

Richard Charles Schlinkman

September 28, 2023

Richard Charles Schlinkman, 73, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2023. Born in Rapid City, South Dakota, he was the son of the late Charles Edward Schlinkman and Dolores Mae Peden.

Rick honorably served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Early in his career, Rick painted bridges, and water towers, and later worked as a truck driver. He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and celebrated 33 years of recovery. Rick was a very humble man who loved his family dearly and spoiled his wife.

He is survived by his loving wife, Stephanie Flory-Schlinkman with whom they shared 24 years of marriage; his three children, Ryan (Donna) Schlinkman, Kyle (Daniel) Schlinkman, and Amanda Schlinkman; his three stepchildren, Ryan McMinn, Bryce (Erin) McMinn, and Kyle (Althea) McMinn; his eleven grandchildren; his three brothers and his two sisters.

Rick was preceded in death by his sister, Nadine.

A viewing will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Friday, October 6, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Prayer Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. following the viewing.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Red Rose Veteran Honor

Guard, PO Box 8601, Lancaster, PA 17604-8601.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **6**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Charles Schlinkman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. 🙏
xoxoxo*



Tina Coen - October 07, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *I am going to share this memory. This guy named Rusty had a surprise party that his dad put on. Rick and he were very close. They went into marines together. Rick gave a speech About them and back in the day. He nailed it like a real pro. I never heard a better one. God Bless you Rick Jeff Rittenhouse*

Jeff Rittenhouse - October 06, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Stephanie and family for the sudden loss of a special man. I pray that you find comfort and peace with the memories of Rick, (husband, father, and grandfather) that will continue to help you through your following days.
Love, Lori*

Lori Groff - October 05, 2023 at 08:15 PM

KG

“ Rick,

It has taken me some days to finally write this. So many things I would want to say to you.

First and most importantly-

Rick you may not have been blood but you were family. We always expected you and Steph to be at all our family functions. It was just natural for you to be there. You didn't have to but you always gave me compliments, you always made me feel special. You constantly told me how beautiful and well mannered my children are. You made it known that I was a good mother in your eyes. The love you showed towards my children was always true and heartfelt. One day I will remind them of you.

Santa will never be the same. You made our last Christmas with you so special. My Matthew was beginning to question Santa and when you walked in I knew he believed again. You called me the behaved sister. Lol. Santa had jokes. Christmas will definitely have a different feeling.

Rick your smile would light up a room! You sure did have a personality. I remember one Halloween at the campground you wore a grim costume that had a very oversized head.

You were so passionate about the Republican Party and President Trump. And one event you and mom danced so hard to the Bristol Stump. I was blown away! I didn't think you two could move that fast anymore. You just always lit up a room Rick. You and those beautiful sparkling teeth of yours.

Rick your love and dedication towards Stephanie always made me envious of it. How can someone be such a doting husband? I would see with mom and dad but Rick you took it to the next level. It was such a dream to watch you both. You were a true example of how I always wanted to be treated and how I want my boys to treat their future significant others.

I believe that your son Kyle, and your wife, Stephanie will be lost without you. Please heal Stephanie from the feeling of loneliness. You were her true love. Please let Kyle know you are still there for him. Give him signs, give him comfort. I don't think he will ever heal from losing you but if you could give him some peace.

Rick, you will be forever missed. You've touched the lives of me and my family to the point that something will always feel like it is missing.

You were so loved by us. I pray to God that you knew that. I pray that you knew how appreciated you were.

You were a great man Rick. We love you. We will think of you often. And always wish you weren't taken in the way you were.

*God Bless you,
All my love and thanks,
Kathleen*

Kathleen Goldschmidt - October 05, 2023 at 05:55 PM

AC

“ *My sincere condolences to Rick's family. Such a sweet man, life of the party! His kind heart blessed so many people. His hearty laugh was the best. I'm so glad he touched my life. He will be greatly missed.*

Audrey Conrad - October 05, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Charles Schlinkman.*



October 05, 2023 at 09:13 AM

JW

“ Stephanie and family on behalf of myself, Joe and Amelia we are so sorry to hear of Rick’s passing. You and he were one of the only good things about living in Lancaster. We will never forget running into our neighbors at the Trump rally at the Nook, seeing all your Santa’s set up at Christmas, sitting outside waiting for trick or treaters together with Rick in his big head costume and the love you both had for our pup Scrappy. Also how much you spoiled Amelia with her helping to shovel your sidewalks in the winter. One thing I will never forget also was when Rick had surgery and I came over to help you get him in the back door because he couldn’t go up the stairs. We had so many good times together on Coventry Road. God bless you in your time of sorrow. With much love, the Writer’s Joe, Jess and Amelia



Jess Writer - October 05, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Charles Schlinkman.



October 04, 2023 at 07:25 PM

TP

“ Stephanie, Kyle, Ryan and your families, my sincerest condolences to you. Rick and I had the Marine Corp in common and we shared many stories. Aside from that, I remember when he first started driving big rigs and one trip he made to CT, he took my dad, Pop, for a ride. I'll never forget that. Rest in peace. Semper Fi. Tom Platt

Thomas Platt - October 04, 2023 at 05:47 PM

ST

“ *Stretch lit a candle in memory of Richard Charles Schlinkman*



Stretch - October 04, 2023 at 07:46 AM

DM

“ *Dad, you leave us far too soon. The hole you leave in our hearts and in this family will never heal. Thank you for the love and support you always showed. You are a gift to Kyle, me and especially the kids. When you heard of our wedding, I think you were more excited than us! Everyday since then you have cheered us on. Life will be so very different without you. I will miss our political discussions, your laugh, and your stories about Kyle. Winning the skydiving trip will live In my heart forever.*

Daniel Minnucci - October 04, 2023 at 06:43 AM

SH

“ *We loved Rick, who didn't? My heart goes out to Steph and family. We are heartbroken to hear such bad news. I can tell you this much about Rick, he could grill one hell of a good steak! May you find peace in your memories.*

Sandra Hohenwarter - October 03, 2023 at 10:55 PM

RG

“ To Stephanie and the Schlinkman/McMinn family,

Rick & Rusty have been friends for 60 years, they what to school together as young boys and after school they went into the Marines, those two have many Memories together. But always stayed in touch with each other. Rick was a great friend and always had a smile on his face. The last time I saw Rick was at my surprise 65th Birthday on September 28,2022. Rick & Stephanie was always invited to any party or Holiday with my family. Rick & Stephanie was family to us.

Stephanie if there is anything you need or you just want to talk, we are here for you. We are sorry but we cannot make it up for the Services.

We are sending our sincere condolences to you Stephanie and your family.

Love You, Rusty & Sharee Groff

Rusty & Sharee Groff - October 03, 2023 at 10:54 PM

MS

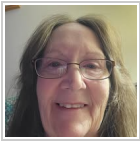
“ *I'll always remember Rick coming into NFI Breinigsville where I work as a yard jockey. Rick was always a nice, patient, and funny guy. Always pleasant to talk to while he was being unloaded at our facility. I was in total shock when I heard he had passed, and I extend my thoughts and sincere condolences to his family. He will be missed and remembered.*

Michael Stephens - October 03, 2023 at 09:05 PM

DA

“ My Jolly Epicurean friend. You are remembered as the best of man. The man who made us laugh, shared your knowledge and always had a way of making everyone feel welcome. Our monthly dinners will continue and you will remain in our hearts and minds. Thank you for all the friendship and laughter

David - October 03, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ Rick was a wonderful man. I didn't know him for very long but he was the husband of one of my dear friends. He will be missed by all

Debra Rottmund - October 03, 2023 at 05:03 PM

ME

“ Many great memories but the best ones were at our annual pool parties and Rick being his fun-loving, ornery self! He was so much fun but appreciative and respectful, too. And he and Steph always provided the shrimp! Our pool parties will never be the same 😭

Melody - October 03, 2023 at 04:50 PM

TI

“ Tami Irvin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Charles Schlinkman.

Tami Irvin - October 03, 2023 at 03:12 PM