



Richard Valentine

February 25, 1941 - June 4, 2012

Richard Valentine Jr., age 71, of Spirit Lake, formerly of Laurens, passed away Monday, June 4, 2012, at his home in Spirit Lake. He was born on February 25, 1941, in Laurens, to Richard and Ardelle (Tool) Valentine.

Richard graduated from Laurens High School in 1959. He was united in marriage to Karen Virgil on December 7, 1963, in Laurens. Richard worked as an IH tractor mechanic and a machinist all of his life. There truly was not anything that he couldn't fix!

Richard enjoyed spending his spare time racing. He was inducted into the Jackson Speedway Hall of Fame in 2009.

Richard is survived by his wife, Karen Valentine of Spirit Lake; two sons, Darren Valentine, and his wife, Jennifer, of Laurens, and Gregory Valentine, and Elaine, of Spirit Lake; four sisters, Joy Valentine of Laurens, Mary Fisher, and her husband, Joe, of Rolfe, Tena Richardson, and her husband, Gene, of Waterloo, and Mikki Young, and her husband, Mike, of Savannah, Georgia; a brother, Joe Valentine, and his wife, Sarah, of Lexington, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Justin, Keegan, Hunter and Riley. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, June 9, 2012, from 1:00P.M. until

3:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Richard's name.

Tribute Wall

GR

“ I grew up with Dick and always admired his honesty and willingness to help out a friend.

Gary Rebhuhn - June 11, 2012 at 11:30 PM

LR

“ I met Dick when we were little kids while he was visiting his grandparents who lived across the street. In later years I helped him work on his personal vehicles until I entered the Navy. In 1975 I was racing motocross & wanted to add a trick suspension to my bike, but was having trouble finding someone in Omaha that could weld chrome moly. I called Dick & sure enough he said he could do it. He welded it for me on a Sat. & I raced on Sunday with no problems! I haven't seen Dick in many years, but he was a good friend & I will miss him.

Lyle Rebhuhn - June 11, 2012 at 03:10 PM

CS

“ Aunt Karen, Greg and Darren, I am sending my condolences from Oregon from the Smith family. Uncle Dick will truly be missed. Thinking about you guys all the time...

Chris and Donovan Smith - June 09, 2012 at 01:05 PM

JP

“ Karen,

You are in my thoughts. I just pray that you can find some comfort in this hard time. I will keep you in my prayers.

Jodi

Jodi Pottorff - June 08, 2012 at 06:11 PM

RC

“ You have our deepest sympathy.

Roger and Dorothy Christensen - June 08, 2012 at 02:05 PM

DF

“ We will always treasure the wonderful times that we spent together at the race track, in the shop and on the road. These memories are priceless. God Speed, Dick.

DeWall Racing Family - June 08, 2012 at 11:13 AM

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“ It is with our deepest sympathy that we say sorry for your loss Valentine family. Richard was a great man and has been a huge support in the sport of racing that we love with a passion. Without men like him we couldn't do what we love every week! Thanks for all you have done Dick and our thoughts and prayers are with you Greg and family in this difficult time.

Winters Family (Scott,Kent,Naomi,Beth,Travis) - June 08, 2012 at 10:34 AM

JS

“ To Karen and the family. I am so sorry to learn of Dick's passing but he is in a much better, much more comfortable place now. Hold the memories close to you and know that no one can ever take the memories away. Much love to you all in your time of sorrow.

Jan Strube - June 07, 2012 at 05:24 PM

EM

“ Dick had a hard time reaching the limits of his capabilities because his limits were sky high. He played by the rules (he didn't have to like the rules) and he accomplished a lot. Thanks to Karen Greg and Darren for supporting and loving a VERY FINE man. God has been well served by the way Dick lived his life. Hard work, SMART work, honest work and selfish only in knowing he had some great ideas on how to accomplish some tremendous mechanical challenges. Very few could say that they could out smart Dick in whatever task was at hand. Oh by the way, that laugh of his was always close, never too serious to laugh and smile. I have had some tears as you have to, and I will have a few more. He will be missed but it is a relief to know that he doesn't have to live in a broken and painfull body anymore. Blessings to God the Creator for Richard Valentine.

Erik "Hondo" Mosbo - June 07, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Dick's family in your time of sorrow.

Dee Jackson - June 06, 2012 at 08:20 PM

JV

“ RIP Dad Valentine... You will truly be missed and we'll be sure to keep your memory alive for Justin, Hunter, Keegan, and Riley!!!
Love & Miss you very much!! XOXOXO

*Much aloha always & forever,
Jennifer*

Jennifer Valentine - June 06, 2012 at 05:24 PM