



Rick L. Nearhood

July 15, 1963 - November 29, 2024

Rick L. Nearhood, 61, of Blain, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 29, 2024 at his home. Born on July 15, 1963, he was the son of Mary Jane (Myers) and the late James E. Nearhood Sr.

Rick graduated from West Perry High School in 1982 and also retired from the West Perry School District after working as an environmental specialist for many years.

Rick was known for his altruism, thoughtfulness and big heart so it is no surprise that he volunteered for many places throughout his life - most notably his 50 years of service with the Blain Fire Company and 40 years as a Fire Police Officer and Captain. In addition, Rick also drove the ambulance for New Bloomfield Fire Company, volunteered at the Tuscarora State Forestry where he was part of the Golden Eagle Program and helped his late son, Jeramy, with both of his businesses (Health and Safety Solutions and Mobile Motor Medix).

As a Christian, Rick was a former member of Three Springs Church of the Brethren and later in his life attended Manassa Community Baptist Church in Blain. With his faith in the Lord and caring, loving nature, Rick would do anything for anyone. He was a cheerful and kind man who loved to make others smile by joking around and being light-hearted.

He enjoyed fishing, tending to his vehicles, watching the old Westerns, Christian music - particularly Daniel O'Donnell, eating at a diner and taking care of his animals. A collector of keys and Match Box cars, Rick was an old-school gentleman who embraced his traditional values. He loved his friends and family dearly and will be missed greatly.

Rick is survived by Betty, his loving wife of 41 years, his mother Mary Jane, brother James and wife Wanda, brother Rodney and wife Sandy, sister Brenda Collins and husband Clifford, Angel his beloved cat and Buddy the duck, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his father James, Rick is preceded in death by his son Jeramy who passed only a few short months prior and his Aunt Patricia and Uncle Robert (Jim) Mumper.

To help with unexpected funeral costs, memorial contributions can be made to Boyer Family Funeral Home, 101 W. Main St., New Bloomfield, Pa 17068. A Celebration of Rick's life will be held at the Boyer Family Funeral Home in New Bloomfield on Sunday Dec. 8, 2024 at 3:00pm. A viewing will be held 2 hours prior to the service. Pastor Richard Black will be officiating.

The Boyer Family is honored to handle arrangements for the Nearhood family.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Boyer Family Funeral Home
101 W. Main Street
New Bloomfield, PA

Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Boyer Family Funeral Home
101 W. Main Street
New Bloomfield, PA

Tribute Wall



“ Boyer Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rick L. Nearhood



Boyer Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc - December 02, 2024 at 07:31 PM

BN

My sweet Rick. I miss you so much. I will hold you in my heart for the rest of my life. I know you are up in heaven with our son Jeramy and smiling down at me. I love you so much. Hugs and kisses till we can be together again. Love you.

Betty Nearhood - December 02, 2024 at 02:55 PM

TH

Some of the happiest times in life were lounging at the fire house with hubby and Rick and Betty on ambulance duty. Pizza and laughing till we wet ourselves. So much fun. You are already missed Rick.

Teresa Harbold - December 03, 2024 at 11:26 AM

JH

Betty this was absolutely beautiful. Rick was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed. Prayers to you during this difficult time

Jeanette Hess - December 04, 2024 at 05:06 PM

SS

Betty my heart goes out to you for your loss once again. Lovely video. The little bit of time that We got to be with you an your husband at Jonathan's surprise birthday party it was a pleasure. Prayers for strength. 🤔😞

Sandy Thompson(Jonathans stepmom - December 05, 2024 at 09:30 AM

BG

Betty you are in my thoughts and prayers. I love your family so much! Rick, Jer and you are a 2nd family to me and always will be. You three were there for me during my hardest times and took me in as a daughter. I will never forget all our times together. Loved you and Rick as my 2nd parents. I am so glad you three came into my life. Know I am always grateful and here for you too. Rick will never be forgotten he definitely always brought a smile to me. Love Always

Becky GephartCrup - December 07, 2024 at 07:58 AM

DM

*Betty our hearts go out to you. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers
Dave & Kitty McCluskey*

Dave McCluskey - December 11, 2024 at 08:37 AM

DL

“ Wow I'm very about him he was a great bus driver and awesome bear hug we all going to missed and love him



Dawn Marie Lightner - December 09, 2024 at 06:07 PM

WR

“ With our sympathy, Michael and Robin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rick L. Nearhood.



With our sympathy, Michael and Robin - December 06, 2024 at 01:29 PM

SS

“ *Sandy Thompson(Jonathans Stepmom lit a candle in memory of Rick L. Nearhood*



Sandy Thompson(Jonathans stepmom - December 04, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SS

I'm so sorry to hear of Jeremy an Rick's passing. I cant imagine the toll this took on Dear Betty. Such a fun an lovely family. Stay strong Betty ! Message me if you need anything.

Sandy Thompson(Jonathans stepmom - December 04, 2024 at 02:41 PM

DB

My condolences for Rick's passing. Remembering his phone calls on holidays to the 911 center wishing the dispatchers working on those days a Happy Holiday.

Denny Bridge - December 08, 2024 at 11:04 AM

Y1

“ *Your friends, West Perry Class of 1981 purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rick L. Nearhood.*



Your friends, West Perry Class of 1981 - December 03, 2024 at 11:18 PM

RS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Ranger Steven Shaffer - December 03, 2024 at 08:36 AM

LW

“ Betty, Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you face the difficult days ahead. Life will never be the same. Look to God for strength each day and each lonely night. Leonard & Laura Wise

Leonard Wise - December 03, 2024 at 07:40 AM

RS

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Ranger Steven Shaffer - December 02, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Boyer Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc - December 02, 2024 at 02:28 PM

SS

“ *I'll miss you buddy. Thank you for your friendship, everything you did for me, and especially for your dedication to the work we do at the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the DCNR in the Tuscarora State Forest. Thank you for all of the countless hours of time and effort you put in helping us with our programs, wildlife projects and operational needs. Your presence and enthusiasm will be missed. Godspeed Ranger Rick.*

*Ranger Steven Shaffer
Tuscarora State Forest*

Steven Shaffer - December 02, 2024 at 09:47 AM

TW

“ *Todd and Kathleen Wendorf purchased the Sweet Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Rick L. Nearhood.*



Todd and Kathleen Wendorf - December 02, 2024 at 09:25 AM

TF

“ Tuscarora State Forest planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick L. Nearhood.

Tuscarora State Forest - December 02, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rick L. Nearhood.

December 01, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rick L. Nearhood.



December 01, 2024 at 07:30 PM

BI

“ Blain Fire Company, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick L. Nearhood.

Blain Fire Company, Inc. - December 01, 2024 at 06:18 PM

BI

“ Blain Fire Company, Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rick L. Nearhood.



Blain Fire Company, Inc. - December 01, 2024 at 06:18 PM

MN

“ Rick was a very special friend of ours. He would always visit at Christmas with a bag of goodies including our favorite potato candy.

Sincere sympathy
Carl and Mitzi Nace

Mitzi Nace - December 01, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rick L. Nearhood.

December 01, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rick L. Nearhood.



December 01, 2024 at 10:21 AM