



## Richard "Rick" Anspach

November 7, 1959 - December 19, 2022

Richard "Rick" William Anspach, 63, of Mentor Ohio, passed away on December 19, 2022, surrounded by family. He fought a long battle against Glioblastoma before succumbing to his illness.

Rick was born on November 7, 1959 to Diane (Tomlinson) and Carl Anspach in Chardon Ohio. After graduating from Berkshire High School he went on to work as an expert machinist; excelling in his field and achieving his life-long goal of owning his own shop: Star Wire & Machine.

Rick was truly a wonderful husband, dedicated father, and friend to many. His greatest joy in life was raising his children. He spent his time rough housing with them as kids, he enjoyed bringing them to the shop, and he was deeply proud of who they grew up to be. He always made time to teach and laugh with his grandkids. Rick embodied the deep belief that "family is everything". Many will remember Rick as coaching Little League Football, McMinn Baseball, and many other teams. He was never without music; playing guitar and performing vocals for Suicide Squeeze, Live Wire, 360 and Once Again. He was self-taught, but he played so well you could not tell. Rick also had a great love for his black labs, Bossy, Ember, and Xena. He was best described as having a spirited sense of humor and for always making others laugh. He will be deeply missed.

Rick was preceded in death by his mother (Diane Tomlinson Anspach) and father (Carl Anspach), as well as his brother (Jimmy Anspach). He is survived by his loving wife: Christina (Ryder) Anspach, children: Matthew (Amy) Anspach, Jamie (Jimmy) Kopec, Ryan (Raven) Anspach, John (Caitlin) Anspach, Kyle Anspach, and grandchildren: Benny, Evie, Lucas, Emilia, and Joey. He is also survived by his sister, Carla (Dave) Slater and his first wife, Ellen (Billie) Kaim and numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held Thursday, December 22, 2022, at Monreal Funeral Home from 4:00-8:00 pm, 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake. A funeral mass will follow on Friday, December 23, 2022, at 9:30 am at Saint John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor.

In honor of Rick's battle, donations may be made to The Glioblastoma Foundation or Hospice of the Western Reserve.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St John Vianney Parish  
7575 Bellflower Rd  
Mentor, OH 44060

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rick was a tremendous neighbor and friend. Our deepest condolences to all of you!

Jamir, Melissa and Jayden Wahid - December 22, 2022 at 03:54 PM



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



December 21, 2022 at 08:48 PM

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“ Dear Chrissy and your incredible family,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. Rick will forever be etched our memories as a truly wonderful human being, caring, funny, talented and with a heart so very big... a real fighter . There are no words that we could say to express how we feel about you and all of us losing this incredible man . He is now at Peace knowing he fought hard to stay . Truly a life well lived with love, family and friends, bit gone too soon . RIP and now you and Jimmy can “Once Again” make some great music ❤️🙏🎵🎸🎶 with much love and respect, Rick, Doreen and Famiky



Rick and Doreen Zupan - December 21, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Anspach.*



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December 21, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ *A great guy from a great family.*

*From Rick's H.S. football coach - Russ Hurd and his wife, Kay*

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**Russ Hurd** - December 21, 2022 at 04:55 PM



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



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December 21, 2022 at 02:22 PM



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



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December 21, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Anspach.



December 21, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ Terri & Fred Durr purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard "Rick" Anspach.



**Terri & Fred Durr** - December 21, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ Rick & Allison Matzek, Allen Perez, purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard "Rick" Anspach.



**Rick & Allison Matzek, Allen Perez**, - December 21, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ Love Dave, Carla and Family purchased the End uring Grace for the family of Richard "Rick" Anspach.



**Love Dave, Carla and Family** - December 21, 2022 at 09:11 AM



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



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December 20, 2022 at 09:49 PM



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



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December 20, 2022 at 08:30 PM



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



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December 20, 2022 at 06:10 PM