



## Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann

January 15, 1950 - November 4, 2017

Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann, age 67.

November 4, 2017.

Beloved husband of Gwen Dyc for 32 years.

Father of Heather Schwendenmann.

Dear brother of Joanne Schwendenmann, Fred (Penelope) Schwendenmann, Nancy Schwendenmann, John (Kathy) Schwendenmann, Cheryl (John) Zielinski, and the late Diane Cripps. Brother-In-Law of Ronald Cripps.

Mr. Schwendenmann is also survived by many nieces, nephews and many great nieces & nephews.

Gathering at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi 248-348-1800 on Friday, November 10, 2017 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM with a scripture service at 7:00 PM.

Memorial Gathering at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 West 10 Mile Road, Novi on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 10:00 AM until time of the Memorial Mass 10:30 AM.

In lieu of sending flowers the family would encourage you to make memorial donations to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen – [Click here to contribute][www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org).

# Cemetery

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## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W 10 Mile Rd  
Southfield, MI,

# Events

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**NOV** **Memorial Gathering** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home  
41555 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI, US, 48375

**NOV** **Memorial Mass** 10:30AM

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St James Catholic Church  
46325 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI, US, 48374

# Comments

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“ Dearest Gwen,

Isn't it strange how one can go for decades knowing a person, eating and chatting with them, kissing them "hello" and "goodbye" and loving on them in between, and then when they're gone, you find out how little you really did "know" them.

I knew that Rick was friendly, kind, funny, very intelligent and that he loved you dearly and was so pleased when he could surprise you with something that gave you pleasure.

I found out today though, who Rick really was through the wonderful eulogy offered during his memorial service. I discovered that he was an extremely humble man; for it takes humility to serve the Lord so thoroughly and effectively in a manner that few ever know; to welcome all, whether rich or poor, as friends; to consider ways of help the handicapped who will never even know Rick.

I found out that Rick was a man who looked beyond the capabilities of the body to enjoy life more fully than most with strong bodies ever even attempt: A man who wanted to savor his moments with friends and family by stretching his abilities, by taking risks, by setting them at ease with laughter and his own brand of hijinks. His nature wouldn't allow for sitting back in self-pity and living the cloistered life of the handicapped. He had too much to live for, too much to experience, too much love and compassion to share.

I found out just how intelligent he was...applications for patents! Who knew?

Today Rick went beyond being my cousin by marriage (GREAT choice, Gwen!) and he became my hero. A brave man. A humble man. A loving man. A man who looked outside the small sphere of 'self' to the world beyond and connected with everyone he could. A man who "did life"!

To know that he is now with Jesus, doing the dance with the Lord of the Dance is a joy beyond language, to be shared in the only way possible - following his example - in showing Jesus in practical ways here on earth so that those we touch will know the love of God and will want live forever in His kingdom.

I love you both to pieces, dearest cousin.

Carol

**Carol Marsh** - November 11, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ Dear Gwen my name is Carl Richard Schwendenmann. Son of Carl Francis Schwendenmann and Linda Catherine Schwendenmann. Nephew of Ron Schwendenmann. I offer my belated condolences over the passing of Rick. I'm looking for members of my family. Do you know any of my family or are you an immediate relative?

**Carl schwendenmann** - August 23, 2019 at 02:29 PM

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Uma Aditi Raju - November 09, 2017 at 10:50 PM

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“ We are so sad to hear this news and so sorry for your loss Gwen, Heather and all. Rick has always had a special place in my heart and memory. I first knew him as “Bigwheel”, his “handle” on the CB radio. I was 16, a year behind Rick, and we became friends when we discovered we lived around the corner from each other and he had become friends with my brother. We spent many, many hours together into our adulthoods. He was such a part of those formative years. So kind, so smart. I’m so glad to have run into Rick last year! I know he will be greatly missed by all the family.

Janet and Warren Browne - November 09, 2017 at 08:23 PM

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“ Gwen, My deepest condolences to you and the family during this difficult time. May the love of those around you, bring you comfort and strength... Gail Kirkendoll-Ogletree

Gail Kirkendoll-Ogletree - November 09, 2017 at 04:54 PM

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“ Time passes by so quickly and we wake up one day and realize that we did not keep in touch with people we wished we had. This is one of those times. My heart is heavy. My prayers and blessings go out to Gwen and the entire family. Rick was a wonderful man and a good friend. May the God who passes all understanding be of comfort to you all now and in the days to come.

Fly free Rick.

Sharon Garcia, friend

Sharon Garcia - November 09, 2017 at 02:16 PM

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“ Dearest Gwen, Heather, Joanne, Fred, Nancy, John, & Cheryl, & to all the extended family members & friends: Please accept our most sincere condolences on the loss of Rick so suddenly. We will miss the interaction we had with him, & will appreciate the memories that we have that will remain forever. Sincerely, Kathy & Bob Cuccaro

**Kathy & Bob Cuccaro** - November 09, 2017 at 11:22 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to Gwen and family at this most difficult time in the life of a family.  
Peace  
Gloria Alexander

**Gloria Alexander** - November 08, 2017 at 09:30 PM

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“ Marti Cooper lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann



**Marti Cooper** - November 08, 2017 at 03:38 PM

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“ The Brewka family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann.



**The Brewka family** - November 08, 2017 at 02:55 PM

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“ John, Kathy & family, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Thinking about you.

joi & alan henfling - November 08, 2017 at 11:42 AM

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“ Sandi Dornan lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann



Sandi Dornan - November 08, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ Dear Gwen,  
May the love and caring of people that Rick touched somehow ease your sadness and bring you comfort. I can never fully express the impact Rick had on my life and the lessons I learned from sitting next to him at work for so many years. He was so generous in sharing his vast knowledge and he taught me so very much. Sending you healing prayers and comforting hugs. He truly was a remarkable man. May God rest his soul.

Sandi Dornan - November 08, 2017 at 12:08 PM

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“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann.



November 08, 2017 at 11:25 AM

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“ Dear Gwen,  
We're never prepared for a life taken too soon. Rick was a bright spot in our hearts and his cheerfulness will be missed by many, but remembering all of the good times will bring him to life over and over again. Please reach out to us whenever you need to, we are here for you. With heartfelt gratitude and love...Kathy Cuccaro & The EWM Team.

**Kathy Cuccaro** - November 08, 2017 at 11:16 AM

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**Jeenie Kobb** - November 08, 2017 at 08:37 AM

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“ Walled Lake School Employees Federal Credit Union purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann.



**Walled Lake School Employees Federal Credit Union** - November 07, 2017 at 04:33 PM

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“ I'll miss you my friends



**lynn Manzi** - November 07, 2017 at 03:42 PM

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**lynn Manzi** - November 07, 2017 at 02:37 PM

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“ Gwen,  
I am so sorry to hear about Rick. He was a wonderful man. I won't be able to make it to the funeral home as I will be in Cincinnati this weekend.  
Colette Laabs

**Colette Lapointe Laabs** - November 07, 2017 at 02:17 PM

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“ Linda Samalis purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann.



**Linda Samalis** - November 07, 2017 at 11:19 AM

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“ Rick,  
I am going to miss you so much! You were always such a happy, positive person. The world has lost a truly wonderful man, but God has gained an awesome spirit to add to heavens voice! You are free, running around, and in no pain now! I love you Rick! Gwen, I wish I was there to give you a huge hug and tell you it will be OK. I love you so much, and my heart hurts for you!  
Deb Marsh

**Deborah Marsh** - November 07, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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“ Jeff & Carole LeFleur lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann



**Jeff & Carole LeFleur** - November 07, 2017 at 07:17 AM



“ The world is less kind without Rick in it. We love you Gwen. Rick was the kind of man who would do ANYTHING to help someone in need (we know first hand). We still can't believe it. Gwen we have to see you, please call ANYTIME.

**Jeff** - November 07, 2017 at 07:21 AM



“ Oh Gwen - my heart is heavy right now. I am so very sorry to hear this news. I know GOD put me at Olga's restaurant a few weeks ago so I could see my friend. I loved Rick and really enjoyed working with him at United. Blessings to you and your family. I will miss Rick. Charmaine

**Charmaine** - November 07, 2017 at 06:34 PM



“ Rick was a kind and true gentle man. He will be missed.

Marti

**Marti** - November 08, 2017 at 03:35 PM

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“ Love Jack, Karen and Matt Malone purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann.



**Love Jack, Karen and Matt Malone** - November 06, 2017 at 09:06 PM

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“ Love Linda and Donnis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rick" Schwendenmann.



Love Linda and Donnis - November 06, 2017 at 07:44 PM

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“ Oh Gwen you have been the angel in Rick's life for so many years. You two completed each other in ways seldom seen. I can see the twinkle in his eyes when something gave him a chuckle. I think of how when we would play dominoes at your house he would be amazed that we could talk and talk for hours. There are no words to ease your pain. He is free from his bodily pain and, in the arms of the Lord., Love, Charm

charm Nicoll - November 06, 2017 at 06:55 PM