resided in Anderson, Indiana. Richard was a 1974 graduate of Highland High School. He worked for Heckaman Buick in the 1970s, Nicholson File, The Christian Center, and University Square Apartments. He is survived by his daughter, Emma & husband Raymond Ford; sisters, Sandy Etchison of Anderson, Karen Reel of Gaston and Roberta Bobbie Allison of Middletown; several aunts, uncles, neieces and nephews; and best friends, Mike and Teresa Shirley and Gary Wages, who helped him on his journey. A special thanks to Dr. Reagan H. Taylor and Pat from Madison County Community Center for their help in his last days; and a very special thanks to Jennifer, who was wonderful and all from Southern Comfort Hospice of Muncie. To all of my friends and clients, thanks for your support. He'll be missed every day. Sandy Etchison, Sister. Cremation will take place. www.LooseCares.com

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *god speed.....jpm*

jpm - January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *I am so glad you visited me on your way to visit Jim a few years back. I have not been in In. to keep up with my cousins but think of you and miss you all. Sorry for your loss and pray for peace and healing for whole family.*

Judy Downey Adams - January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Sorry to hear of Dickies passing. Your losses are so many Sandy. I am sure your care was instrumental in his last days.*

Ginger Alexander - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To the "The Truth" in Orlando, Wow, you have a direct phone line to the Funeral Home and all that happens there when you're thousands of miles away. To add to your comments regarding Dick's daughter, Emma. You forgot to mention that as soon as she turned sixteen, she secured a job and made sure her father had money in his pocket, visited him regularly, and either joined him for meals, or treated him to meals around town as her budget allowed. She spent many hours at the Christian Center with him, and donated her time to "The Clothes Closet" which benefits the homeless men at the Center. The Vargo family gave him clothes to wear, money to spend, and included him in every holiday and birthday. Emma spent many hours visiting him in the Center Courtyard, among the other homeless men who lived there. She loved her dad, and he loved her, and they made the best of their relationship. Emma spoke the truth in her earlier comments..and he would be heartbroken that you have chosen to attack her.

The Real Truth - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Emma, I am so sorry for your loss! Your Dad, My Uncle was an amazing person, he went thru many ups and downs and still managed to KEEP that amazing smile and attitude. I moved out of Anderson in 94, so I didn't get to see him as often as I liked.. But Uncle Dicky will be deeply missed by his nieces Tabatha Allender, Vickie Keihn, His Sister Karen Reel, And the rest of his family. May God Bless the entire family and help us thru this trying time!

Tabatha Allender - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sandy; Sorry for your loss to and your family.

Steve Hardin - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ All of those who really knew Dick and his daughter, knows the relationship they had was a loving one. Dick and I were blessed with a wonderful, beautiful daughter. I am honored and and extremely proud that she inherited all of Dick's loving, caring, and gentle qualities. Those who knew Dick well, know that our daughter, Emma, was the most important person in his life, and know the real truth. They loved one another, and this is all that really matters. I would like to thank you Dick for being there when you could.

Nancy Vargo - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Emma, Sandy, Karen, and Bobbie, I'm so sorry to find out about Dick. I had no idea he was ill. I have fond memories of Dick when we were kids. I still remember that picture of him from the time we dressed him as a girl. May God grant you peace. Blessings, Kathie

Kathie Manning - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Sandy, I knew your brother was ill and Jim and I are so sorry for your loss. Hope you are doing OK, because we know you have a lot on your plate right now. I will be contacting you soon.

Jim & Sharon Krebs - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I THINK ITS SO MESSED UP THAT MY FAMILY DIDn't INCLUDE ME IN HIS OBITUARY. I WAS THERE WHEN HE TOOK HIS LAST BREATH I NEVER LEFT HIS SIDE WHEN HE WAS PASSING. ITS ALL OKAY THOUGH BECASUE THE LAST WORDS HE SAID WAS I LOVE YOU AND I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THAT. I NEVER KNEW THAT MY FAMILY COULD BE SO CRUEL. BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED. I LOVE YOU!

EMMA FORD - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *A Place To Rest God looked down on your body, So tired from hanging on, From a life that was overwhelming you, And wanted back His son. So he took away the air you breathe, And gave you what was best, A place to be at peace, A final place to rest. Dickey I remember you like it was yesterday when we sat in class together, you were always making me laugh. You will be missed by so many and you will NEVER be forgotten.....*

Janet Morrison Strout - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *EMMA, I am sorry you feel like you were left out, but we talked about it. In your heart you know your name was left out by error. Thursday paper will have correction and you knew that. I'm sorry for your grief, It has nothing to do with the family only a mistake!!*

Sandy Etchison - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Richard was a great man, will be missed. What's "messed up" is a daughter blaming the very people that made his last 2 years of life as full as could be. Maybe if you had been around BEFORE getting called about his illness, you would not feel so guilt ridden. How many times did you come and visit before he was sick? Take him to lunch? Sit and visit for an hour? Take him for a ride through town? Richard loved everyone and would be embarrassed by the behavior shown today by the ex and daughter. Loose Family, thank you and sorry for the embarrassing behavior. Sandy, you were good to him. Emma, live in peace with your own guilt and leave those around you out of it. Love To All.*

The Truth - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *What a horrible way to find you - I would have liked to have said goodbye. Dickey and I dated in high school and I have always wondered where life took him. I did not know him as a grown man but it has been my experience - people just get older but at their core, they never really change. The Dickey I knew was funny, loving, forgiving and kind. I have no doubt that he died with those same great qualities. To all his family and friends, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Mary Meeks. - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Sandy, Jan and I would like to express our Condolences for your loss of your Brother. If there is anything that we can do to help you during this trying time please let us know.*

Bill Alexander - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM