



## Richard "Rick" S. Popa

May 17, 1962 - February 2, 2016

Richard "Rick" S. Popa of Grand Ledge passed away at home surrounded by family on February 2, 2016. Rick was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend and will be greatly missed. He was born May 17, 1962 in Royal Oak, Michigan to Eli U. and Mary V. (Oprea) Popa. Rick graduated from Farwell High School and went on to get his Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University. Rick was a Project Manager for Hewlett-Packard. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing. He was a generous man who loved cooking for others. He is survived by his wife of twenty-nine years, Debra A. (Renner) Popa; children, Lindsey and Joshua Popa; mother, Mary V.; brothers, Mike and Marc; nieces, Ashleigh (Danny) Bemis, Claire and Anessa Popa; nephews, Jordan Renner, Michael and Shane Popa. Rick was preceded in death by his father, Eli U. Popa and brother-in-law, Brian Renner. A funeral mass will be celebrated by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele on Friday, February 5, 2016, 11:00am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be from 10-11:00am Friday at the church. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or Hospice Advantage part of the Compassus Family, 801 S. Waverly Road, Suite 200, Lansing, MI 48917.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ My family got to know the Popas through the hockey world. Josh and my son, Dillon, played for years together. Rick was upbeat, could make people laugh and smile with his jokes, and had a personality that made everyone feel comfortable to be around him. He was always encouraging to the kids as well. My family will always have great memories of Rick! Deb, Lindsey, and Josh, words are never enough but our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lynne Frechen - February 05, 2016 at 08:44 AM

DD

“ It's so very sad to hear of Richard's passing. He is a part of many wonderful memories of happy times shared while growing up in Farwell. My prayers will continue for the entire family.  
Debbie (Pratt) Dickinson

Debbie (Pratt) Dickinson - February 05, 2016 at 07:34 AM

J(

“ Even though we have not seen you or the family, we still think of you & all the fun memories we had the time you came to visit in Oscoda. You always put a smile on our faces. The girls remember when they came to visit in Farwell after Uncle Jim passed. All of you showed so much love & caring. God only takes the best.

Love Aunt Julie, Theresa & Ron and Pam & Dan

Julie Sawaya (Aunt) - February 04, 2016 at 10:15 PM



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



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February 04, 2016 at 04:37 PM



“ *Bob Bartholomew* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard "Rick" S. Popa.



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**Bob Bartholomew** - February 04, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ *Jim and Nancy Prisk* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Richard "Rick" S. Popa.



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**Jim and Nancy Prisk** - February 04, 2016 at 03:06 PM

JM

“ We were so saddened to hear of Ricks passing. We have many fond memories of Rick & Deb while our boys played hockey together. Rick always made me smile, was great for a laugh and was always supportive of Luke. And a few other things that I wont put on here. I'm sorry we hadn't seen him in years. You always think you have time.

*Deb, Josh and Lindsey- You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Darren, Jody & Luke McCarthy*

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**jody mccarthy** - February 03, 2016 at 10:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" S. Popa.*



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February 03, 2016 at 08:49 PM

GZ

“ *I had not seen Rich in many years but always remember his humor and spirit.*

*Rest well my friend.*

*Greg Ziemer*

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**Greg Ziemer** - February 03, 2016 at 05:00 PM

JR

“ *JoAnne Romanek lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" S. Popa*



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**JoAnne Romanek** - February 03, 2016 at 04:50 PM

SL

“ *Sheri L. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rick" S. Popa.*




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**Sheri L.** - February 03, 2016 at 04:35 PM

LW

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family, Rich was a great guy and will be missed greatly.*

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**Lori Abbott West** - February 03, 2016 at 04:24 PM

 Beckey Babcock Langley

“ *Rick was one of my favorite people while in school. We lost touch through the years, only catching up at a High School reunion, but I have thought of him often with great fondness. My heart goes out to the entire family for their loss of such a wonderful man. I know he will be missed. (Beckey Babcock)*

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**Beckey Babcock Langley** - February 03, 2016 at 02:16 PM



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



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February 03, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ *Thinking of all of you and sending prayers for you to be comforted by the word of God. We are so saddened by your great loss! May God hold you as you hold one another in His name!! May the angels carry your Richard into paradise to see the face of the Lord! Love you! Al and Sally* ❤️

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**Al & Sally Renner** - February 03, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" S. Popa.*



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February 03, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ *Rick was a good man and a great friend. We will miss him from our Northern excursions.  
All the best to the family*

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**Jim Welsh** - February 03, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" S. Popa.*



February 03, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ *Although we didn't have the opportunity to meet him, his wonderful baked goods always brightened our days when Josh was willing to share them with us. Our thoughts and prayers are with Josh and the Popa family. -Jon, Sandra, Mindy (EC911)*

**Jon Whitford** - February 02, 2016 at 10:17 PM



“ *Tammy Hellus Eberhart lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" S. Popa*



**Tammy Hellus Eberhart** - February 02, 2016 at 07:00 PM



*So very sorry for you loss. Many prayers for the family.*

**Tammy Hellus Eberhart** - February 02, 2016 at 07:01 PM



*JUST LIKE THIS PICTURE, HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE. EVEN IF HE WASN'T HAPPY WITH HIS GOLF SCORE HE STILL HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE AND WAS LAUGHING. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL THE FAMILY*

**TOM & CHRISTINE WIECZOREK** - February 03, 2016 at 01:45 PM

DB

*I was saddened to hear today about Richard. We worked together at EDS for many years, in Plant Automation Division and at Lansing Car Assembly. Richard was a great employee, a great technician, and a wonderful person that other employees and our customers looked up to and trusted. So sorry about his passing; it is a great loss. May the family find comfort and peace in his memories and spirit.*  
*Debbie Briggs*

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**Debbie Briggs** - February 03, 2016 at 03:42 PM

MK

“ *Deb, Josh and Lindsey*  
*My deepest condolences for you during this difficult time. Richard was a one of kind guy who always made me laugh when he got his haircut. He will be missed. Take care.*

*Missy McDaniels Kloeckner*

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**missy kloeckner** - February 02, 2016 at 02:03 PM