



Rick K. Henry

June 11, 1951 - January 15, 2023

Rick K. Henry passed away January 15, 2023, at the age of 71. Rick was born June 11, 1951, in Columbus, Ohio to the late Mary Ann and Louis Henry.

Rick grew up in Linden before moving to Gahanna in middle school. At Gahanna Lincoln High School, Rick participated and starred in football and wrestling, where he was the first District Champion in Gahanna history. After graduating from Gahanna in 1969, Rick attended Capital University where he met the love of his life, Christine Miller, and they started their fifty-year journey together. Together they moved out to Maryland when Rick took a job with 84 Lumber and then moved back to Columbus two short years later when they found out they were expecting their first child, Joshua. Rick didn't like to waste any time in his younger years and one year later they found out they were expecting their second child, Jacob. As Rick got older, he started taking his time, so twenty years after child #2 came child #3, Jordan.

Rick always worked in leadership positions throughout his life, as a Regional District Manager at McDonalds, General Manager at G.D. Ritzzy's and Bobby Sox before opening the Inkwell of Gahanna in 1984.

Rick was very active in the Gahanna community and with his children. Rick founded the Gahanna Youth Wrestling Program back in 1986 with Ed Schillig and was instrumental in starting the Gahanna Middle School Football program in the mid 90's. He coached thousands of young men and women in wrestling, football, and baseball. He was inducted into the Gahanna Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017 as an athlete and coach. Rick dedicated his life to developing young men and women to be the best they could be on the field and in life.

Rick is preceded in death by brothers, Dick, Randy, and Mark. He is survived by his wife, Christine Henry; his children, Joshua Henry (Amanda), Jacob Henry (Layla Edwards), and Jordan Henry; brother, Scott Henry (Karen); as well as many grandchildren and other cherished family and friends.

Friends may call on Thursday, January 19, 2023, from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. Service to be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 11am-12pm with calling one hour prior. Burial to be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 5600 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213.

Following the graveside service the family will hold a celebration of life for Rick to swap stories and laughs from 2:00pm-5:00pm at the Moose Family Center, 335 W Johnstown Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Compassion's Way at www.compassionsway.org to help the homeless and underserved in our community. Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Rick K. Henry.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
455 Clark State Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

Please send any flowers directly to the church.

Viewing

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
455 Clark State Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

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Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
455 Clark State Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

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Burial

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Forest Lawn
5600 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43213

Tribute Wall

SB

“ One of the most wonderful aspects of Shadowbox Live are all the amazing patrons we meet over the years - some who become true friends. Together we celebrate our successes and cheer each other on during the tough times. So when they are called to "fly high", it's always difficult. Rick was special to us all. I will always remember his smile, warmth and amazing bear hugs! From all the Shadowbox Live metaperformers, our hearts goes out to Chris and the family during this difficult time. He will be missed.

Stacie

Stacie Boord - January 21, 2023 at 09:22 AM

DB

“ My sympathies to Christine and the entire Henry family,

Rick was a good friend of mine while at Capital and after. We lost touch for a while but were reunited when I went to work for Ink Well. We lost touch again and it caught me by total surprise at his passing. Rick was a good guy. He had a great personality, a wonderful smile, that you knew he was always thinking about something while he was smiling (sometimes good, sometimes mischievous, but always funny). I apologize I was not able to pay my respect in person but I just learned about the arrangements today. Rick will be missed but he left a huge imprint on his community. I know the family has so many wonderful memories that will help you through this difficult time. God Bless!

Don Blum

Don Blum - January 20, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ The boys and I are saddened by your loss .Rick did a lot for the Gahanna community. Praying for your family Tony Mastroianni

Anthony Mastroianni - January 19, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss..Rick will be missed by many

Anthony Mastroianni - January 19, 2023 at 08:50 PM

ES

“ Nancy and I were fortunate to go to school with Rick and his brother Randy. I was proud to be one of Rick’s wrestling partners, despite our size difference. Rick kept me humble when he used me to demonstrate wrestling moves. We were both flattered and excited to work with young wrestlers in a new program. Thoughts and prayers for Rick’s family and friends.

Edward Schillig - January 19, 2023 at 06:44 PM

RB

“ Chris and Family, we are so sorry for the loss of Rick. It’s been over 40 yrs since our paths first crossed, but we are so thankful you and Rick were a part of our lives. God bless you all.

Much love,

Ron and Jan Burton

Ron and Jan Burton - January 18, 2023 at 06:30 PM

RS

The Brothers of 69, our Wednesday morning coffee group will miss Rick’s intellectual input and wit he provided us. We who engaged Rick in sports at GLHS reminisce all our great memories we had together. RIP mighty Lion.

Rick Sheets - January 20, 2023 at 01:25 PM

BS

Dear Chris - I’m so sorry for the loss of Rick to you and your family. Although I didn’t know him I can tell from the other comments that he was well-loved by many and had a positive impact on their lives. May you all find comfort in knowing he’s now at peace and may you each go forth with comfort and strength.

Bev Sapienza - January 23, 2023 at 09:49 AM