



## Rick Abernathy

August 19, 1947 - November 11, 2020

Rickie Abernathy, 73, of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at Belleville Memorial Hospital.

Rickie was born August 19, 1947, the son of Horgan Junior Abernathy and Kathryn Louise (Butler) Chivario. He married Helen Swindell on October 23, 1965 in Centralia, and she survives him in Centralia.

In addition to his wife Helen of 55 years, he is survived by one daughter: Lisa Abernathy of Centralia; one brother: Charles M. Schaeffer of Centralia; three sisters: Susan Smith of Fort Myers, FL, Kim Moody and husband Brad of Sapulpa, OK, and Susan Gilliland of Sapulpa, OK; nephews: Charles P. Schaeffer of Centralia, Grady Swindell Jr. of Nexa, MO; nieces: Tiffany Ott of Centralia, and Ami Finley and husband Matt of Centralia; niece and nephew he helped raise: Mariah Davis and significant other Corey Meskil of Centralia and Roger Campbell Sr and wife Danielle of Centralia; brother-in-law: John Ott and wife Candi of Las Vegas, NV.

Rickie was preceded in death by his parents: Horgan and Kathryn Abernathy; daughter: Paula LeeAnn Abernathy; sister-in-laws: Leanna Swindell, and Paula Swindell, brother-in-laws: Grady Swindell Sr., and Dean Swindell.

He was member of the Elks Lodge #493 and in his younger years, Jaycee's club. He loved to golf and fly airplanes. He taught himself how to sail a 27 foot sailboat. He also enjoyed painting pictures. Anyone that knew Rickie, knew how caring and generous he was, always showing people kindness.

Per Rickie's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and no public services

will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Abernathy family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Tribute Wall

VS

“ *Helen Lisa & Roger  
Just learned of Ricks passing. My heart goes out to u all with prayers. We had a lot of good times together us three. Those days I cherrish most. In the next week r two I'll try and come to town. I'll get in touch  
Violet*

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**Violet Barry Arnoldy. Bartender skips** - November 19, 2020 at 01:00 PM

SM

“ *Helen and Lisa I was so sorry to hear about Rick. Sending loving prayers and hugs to your family.*

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**Sue Mashburn** - November 17, 2020 at 10:26 AM

KM

“ *He was always so kind and sweet to me. We had some good talks on his motorcycle visit out to see Brad and I a few years ago. Seems like it was just yesterday!*

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**Kim Moody** - November 16, 2020 at 05:18 PM

PB

“ *Our sympathy to Helen and your family on the passing of her husband Rick. Our family is continuing to keep you covered in prayers as you go through this time that you may find comfort and strength through our Lord Jesus.  
I feel like I know your family as John has shared your stories, great times, sad times and love for each other with me many times on my visits with him and Candie, my cousin.*

*Pat Barlow and Family*

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**Patricia S Barlow** - November 16, 2020 at 12:02 PM

VJ

“ *Helen and Lisa we send our sincere condolences on the loss of Rick to you and all your family. Larry remembers Rick from grade school and being a good high jumper coached by David Hawley. Sending our love and prayers, Larry & Vicky James*

Vicky James - November 15, 2020 at 04:10 PM

DD

“ *Rick was a great guy he helped me build a deck around my pool. Rest in peace you will be missed*

David Durall - November 14, 2020 at 01:57 PM

VA

“ *Lisa,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you &  
your family in my thoughts & prayers*



Val(Garren)Matthews - November 14, 2020 at 09:15 AM

DD

“ *So very sorry for your loss! May God comfort you all at this difficult time 🙏🙏🙏  
Love Desiree, Candie ott's sister*

Desiree Donnelly - November 13, 2020 at 11:57 PM

BM

“ *Helen and Lisa, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and the families.*

*Becky Mays*

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**Becky Mays** - November 13, 2020 at 07:31 PM

CO

“ *I remember Ricky taking me for a ride on his motorcycle when John and I visited. All our love and prayers. John and Candie Ott. RIP Ricky*

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**candie Ott** - November 13, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Helen, Michelle and family, So sorry for your loss. Rick was a wonderful man of many talents. Remembering all the good times we shared. Prayers and comfort to all of you!!*

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**Linda Gazdik** - November 13, 2020 at 06:03 PM

PB

“ *Helen and Lisa, I am so sorry to see this about Rick. My thoughts and Prayers are with you both, along with all your family! Godspeed!*

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**Peggy Myers Beal** - November 13, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Have fond memories of our Jaycees days. He was a good man. Prayers and comforting to the family.*

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**Noland Atchison** - November 13, 2020 at 02:31 PM

JF

“ *SO very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



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**Janet Finley-Huffman** - November 13, 2020 at 12:48 AM