



Richard Budka, Sr.

September 8, 1946 - May 17, 2014

Hamlet - Richard J. Budka Sr., 67, passed away Saturday, May 17, 2014 at IU Health Starke Hospital, Knox, IN after a sudden illness.

Mr. Budka was born September 8, 1946 in North Judson, IN to James and Mildred (Bohac) Budka and lived in the area all of his life. He was a former employee of the Starke County Highway Department, founding member and coach for the O-D Summer Baseball League for many years, a past-member of the Hamlet Volunteer Fire Department, and the co-founder of the O-D Athletic Boosters. He was a U.S. Army Reserve veteran.

On October 19, 1968 in North Judson, IN, he was married to the former Shirley Hogue. Survivors include his wife, Shirley; three sons, Steve (Shelley) Budka of Knox, Scott (Kiley) Budka of Martinsburg, WV, and Rick Jr. (Deanna) Budka of Union Mills; seven grandchildren, Joshua, Justin, Tyler, Derek, Kayla, Maureen, and Thomas; three sisters, Nancy Foushi of Munster, Joyce Van Kley of Munster, and Sharon (Ken) Pfof of North Judson, and one brother, Bruce Budka of Westville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. CDT at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Friends may call Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the O-D Athletic Department or the Starke County Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *god bless the family Good friend to ray*

rose raderstorf - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

RM

“ *Shirley and Family, Thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers at this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy, Ron & Margo*

Ron & Margo Martin - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

RC

“ *Shirley I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you grieve.
Robyn Chase, formerly Robyn Lange(BMV)*

Robyn Chase - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

KJ

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Kathie Jones - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

GG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Budka family during this time.*

Glen Gearhart - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

SW

“ My Mom just forwarded Rick's Obit to me.
I am so sorry to hear of his sudden passing. My heartfelt prayers go out Shirley, Steve, Scott and Ricky.
Such a premature death, so young like my Dad. I have very fond memories of all things "Hamlet". All our wonderful neighbors the Budka family especially! I loved Ricks gregarious personality. He could dish it out and take it. But, I like to dish it right back at him. I suppose I liked him so because he was ornery like my Dad sometimes. He always took an interest and was curious about what was going on in our lives. I would try to stop in and say "Hi" to Shirley and Rick when I would visit and always enjoyed catching up with them. I'm sure he shall be missed in Hamlet.
My deepest condolences, and so sorry for your loss.
Love,
Susie (Shei) Wallace

Susie (Shei) Wallace - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

NB

“ We were so sorry to hear about Rick. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Neal and Carol Blair - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

DH

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss.
Our thoughts are with you Shirley and your family during this difficult time.
Love Dennis & Irene
Scott & Cindy

Dennis & Irene Heilmann - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

MJ

“ *All our love, thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Matt and Monica Joseph

Matt Joseph - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM

GS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Shirley. I love you*

Gretchen Stauffer - April 29, 2018 at 07:22 PM