



Richard "Rick" Wayne Denison Murphy

July 2, 1960 - February 4, 2025

Richard "Rick" Wayne Denison Murphy, 64, passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at home in Carthage, Missouri. Rick was born July 2, 1960, in Los Angeles, California to James E. Denison and Verna Elizabeth Green. Rick moved from San Francisco, California to Lakeside in Carthage, Missouri, in 1998. He served nine years in the U.S. Navy as a Telecommunications Specialist. Rick then worked at Williams Communications and at the Veterans Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. He enjoyed baseball, being with friends, BBQ, being outdoors, and music. Rick was also an avid dog lover.

Rick was in a 30-year relationship with Samuel Luc Sainfeld: he survives.

Rick is survived by his partner, Samuel; one brother, Ronald Denison and his wife, Sharon, of Arcada, California; one sister, Pamela Sue Denison of Alba, Missouri; one half-brother, Wade Denison and his wife; his half-brother, Robin Denison's wife; two nieces, Jessica Suzanne Benge and Sarah Denison; five nephews, Justin Michael Portez, Todd Daniel Shiley, Mason Denison, Justin Denison, and Seth Denison.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents, James and Verna Denison; his half-brother, Robin Denison; and one niece, Hailey May Shiley.

As per Rick's wishes, he will be cremated, and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri.

Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Tina Murphy Davis and Rick was my half brother. I remember how smart he was and how he re-wired the phone lines in our house from the garage so he could tap into everyone’s phone conversations. :-) He was also very funny and loved to watch baseball with my dad. I am saddened and send condolences during this very difficult time.



Tina Murphy Davis - February 20, 2025 at 10:14 PM

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“ My name is Colleen Murphy Barnes. Rick was my step-brother. The things I most remember from Rick was his wonderful smile and his love of baseball. He would talk and watch with my father, Russell Murphy, for hours. I added some pictures of Rick. Please accept my condolences for your loss. Wishing you peace and comfort during this sad time.



COLLEEN MURPHY BARNES - February 20, 2025 at 12:34 AM