



Ricky Lee Ketchum

June 6, 1950 - February 7, 2019

Ricky L. "Rick" Ketchum, age 68, of Amboy, passed away on Thursday February 7, 2019 . He was born June 6, 1950, in Amboy, the son of Perry and Doris (McLindsay) Ketchum. Rick liked to say he was a jack of all trades. He was a 45-year union member of Carpenters Local 790. During this time he was a Journeyman Carpenter, Business Agent, and participated on many committees to ensure quality benefits for his fellow union members. Rick was dedicated to community service and served on the Lee County Board for 16 years including 4 years as Finance Chair and 4 years as Board Chairman. Rick spent several years as Amboy Building Inspector and used his carpentry skills on many community projects. Rick was also a founding member of the Amboy Depot Days Car Show, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Amboy community over the last 28 years. Rick was a life-long farmer, and you could often find him in his machine shop. He retired in 2005 but had a full-time job building and racing drag cars, restoring street rods and antiques, rebuilding engines and tractors, and working on just about anything that came through the door.

Rick married Kathleen Mead on July 1, 1972 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy where he later became a member. She proved to be a valuable partner in life, farming, mechanics, and loving care through his battle with throat cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eugene Ketchum. He will be forever loved and missed by his wife Kathy; 1 daughter Kristin (Jeremy) Tews of Rockford, 1 son Daniel (Alanna) Ketchum

of Amboy; Grandchildren Alexis, Olivia, Logan, and Liam Ketchum; Tamara Hiatt-Glenn, Tierny (Warren) Hindriks, and Dahlia Hiatt. He is also survived by a large and loving extended family including many brothers and sisters in law, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Sunday Feb. 10, 2019 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM in in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with a Scripture service at 6:30 PM.

Funeral services will be held Monday beginning with a 10:00 prayer service in the funeral home followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, with Rev. Richard Kramer, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. A memorial has been established.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

FEB 11. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Amboy
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ *Ricky Lee Ketchum*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ricky Lee Ketchum*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *I was so sorry to learn of Rick's passing. He was a kind and gentle soul who was an integral part of my campaigns. My sympathy to his family and many friends.*

Pennie von Bergen Wessels - March 10, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *Pat Gilbert Miller lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Ketchum*



Pat Gilbert miller - February 10, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ *Pat Gilbert Miller lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Ketchum*



Pat Gilbert miller - February 10, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee Ketchum.*



February 10, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Heidi Ketchum lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Ketchum*



Heidi Ketchum - February 10, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *FRANK HIATT lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Ketchum*



FRANK HIATT - February 09, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ *He was a great man and will be forever missed. Prayers to his family*



susan englund - February 08, 2019 at 07:36 PM

LG

“ *Deepest Sympathies to all from Jeremy Tews' co-worker "family" at Lakewood Media Group.*

Lori Gardner - February 08, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee Ketchum.*



February 08, 2019 at 03:40 PM

 James Coleman

“ *Sad day, this man was one of the most excellent human beings I've had the pleasure of knowing he will be missed by all*

James Coleman - February 08, 2019 at 01:26 PM

AK

“ *Amanda Kessel lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Ketchum*



Amanda Kessel - February 08, 2019 at 12:53 PM

CB

“ *My sincere sympathy to Kathy, Kris, Dan and the entire family. Rick will be missed by many.*



Carol Biester - February 08, 2019 at 12:50 PM

GS

“ *Gary Sylvia Schultz lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Ketchum*



Gary Sylvia Schultz - February 08, 2019 at 12:32 PM

KB

“ *Karen Blaine lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Ketchum*



Karen Blaine - February 08, 2019 at 12:15 PM

SJ

“ *Sheena, Chris & Jerame purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Ricky Lee Ketchum.*



Sheena, Chris & Jerame - February 08, 2019 at 11:55 AM

BC

“ So very sorry for your loss Kathy and family. May all the beautiful memories you have of Rick help you thru the difficult days ahead. Many prayers and hugs for all.

BONNIE CARSON - February 08, 2019 at 10:22 AM

BC

“ *BONNIE CARSON lit a candle in memory of Ricky Lee Ketchum*



BONNIE CARSON - February 08, 2019 at 10:17 AM

ST

“ *With sympathy for your loss. Rick was a great man.*
Sharon U

Sharon U Thompson - February 08, 2019 at 08:23 AM

PH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you Kathy and your family.*

Peggy and John Hicks - February 08, 2019 at 05:56 AM

FD

“ *My prayers for Rick's blessed repose and sincere condolences to Kathy and all his family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.*
Fr. Draper

Fr. Draper - February 07, 2019 at 05:10 PM

TS

I only knew Rick in grade and high schools, but it's clear from what everyone has said here that not knowing him in the intervening years was my loss. Kathy and family, please know you and the soul of Rick are in my prayers as he passes over the great divide.

Tim Somers

Tim Somers - February 09, 2019 at 11:37 PM