



Richard "Rick" Mejak Jr

June 2, 1960 - July 26, 2024

Richard Anthony Mejak Jr., beloved husband, father, and grandfather (aka Boompa), passed suddenly, on Friday July 26, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and community. He is survived by his wife Mary (née Bartnik); his children, Nicole (Ryan) Blaszak, Justine (Patrick) Palkowski, and Ricky; his cherished grandchildren, Damyán, Waylon, Levi, Nora, and his devoted brother Daniel (Timothy) Mejak. He is also remembered fondly by his nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Richard, locally known as “Rock N Rick,” was a beloved figure in Western New York's cruise night scene, where he regularly DJ'd and shared his passion for old time rock 'n' roll. A huge Elvis fan, Rick brought joy and music to many with his vibrant personality and love for classic cars.

His commitment to his community was evident through his active involvement in St. Phillips The Apostles parish, where he served as President of the Ushers and lent his voice to the folk group. Rick's talents extended to upholstery, where he was an accomplished craftsman, earning numerous awards for his exceptional work including “Best Interior” from Street Rodder Magazine for his work on a hot rod.

Rick was a friend to many and his presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In tribute to Rick's passion, those attending the viewing hours or mass with classic cars are encouraged to arrive in them. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Thursday from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R.

SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday at 10AM in St Philip the Apostle RC Church, Cheektowaga. Please assemble at church. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Rick's name to St Philip the Apostle Parish. Please leave condolences online at www.Smolar ekCares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
(716) 668-3122
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

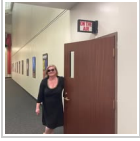
Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (est)

St. Philip the Apostle Church
950 Losson Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Please assemble at church

Tribute Wall



“ Rick did so much for all of us at St. Philip's. We are in total shock just learning of his passing. Our prayers go out to to his family. He was a one of a kind human being.



Monica Headd - August 05, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Rick's passing. As a member of the cruise community he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family..RIP Rick.

Dale Miller - August 01, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was a really nice guy. He did a fantastic job on my golf cart seats too. He will certainly be missed at St Philip's. RIP Rick.

Dick Lydo - August 01, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ I lived across the street from Ricky growing up and also went to St Phillips Church. He was always the nicest guy and I'm so sad to learn of his passing.

Mary Ellen Bonnar - August 01, 2024 at 10:50 AM

LK

“ *Mary*
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Wishing you peace during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Pat and Linda

Linda & Pat Kazukiewicz - August 01, 2024 at 08:28 AM

LL

“ *I'm so sad to hear of Rick's passing, he was such a nice man, always came into The Green Buffalo with a smile on his face and gave great hugs! Rest now, DJ Rick!*

Lori Love - July 31, 2024 at 10:15 AM

PK

“ *I went to East Seneca high school with Rick and remember his smile. He always lifted up the room with his positive attitude. About 15 years later i ran into him doing upholstery at a shop on Broadway in Depew. That was the last time i saw him in person but i did hear about him from friends from time to time.*
I was sag to hear he left us so young. My heart goes out to all of his family and close friends.

Paul Kral - July 30, 2024 at 09:31 PM

JM

“ *Shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Rick's passing. A DJ for many years at VFW at Walden then at Polish Falcons. He was the only person able to make a tire cover for our 27 Chevy!! So talented. A tremendous loss for sure. He was a fine man and a good friend. May Jesus lead you into Paradise!!*

Joe and Mary Momot - July 30, 2024 at 01:45 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the sudden loss of Ricky. My thoughts and prayers are with the family!

Kathi Braun - July 29, 2024 at 07:50 AM

AS

“ Too many memories of Rick. He was a blessing to the music ministry of St. Philip for many of the years I was director there. Loved him dearly. A sweet memory was doing the music for his and Mary's wedding. He and Denny are making great music now. God rest his soul. Audrey

Audrey Shafer - July 28, 2024 at 06:00 PM

AG

“ Sending condolences to the family of Rick. He was a great president of the Ushers. He will be truly missed. He always talked about his family. RIP Rick

Ann Marie & Rob Gaik - July 28, 2024 at 08:45 AM

KB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was so young. May all your memories keep his spirit alive.
Kathy and George Bonfante

Kathy Bonfante - July 27, 2024 at 06:35 PM