



## Ricky Lee Downey

June 27, 1961 - July 9, 2025

Ricky Lee Downey

Age 64, of Wilmington, IL, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Born June 27, 1961, in Joliet, IL, to Lucas and Bonnie (née Stewart) Downey.

Ricky spent most of his career as a truck driver. A lifelong member of the Braidwood Recreation Club, he found joy in fishing, playing euchre, riding his motorcycle, golfing, swimming, bowling, competing in pool tournaments, and playing softball. He especially treasured the time he spent at family picnics over the years.

He is survived by his loving mother, Bonnie (née Stewart) Downey of Braidwood, IL; his sisters, Teri Jones of Custer Park, IL, and Dena Lamb of Braidwood, IL; and his lifelong best friend, Steve Tupper of Custer Park, IL.

He was a proud uncle to Cara Vandermyde, Raimie Vandermyde, Justine Jones, and Dr. Lucas (Dr. Kate Sulkowski) Vandermyde, and a cherished great-uncle to Hank Vanderholm, Kiara Jones and Zachary Vandermyde.

He was preceded in death by loved ones who went before him: his father, Lucas Leroy Downey; his maternal grandmother, Dorothy Lewis; and his paternal grandmother, Annie Downey.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook.

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# Tribute Wall

LI

“ So sorry to hear of Ricky’s passing 🙏❤️  
Heartfelt sympathy to All of the Family ❤️  
Doug & Linda Mandat



Linda - July 13, 2025 at 12:12 PM

DR

“ I had so many good times with Rick and his family. I love his family they are a blessing I know he will be missed so much. Thanks Rick for the great times we had you will be missed to the family I am so sorry about what you all lost and my prayers go out to you all

Debbie Reveks - July 11, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ Many childhood memories will be cherished



Lynn Pinson - July 11, 2025 at 02:17 PM

DE

“What we once enjoyed & deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we loved deeply becomes part of us” ~ Helen Keller 🌻

Ricky, you are loved & will live on in our hearts forever. RIP brother and be free! Until we meet again.....  
(Tell Dad we miss him) ❤️



Dena - July 10, 2025 at 07:53 PM

DG

I went to school with Ricky from 3rd grade to out of high school. I was in the same class room with him up until we went into high school. And I'm just realizing we were born on the same day same year. He was good people. Fly high with the Angels Ricky. My deepest condolences and sympathy for his family and friends. My prayers will be with you all. Sincerely Della Gallegos.

Della Gallegos - July 11, 2025 at 11:14 PM

PC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Ricky  
Condolences from Jimmy and Peggy Cole



Peggy Cole - July 10, 2025 at 06:08 PM

MW

Prayers to all the family , I remember Ricky swimming in our pool . I remember Annie Downey , RIP RICKY 🙏

Madonna Willis - July 14, 2025 at 02:37 PM