



## Frederick (Rick) Hedden

March 19, 1958 - July 25, 2024

Frederick “Ricky” Hedden, 66, of NJ, passed away suddenly on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ.

Born in Morristown, NJ, Ricky was raised in South Plainfield and was a lifelong New Jersey resident. He was a graduate of South Plainfield High School, Class of '76, where he excelled in football and track and field. He worked for many years as a printer for Webcraft, then became a machinist until his retirement last year.

In his free time, you could find him taking a ride on his Harley Davidson Motorcycle or fishing at one of his favorite spots. Those who knew Ricky knew his love of sports and on most Sundays, you could find him watching football, especially the NY Giants. Ricky also had a natural intelligence and loved doing crossword and word puzzles. Family and friends were important to him, and he maintained a close relationship with his siblings and longtime friends throughout his life.

Predeceased by his mother, Mary Patricia (Kelly) Coddington; his sister, Diane Hedden; and his father, John “Jack” Hedden ; Ricky’s memory will be cherished and carried by his beloved wife and life partner of 32 years, Arleen Hedden; his daughters, Danielle Hedden of Bayville, NJ and Nicole Parker of Wall Twp., his stepdaughters Melanie Noland and Gina Wesley, six

grandchildren ; his brothers, John Hedden of Bound Brook, NJ, James Hedden and his wife, Erika of Scotch Plains, NJ, Daniel Hedden and his partner, Aida of Edison, NJ; his sisters, Terri Christ and her husband John of South Plainfield, NJ, Kelly Reddington of Hamilton Twp. NJ, and Debra Parenty and her husband Jeffrey of Wannamassa, NJ as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family and close friends will have a private service at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Terri Hedden Christ - August 07, 2024 at 07:41 PM

TC

“ 21 files added to the tribute wall



Terri Hedden Christ - August 07, 2024 at 01:47 PM

MW

Beautiful tribute to Ricky, a dear soul. We will all miss him tremendously 🙏❤️

Mary Wotanis - August 07, 2024 at 07:37 PM

AR

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



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**Arleen** - August 06, 2024 at 11:07 AM

ME

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Melanie** - August 06, 2024 at 11:05 AM

ME

“ One time I came home from college, ready to welcome in what eventually would become a new member of our family. Admittedly, I don't think I was ever really good at being a step child to anyone. Luckily that didn't bother Rick, who went on loving my mother, fixing things around my house and playing with my own children for many years.

Overtime, we came to connect on music, books, and I got very familiar with the feeling of humility when playing him in Scrabble. So, in the words of one of our favorite authors, “Go now. Our journey is done. And may we meet again, in the clearing, at the end of the path.”

*Melanie Nolan*

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**Melanie** - August 06, 2024 at 11:04 AM

AH

*Thank you my daughter you and the kids brought so much happiness in our life I love what you said at the end of our journey I hope we all will meet again*

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**Arleen Hedden** - August 10, 2024 at 11:55 AM

AR

“ Frederick “Rick” Hedden, aged 66, departed this world on July 25th, 2024.

*He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend who brought laughter and good times everywhere.*

*From the moment we first met, I knew you were the one. Our journey together was filled with beautiful memories and love that will forever remain in my heart.*

*Memories like when we danced to "Wonderful Tonight" at our wedding, feeling the world fade away as we danced. In your arms was where I always felt safest. I'll never forget the day we brought Bella home and how you loved her so dearly.*

*I loved witnessing your moments of happiness, riding your Harley with a smile on your face. You found joy in the simplest pleasures, like catching stripers, savoring your Wawa coffee and smokes, and playing games with me and the grandkids. Also, wearing your favorite flannel, a reminder of how much comfort you were to me.*

*I'm beyond thankful for our wonderful friends and family whose flowers, assistance, and words of support and kindness have guided me through this process and pain.*

*Rest in peace, my love. You will always be my superman.*

*Happy Trails to you, until we meet again, love your wife,*

*Arleen*

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**Arleen** - August 06, 2024 at 11:01 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Frederick (Rick) Hedden*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - August 03, 2024 at 02:14 PM

JD

“ *JW&DW "Rick, We were so fortunate to have you join our family so many years ago. Your love, support and superior construction skills have seen us through good times and not so good times. So check the tire pressure, fill the fuel tank and take a restful drive. You deserve it! Godspeed..*

John and Diana - August 02, 2024 at 05:26 PM

AH

*Thank you John & Diana  
He loved you both so much what beautiful words*

Arleen Hedden - August 04, 2024 at 07:55 PM

GW

“ *Thank you all for your kind words to my family and for helping my mother in this tough time. Watching the NY Giants, listening to Metallica, and seeing Harley Davidsons will never be the same without him. When someone needed him, he was there. Our holidays will be missing a lot of love this year. Rest in peace pop.*



Gina Wesley - August 01, 2024 at 12:32 PM

AH

*Thank you daughter for such lovely words He loved you all so much*

Arleen Hedden - August 04, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ You will be missed by those who saw your heart ,Rest in peace n my condolences to: both your daughters Danielle n Nicole , to your 3 grandchildren :Donavan , Tony and Angelo , to his Siblings , neices , nephews To his wife Arleen n her two daughters Gina n Melanie n their spouses n children  
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JerseyGene Napolitano - July 30, 2024 at 03:17 PM

AH

*Thank you for remembering Rick*

Arleen Hedden - August 04, 2024 at 07:56 PM

JE

“ with many deepest condolences and prayers for everyone in Ricks life.



Jennifer - July 30, 2024 at 12:51 PM