



## Richard Ray Cardwell

December 9, 1950 - September 25, 2023

Richard "Rick" Ray Cardwell, 72, of South Boardman, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on September 25, 2023. He was born on December 9, 1950, in Detroit, to the late Herschel and Goldie (Coleman) Cardwell.

Rick lived his life with a passion for the things that truly mattered to him, and had a wide range of interests and talents. From his passion for firearms, and appreciation for the great outdoors, his love for hunting, fishing, boating, or his talent for capturing moments through photography, he approached each endeavor with enthusiasm. Rick was not only an avid outdoorsman but also a mentor, always eager to share his knowledge and wisdom with those around him.

Rick was a Ride Captain in the Patriot Guard. His commitment to honoring and supporting our nation's veterans showcased his deep sense of patriotism and compassion.

His belief in living right was evident in his commitment to the church where he found solace and hope in the teachings of the Bible, and enjoyed sharing his love for God while singing in the choir.

Rick is survived by his wife Jean; children: Richard (Mandy), Melissa, Nicole (Travis) and Ashley (James); grandchildren: Brianna, Hayden, Hayley, Riley, Ember, Rune, Carter, and Brycen; and his siblings Mary Chapman and Jack Cardwell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The Christian funeral for Rick Cardwell will be held at 11:00am on Saturday,

September 30, 2023 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1728 S. Garfield Ave, Traverse City, MI 49696.

At 1:30 pm Rick Cardwell's remains will be laid to rest at the South Boardman Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Boardman Township Cemetery

4668 Boardman River Rd SW  
South Boardman, MI

# Previous Events

## Funeral

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
1728 S Garfield Ave  
Traverse City, MI 49696  
(231) 941-7812

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kalkaska Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Ray Cardwell*



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**Kalkaska Funeral Home** - September 29, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Ray Cardwell.*



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September 29, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *We were honored to meet Rick through the Patriot Guard Riders. He will always be remembered for his patriotism, and his kindness and gentleness. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to out to Rick's family and friends. Rest in peace, brother. Mailman and Milktoast*

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**Jim and Jan Toth** - September 28, 2023 at 08:13 PM

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“ *To Jean and family: May the Lord in His merciful goodness keep you close to His heart in your sorrow. May He soon grant you a peace filled hope in His promise of peace and everlasting life.*

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**Frank&Millie Mentus** - September 27, 2023 at 08:50 PM