



# **Ricky "Rick" Donald Ackerson**

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## **Ricky "Rick" Donald Ackerson**

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**L**akeview - Ricky "Rick" Donald Ackerson, age 67, of Lakeview passed away on Monday, March 13, 2023, at Trinity Health Mercy Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was born in Sheridan on January 22, 1956, the son of Donald and Adabel (Holliday) Ackerson. Rick was raised in the Greenville area where he attended school, graduating with the Class of 1975, and continuing his education in plumbing and heating at Kent Skill Center in Grand Rapids. He was employed at Electrolux in Greenville for 22 years, and then various area plumbing and heating contractors before opening his own business, Ackerson Heating and Cooling in 2006 until his retirement. Rick married the love of his life, Cathy Gilbert on November 1, 1975, in Lakeview. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, watching movies, reading and helping people. Even while in the hospital, he shared the instructions to repair one last furnace. Rick was a kind man with a big heart who loved his family deeply. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him. Rick survived by his wife 47 years, Cathy Ackerson of Lakeview; daughters, Lisa (Tim) Young of Valparaiso, IN, Katie (Mike Burgess of Lakeview; grandchildren, Cameron and Sydney Moore; brothers, Randy (Mariann) Ackerson of Greenville, Ray (Karen) Ackerson of Gowen, Roger (Nancy) Ackerson of Coral; unofficial 5th brother, Darrell Way of Stanton; father and mother-in-law, Larry and Dolores Gilbert of Lakeview, brother-in-law, Gary (Julie) Gilbert of Nashville, MI; sister-in-law, Julie (Ron ) Menard of North Dakota; aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Adabel; and his faithful companion, Jerry. A celebration of Rick's life will be held from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Brigham Funeral Chapel in Lakeview. Those wishing to donate in Rick's memory are asked to consider Tamarack District Library. Condolences can be made by utilizing the guest book at [www.brighamfuneralchapel.com](http://www.brighamfuneralchapel.com)



# Tribute Wall

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**Janowicz Family Funeral Home** shared a photo to the **Obituary Wall** album.



November 17 at 1:19 PM



**Your Ltf Family** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time.



March 29 at 8:00 PM



**Raymond And Karen Ackerson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great husband, brother, cousin, uncle & grandfather to many. He will be missed. With much love and condolence.



March 27 at 8:00 PM



**Genny Towne** posted:

So sorry to hear this. Prayers to Cathy and the family♥

March 27 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sent with love and remembrance of Rick

March 21 at 8:00 PM



**Cummins Sales & Service** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our warmest condolences,



March 16 at 8:00 PM



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KG

**Karen Gyger** posted:

Thoughts & prayers go out to Kathy & family. Remember Rick putting in my new furnace about 17 years ago. Very pleasant guy. I know he will be missed by many.

March 14 at 8:00 PM

AA

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Ricky "Rick" Donald Ackerson** posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Brigham Funeral Chapel - Lakeview

March 13 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Ron, Julie (Gilbert) And John Menard** posted:

So many great moments and fun memories to share! Those will keep for other times. In our sorrow reading this is heartwarming and touches on so many reasons we miss and love Rick so much. Our hearts are deeply sad with love and prayers for Cathy, Lisa and Tim, Katie and Mike, Cameron and Sydney.

March 13 at 8:00 PM

ZM

**Zoe Ann Mantlo** posted:

So sorry for the families loss.

March 13 at 8:00 PM

JR

**Jennie Vandermyde Rupar** posted:

So sorry to hear about this. Thinking of the family ❤️

March 13 at 8:00 PM

LM

**Lorna Merrifield** posted:

Prayers for his family.

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TB

**Tonya Beebe** posted:

Prayers to Katie and Lisa. So very sorry

March 13 at 8:00 PM

EH

**Edward Hudson** posted:

Q: How did you meet Ricky "Rick"? A: I had the honor and privilege of knowing and working with Rick in department 214. We along with many others started up the new line 3 cabinet foam and Rick played a very significant role in seeing this line be one of the most successful lines in Electrolux. I got to know Ricks family as his wife helped me by watching my children. I pray for the Ackerson family as Rick was larger than life and loved by many. We will all miss him and he is now in a better place. RIP my friend. Love to the family. Ed Hudson

March 13 at 8:00 PM

MM

**Marcy Myers** posted:

Rick was not only my go to guy for all my heating and plumbing issues over the last 15 years, he was also my friend. After he retired, he would continue to stop to my business in Lakeview just to say hello. He will be greatly missed. ❤️

March 13 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Jerry Brown** posted:

Rick you were a great old friend I didn't want to hear this your a young man I'll miss you old friend!!!!  
Jerry Brown

March 13 at 8:00 PM

GJ

**Gail Jones** posted:

Rick's cousin here. When Rick turned 18 the drinking age in Michigan was 18. We headed up to the Midway bar and shared a pitcher or maybe 2. It was a Sunday night and he went to school the next day with a hangover. He also fell out of my car when I took him home that night. Love you Ricky

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LM

**Linda McClelland** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Aunt Charlotte, Ron and Skeeter, Marcia and Dave, Larry and Linda, Lori and Bob, Pam  
And Dave and families

March 13 at 8:00 PM



LM

**Linda McClelland** posted:

Boy where do I start we were always together growing up got into a lot of trouble when together. I can't believe he is not here, that what cousins did back in our day. My birthday was in January too so we always celebrated when younger but as we grew up and flowed apart he got married to Cathy a year before me. Prayers for Cathy and the girls

March 13 at 8:00 PM

KL

**Kris Lockwood** posted:

He was our favorite repairman! So sorry to hear this! Great guy!

March 13 at 8:00 PM

RV

**Rayla Voelker** posted:

I always enjoyed my conversations with Rick. Such a kind man!

March 13 at 8:00 PM

EF

**Edward Hudson Family** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

In loving memory of Rick Ackerson

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ricky "Rick" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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