



Richard G. Sclabassi Jr.

December 27, 1965 - February 10, 2020

Sclabassi, Richard G. "Richie" February 10, 2020 Age 54. Richard was born December 27, 1965 in Trenton, MI to Roberta (nee Lambert) and the late Richard G. Sclabassi Sr. Beloved husband of Mary of 29 years. Loving father of Nina, Mara and Eva. Dear brother of Robert (Celeste) and Ronald. Uncle of Kaila, Donovan, Nathan and Keegan. Rich was the great outdoorsman enjoying hunting and fishing. He was a Design Group Supervisor at General Motors. He loved spending time with family and watching his daughters sporting events. Visitation 2-8 pm Sunday, February 16, 2020 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave. Novi 248-348-1800. Scripture service Sunday 7 pm. In-state 10am Monday February 17, 2020 at St. James Catholic Church 46325 Ten Mile Rd. Novi until time of mass at 10:30 am. Interment Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Twp. Expressions of sympathy www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers, the Sclabassis' would welcome gifts to the family in support of their daughters educational expenses. Envelopes available at funeral home.

Cemetery

Our Lady of Hope

18303 Allen Rd.
Brownstown, MI,

Events

FEB 16 Visitation 02:00PM - 08:00PM
O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home
41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI, US, 48375

FEB 16 Scripture service 07:00PM
O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home
41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI, US, 48375

FEB 17 Visitation 10:00AM - 10:30AM
St James Catholic Church
46325 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI, US, 48374

FEB 17 Liturgy 10:30AM
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Comments



“ I so sorry Ron, Rob and whole Sclabassi family for your loss. I worked with Rich back at Guide, many moons ago. I think Ronnie came in as a baby. Of course we all were babies looking back. We had so many laughs but it's that grin I'll always remember. May the good Lord be with you, and give comfort, refuge and strength during this difficult time.
My Thoughts and prayers are with you,
Shauny McCormick

Shauny McCormick - February 17 at 07:05 AM



“ My condolences to the Sclabassi family. I worked with Rich at GM for some time before I retired to SC. We shared interests in cycling and some other "toys." We had many trips together to the coffee room though he always made tea. I still recall the time he brought his girls to work and Mara drew a picture on my computer. He loved a good joke and had a great sense of humor. Even after I moved to SC he kept in touch, sending a pic from hunting or from one of his girls sporting events he was attending. It hurts to know he's gone. He will be missed by many many people. But as the quote he posted back in January said, "we're all just passing through and some of us just leave before others...." So I'm not saying goodbye to Rich, I'm sayingsee you later. Bob Simons

Bob Simons - February 15 at 12:04 AM



“ I worked with Richie back during the Inland Fisher Guide days at General Motors. Rich was very knowledgeable, kind, and best of all...funny! His sense of humor was contagious! We quickly became friends and I even had him over my mother's house at lunch for her world famous pierogis! My heart is saddened over Richie's untimely passing...I would like to extend my condolences to the Sclabassi family. I pray and believe that God has a special place for him in Heaven. My heart is heavy....

Nestor Krywyj

Nestor Krywyj - February 14 at 09:31 PM



“ I remember my mom taking me to Richie's house to visit his mom. I was at that odd age, too young to play with the boys but too old to participate in the adult conversations. However, I always had a great time. Everyone seemed so happy and full of life! I must admit, I was a bit envious since their strong family bond was so strong it radiated!

When I was getting married, there was no doubt I wanted to have Richie in our wedding. He seemed surprised when we asked him, but he immediately said yes. Even though he was just in his early teens, he was wonderful! He was always smiling and went along with everything -- from the rehearsal night, tux fittings, walking a girl down the aisle!, and even standing for outdoor pictures in the cold and damp October breeze. He even picked out our wedding gift himself! He always has a special place in my heart.

Later, I saw him mature into a husband and father. He was a good mix of Richard and Bobbie. He was caring and always talked about his family. He was outgoing and kind. He seemed to be always smiling, making everyone feel so welcomed! It was great to see that his tight family bond had not loosened when he got married...it just seemed to expand!

It is certainly hard to say goodbye, but knowing that we will see him again provides some comfort. Richie is probably fishing and hunting is Heaven right now and telling everyone he mets about the wonderful family he has!

I sincerely hope his daughters remember all the fun times and remember that he will always be watching them -- no matter what. I hope all of you keep his memory alive and share his enthusiasm for life always. Be sure to keep a tangible remembrance...maybe a fishing lure...maybe a piece from his favorite shirt...maybe a favorite hat. When I lost my mom, I kept a pocket from her favorite sweater. When I am feeling low and missing her, I grab that pocket and hold tight -- she seems to be right next to me! Then I talk with her as if she was back again! I am certain she listens and keeps her arms around me. Just as Richie will do for you!
May God continue to bless you and keep you safe. May you find peace!

Tina Turner

Tina Baroni-Turner - February 13 at 01:54 PM



“ Mary, the girls, and the entire Sclabassi family. So sorry for your loss. Never easy saying goodbye to someone that meant so much you. When it's sudden and with no warning it feels as though your world has been turned upside down. It has, but as you think back on all the memories you shared together it keeps them alive in your heart. My family, and I, and all the men and women that are part of the Taylor Auxiliary Police Department send our heartfelt condolences you and your family. No words we could ever say would ease your heartache-but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jerry Moore - February 13 at 11:19 AM



“ I would like to take a minute to thank all who are supporting me, my girls and my mother-in-law and his brothers Rob and Ron after Rich died unexpectedly Monday night.

More than anything we cherish the wonderful stories that everyone has been sharing

from his hunting and fishing antics to the help and acts of kindness he showed people. Everything he did, he did to the best of his ability and to the extreme for sure! When it came to hunting and fishing, he researched and educated himself on every possible aspect of the technique he would use depending on what his target was. He had a billion different fishing lures and I had no idea what the difference was but he could give you a full dissertation on what each one was meant to attract.

As Nina told the priest yesterday, Rich had a way of meeting a new friend everywhere he went. We would pull into the drive-thru at Tim Horton's, for example, and he would proceed to have a 5-minute conversation with the person at the window. Then he'd turn to me, introduce them and carry on.

But more than anything Rich was so proud and loved his three girls Nina, Mara and Eva more than anything in the world. I'd spent so many years in law enforcement and was often called away from home. He had no problem stepping up when it came to the girls. He had a unique relationship with each girl and a unique nickname: Nina (Bird); Mara (Bleenzy) and Eva (B-Cakes). The hours and hours of driving and watching lacrosse and soccer practices and games came before anything else. He knew what each one was capable of and he supported and encouraged (sometimes too much!) each of them to attain their goals. Nina had spent two summer internships at General Motors in electrical engineering not far from where he worked. He was so proud of her! She recently had gotten a full-time job offer to start at GM for when she graduates this May. She is heartbroken, but I know she will go on and make him proud. She has her uncles to help her through. Rich loved watching Mara play lacrosse and was always ready with some helpful hint even though as Mara would always remind him, he had never played lacrosse. He would concoct sideline videos on his iPhone pretending to be interviewing Mara after the big game. The two of them were pretty hilarious! When he wasn't playing sportscaster with Mara at lacrosse, he was chauffeuring Eva around the Midwest for travel soccer. He had many brilliant coaching tips for her as well, which serious little Eva also took with a grain of salt. However, she had no problem asking him for a foot massage after every game.

Rich was an amazing son to Roberta (Bobbie) and he was so looking forward to a day when we could move her into our home and make her a daily part of our lives.

Rich had been a part of my life since we were 16 years old and has always loved and supported me in everything. He was my best friend. But, right now our girls are most important. They are each in pivotal points in their lives. Our hearts are broken. They will need an army of angels to help through this because I am only half of what got them this far...

Mary ScLabassi



“ Rich always warmed my heart with his attitude about work/people. Always offered to help me right away without hesitation, especially the times I reached out with urgent design request work. He will be sorely missed. Condolences to all his loved ones.
Alma Bushi

Alma Bushi - February 13 at 08:41 AM



“ Wishing you feelings of comfort, moments of peace and memories of joy during this difficult time. Miss Roberta, Mary, and the girls— you are all in my thoughts.
-Elizabeth & the Our Lady of Hope Staff



Elizabeth Gambrel - February 12 at 09:37 PM



“ Dear Mary, Nina, Mara, and Eva,
My heart goes out to you all at this time. Please know you are in my prayers.
With deepest sympathy,
Megan Ristau

Megan Ristau - February 12 at 08:29 PM



“ He was always a generous man who always wanted to bring the best out of you. He was a huge role model for his girls and it hurts to know he is gone. Praying for your family.



Rachel Aubrey - February 12 at 10:42 AM



“ I am very sorry for Sclabassi family's loss. Rich was a great guy to work with. He helped and guided me in the few years I had pleasure to work with him. My deepest condolences to the whole family. - Sandeep Sethi

Sandeep Sethi - February 12 at 10:23 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rob Artinian - February 12 at 09:52 AM



“ I am so sorry for losing Rich he has been part of my life for many years. It is hard to imagine the loss of a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, friend and co-worker so suddenly. I will remember all the stories he shared about his family and the laughs we had together.

Love and Prayers,
Jackie (Reckling) Pettitt



Jackie (Reckling) Pettitt - February 12 at 09:42 AM



“ Richard was one of the most knowledgeable and kind people that I have ever worked along side. He was very unselfish and always when out of his way to make sure that he was available for any questions that may have arisen. I had the pleasure of working with him many years ago at Delphi and owed him a lot for the opportunities he gave me while working there. One of the most influential professionals I have had in my career. We then were fortunate enough to work together again, many years later. He always met me with a sincere smile and hand shake. I will miss him immensely!

D.Ziegelmann - February 12 at 09:22 AM



“ We all have lost a great guy. Richie affected so many people in so many great ways. He never needed thanks or praise. He laughed loud and brought joy to all who were lucky enough to know him. I'm gunna miss Richie and will always think of him fondly as the leader of The Delphi House. Much love and prayers to the family. Tinman

Rob Artinian - February 12 at 08:03 AM



“ Julie Sears lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Sclabassi Jr.



Julie Sears - February 11 at 09:32 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Ron, Roberta, and the entire Sclabassi family. We are so deeply sorry to hear of Rich's passing. May you be surrounded with the love and comfort of friends and relatives during this difficult time.

Sincerely yours,

Julie and Kent Sears

Julie Sears - February 11 at 09:31 PM



“ Rich was one of a kind. He was kind, funny, compassionate; a true family man. Our hearts are breaking for Mary, the girls, and the rest of his family. He will be greatly missed.

With love,

The Kwederis Family

Kim Kwederis - February 11 at 06:46 PM