



Richard Lee Umbarger

September 16, 1948 - January 2, 2024

Richard Lee Umbarger "Rich"

Age 75, passed away peacefully at home on January 2nd 2024, surrounded by his loving family, after a brief illness from pancreatic cancer.

Richard was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on September 16th 1948, and was raised in Indianapolis by his father, Paul Umbarger, along with help from his grandmother and his aunt. He attended Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, and worked at RollerLand roller skating rink where he met his future wife, Loretta. After graduating from high school, Richard enlisted in the United States Army, and proudly served his country in Vietnam. When he returned home after the war, Richard and Loretta were married on June 29th 1970. After being married in Lockport, Richard and Loretta settled down in Joliet, Illinois and couldn't wait to start a family of their own; their children have meant the world to them.

He worked at GM-Electromotive Division for 20 years, beginning in the 1970s. He was an elected union official and loved helping out at the UAW Local 719 union hall. In 1990, he transferred to Delphi-Delco Electronics in Kokomo, Indiana, where he was active with the UAW, Local 292 Union.

During his retirement, Richard passionately enjoyed serving the Veterans'

community, including charitable events at the Kokomo Forty and Eight. He was a member of the American Legion Post Number 6, Legion Riders Club, and additionally VFW Post 1152, where he helped organize and provide military honors at fellow Veteran's funerals throughout the past 15 years in the Kokomo, IN and surrounding area. Richard was a Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiast, who enjoyed riding at every possible opportunity, including occasional road trips to Alabama for family reunion.

Richard will always be remembered for his love of his giant extended family, as well as his dedication to putting in a hard day's work and providing for his family. We couldn't have asked for a more devoted grandfather, with a boisterous and loud personality that we will never forget - he will live on in our hearts.

He is preceded in death by his father, Paul L. Umbarger; one mother-in-law, Margaret V. Bolan and one sister-in-law, Rita Parker.

Richard is survived by his loving wife Loretta Umbarger; his five devoted children, Wendy (Daniel) Pitts, Jeffrey Umbarger, Richard "Richie" L. Umbarger Jr., Sandra (Damon) Johnson and Jason Umbarger; his grandchildren, Arianna Shuler, Cailee Morgan, Trent Umbarger, Brittany Jackson, Alyssa Price, Hanna Jackson, Aidan & Devon Pitts; great-grandchildren, Waylon Morgan, Cameron Tackett, Grayson Umbarger, and Lynleigh Morgan. He is also survived by his cherished siblings-in-law, who became his sisters and brothers in this life, Byron (Chris) Bolan, Rex Bolan, Barbara (Ranny) Lott, Glenda Mason, Gordon (Sara) Bolan, Janice (Mark) Orsini, Gregory A. (Jackie) Bolan and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home & Cemetery

2097 W Alto Road
Kokomo, IN 46902

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Delgado Funeral Chapel
400 Landau Ave.
Joliet, IL 60432
(815) 774-9220
delgadofunerals@gmail.com
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Visitation

JAN 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes & Crematory
1315 W Lincoln Road
Kokomo, IN 46902

Funeral Service

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Lee Umbarger*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - January 06, 2024 at 03:51 PM

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Rest In Peace my friend. I shall see again someday.

George - January 08, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Umbarger.*



January 11, 2024 at 03:26 PM

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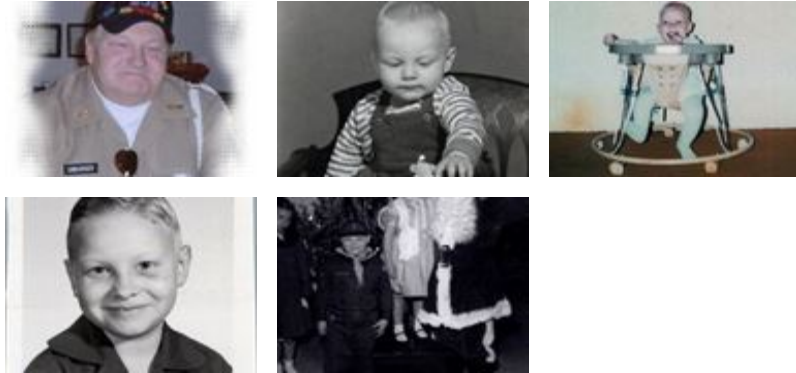
“ *Yoli, Bernie & the Vallejo Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Richard Lee Umbarger.*



Yoli, Bernie & the Vallejo Family - January 11, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - January 06, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *Trudy Pitts, Mary Lou Streets & family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Richard Lee Umbarger.*



Trudy Pitts, Mary Lou Streets & family - January 06, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Umbarger.*



January 04, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Umbarger.*



January 04, 2024 at 06:31 PM



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