



Rick Robbins

August 6, 2022

Richard Darryl 'Rick' Robbins passed away suddenly at his home on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the age of 57. Rick was the son of the late John and Stella Amelia (Schuler) Robbins. Beloved spouse of Lily Sands. Loving father of Naomi Elizabeth, John Robbins, McKenzie Sands, Jagger Sands, Jaxon Sands and Jentzen Sands. Brother of Tony Robbins (Janice), Rhonda Nussey, Brenda Kelly (Bill), Mona Anderson (Mark), Lorrie Koekhuyt (Ken), Chris Robbins (Lisa), Elise Robbins, Nicole Brajak (Mike) and Shannon St. Pierre (Jamie). He was a dear uncle to many nieces and nephews and extra special and loved son-in-law and friend of Ellis Jean Sands. Rick had many aunts, uncles, extended family, fraternity brothers and countless friends he adored. Rick Robbins, a man of many talents, graduated the University of Windsor with a BA in Communication Studies and a degree in Human Resources Management from Lambton College of Applied Arts & Sciences. His curiosity and expertise led to numerous positions in fields of First Nation governance. He was a Consultant with the Ontario Power Authority, Ministry of the Environment, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN). Rick worked with the DreamCatchers Foundation, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, Northern Telecom, The Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB) and Southern First Nations Secretariat (SFNS). Most recently, Rick worked with Walpole Island First Nation in various

departments: Employment and Training Program, Governance Building as the Human Resources Officer, Three Fires Development Corporation as Director and also sat on the Board of Directors. Rick travelled working extensively with many Indigenous communities across Canada. In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his family and enjoying the outdoors and sports. He shared his love of fishing, boating, skating, swimming, golfing, cooking, reading, gardening, and planning birthday parties for his children. Rick loved spending time with his many nieces and nephews. His caring and his many contributions to people and communities, his voice for the Indigenous people and his embracing all ethnicities will forever resonate. Rick was brilliant, fun-loving and always quick to lend an ear, a voice of encouragement or a helping hand. Rick's message to us today is: Always think the best of people and to Have a good mind. Love others as God loves. Family visiting will be held from 2-4 PM with community visiting from 6-8 PM on Thursday, August 11 at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg. The funeral will be celebrated at the Walpole Island Sports Complex on Friday, August 12 at 1 PM. Interment to follow at Highbanks Cemetery. Reception to follow the Interment at the Walpole Island Sports Complex. Shared stories and tributes may be left on Rick's tribute wall at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rick Robbins



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 11, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Rick Robbins

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ So very sorry to just tonight read of Rick's passing, our sincere sympathy to Stella and all of Rick's family, Neil and Joy O'Brien

Joy and Neil O'Brien - September 14, 2022 at 11:35 PM



“ Francine Vigh lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins



Francine Vigh - August 23, 2022 at 04:40 PM

KT

“ So sorry for your loss. He was taken much to young from his family

Karla Tricker - August 16, 2022 at 09:43 PM

JS

“ J&S STONEFISH lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins



J&S STONEFISH - August 15, 2022 at 04:14 PM

TH

“ My condolences to Brenda and Rhonda and families on your recent loss.

Tanya Hardy - August 15, 2022 at 03:29 PM

TB

“ Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins



Tim Bechard - August 15, 2022 at 09:59 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Service



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 13, 2022 at 02:39 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss.



Sherry & Dave Crowe - August 13, 2022 at 11:15 AM

RT

“ Lily and kids and family. Robbins family, so sorry for your loss. My condolences to all Ricks family. Thinking of your family at this time. He always had a big smile. He was a good guy. Treasure the memories he left behind . From Roxy



Roxanne Thomson - August 12, 2022 at 12:03 PM

LV

“ Our condolences to the Sands and Robbins Family for your loss of a great guy who had so many accomplishments in his short life.

Lynn and Gerald Vandeweghe - August 12, 2022 at 08:58 AM

MM

“ Lilly and family. My sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. You and everyone who loved Rick will be in my prayers. Sending hugs to you.



Marsha Miskokomon - August 11, 2022 at 11:30 PM

PA

“ My condolences to all. I remember Rick from DACS. He was always a happy, respectful kid with a very contagious smile. Heaven is blessed with a precious angel.

Paula - August 11, 2022 at 10:33 PM

CG

“ Rick was a cherished friend and former colleague who will be forever missed. He was a gifted individual and we were very fortunate to have Rick during his early years of his career as the ED of NPAAMB. His professionalism, comardarie and friendship was exceptional and unparalleled. To his family...thank you...thank you for sharing Rick throughout the years' with his colleagues among the Indigeneous communities. His contribution was tremendous...he will be missed! RiP Rick...ONA 💜

Cathy General

Cathy General - August 11, 2022 at 09:32 PM

DJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rick's family. Although some years have gone by, Rick and I shared many adventures growing up in and around Dresden. It was inspiring to read of Rick's family and his accomplishments over the years. Well done my friend. Your life was lived to the fullest. You will be missed.

Our sincerest condolences,
Dave & Jennifer Johnson

david johnson - August 11, 2022 at 09:31 PM

RD

“ Amazing talented young man that left quite a legacy. RIP Rick

Rhonda Deacon - August 11, 2022 at 05:02 PM

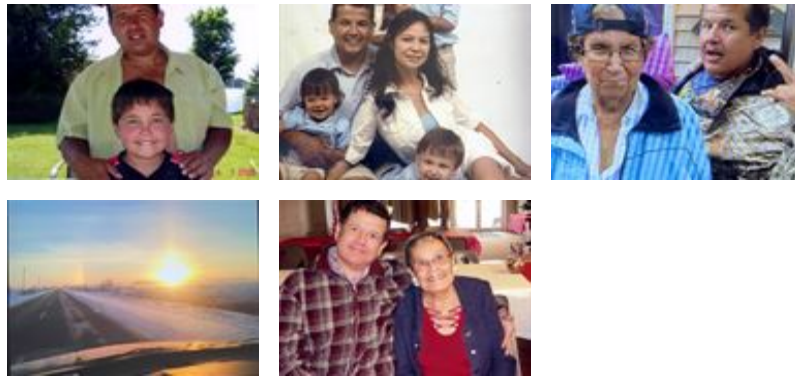
JW

“ Our condolences to Lily and kids and the Robbins family. Rick was so kind and always made the time to talk with Jon and myself, we enjoyed chatting with him whenever we crossed paths. We wish you peace and comfort, big hugs xox Jana and Jon Wrightman

Jana White - August 11, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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FUNERAL HOME

“ 6 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 11, 2022 at 02:40 PM

KW

“ In hearing this sad news, my mind is flooded with childhood memories spent at Seacliff Park, and sunny days swimming on the beach, and at the homeplace in Dresden. Even better is the legacy list, Ricky left his Indigenous community. Well done childhood friend! Well done as you Soar in your Spirit among all the other Eagles, who had lived a noble life of Great Purpose! Your Smile, your warmth, and your service will be missed dear friend.
-Katherine Wallace

Katherine Wallace - August 11, 2022 at 01:37 PM

TJ

“ I'm so sad to hear of the passing of Rick. He was a childhood friend who always made me laugh. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Tracey Johnston - August 11, 2022 at 11:32 AM

AJ

“ Annette Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins



annette johnson - August 11, 2022 at 11:27 AM

HAYCOCK
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FUNERAL HOME

“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 11, 2022 at 10:51 AM

RD

“ Deepest Sympathy to his family members an friends, you was a caring polite person RIP



Rozzy an Doris Sands



RD - August 11, 2022 at 10:08 AM

BA

“ So sorry Mckenzie for the loss of your Dad,
My heart goes out to you and your Mom and
all your Family and all of the Robbins Family
for their loss.



Bonnie Azevedo - August 11, 2022 at 09:58 AM

JH

“ Jim & Lynda Hedges lit a candle in memory of
Rick Robbins



Jim & Lynda Hedges - August 11, 2022 at 09:23 AM

MW

“ Condolences to all family and friends of Rick.

Rick and I spent many years of adventure and
laughter together.
Not only has he been a part of my extended
family... he was a best friend

I will always cherish those memories.

Mike Willimott



Mike Willimott - August 11, 2022 at 09:03 AM

MB

“ My condolences to the family

Maureen De Baene - August 10, 2022 at 10:36 PM

LM

“ *Condolences to Tony and his family for the loss of your brother. Thoughts and prayers to your entire family.*



Larry and Patty Morrow - August 10, 2022 at 10:18 PM

AW

“ *Our sincere condolences to Lily and family and the Robbins' Family.*



Angela/Jeff Williams - August 10, 2022 at 08:47 PM

JS

“ *so very sorry for your loss. What a nice looking young man. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Julie and Dan Shaw.

Julie Shaw - August 10, 2022 at 08:47 PM

TC

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of the family at this most difficult time. RIP Rick.*

Tim & Bonnie Cook - August 10, 2022 at 08:08 PM

KW

“ My heart goes out to you Stella. Sending hugs and my sincere condolences to Rhonda, Brenda, Lorrie and the rest of the Robbins siblings and extended family.

Kelly Wicks - August 10, 2022 at 07:24 PM

TC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this most difficult time. RIP Rick.

Tim & Bonnie Cook - August 10, 2022 at 04:57 PM

RS

“ Our sincere condolences to Rick's wife, children, Mom, Mona, Tony & his entire family. Rest In Peace.



Rick & Marjory Smith - August 10, 2022 at 04:12 PM

MB

I send my condolences to the Robins family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. RIP Rick.

MARY buchta - August 11, 2022 at 08:58 AM

DF

“ Sincere condolences to the Robbins Family, Thinking of everyone during this difficult time R.I.P. Rick.

Donna & Garnet Fox - August 10, 2022 at 03:51 PM

GR

“ Gord and I send sincere condolences to Lily, the Sands and Robbins families. Rick was a one of a kind character who always had a ready smile and kind word. Our hearts are broken at this sad news. Rest in Peace Rick. You will be missed by so many.
Gord and Joyce Ritchie



Gordon Ritchie - August 10, 2022 at 02:39 PM

MB

“ My condolences to the Robbins family.

Marlene Bushey - August 10, 2022 at 02:20 PM

HJ

“ Condolences to the family and friends... he was a wonderful friend throught the years he worked for Walpole and helping community members by listening, giving advice on workplans and being a geniune person....



Hlenna Jacobs - August 10, 2022 at 12:58 PM

JD

“ Love and prayers to the Robbins family take care dear friends.

Judy Van Daele - August 10, 2022 at 11:43 AM

JC

“ *Janice Conway lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Janice Conway - August 10, 2022 at 11:39 AM

GS

“ *Georgina Shipman lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Georgina Shipman - August 10, 2022 at 11:27 AM

DS

“ *Sorry for your loss*

Dave Simmons - August 10, 2022 at 11:17 AM

LP

“ *Lola Pamer sent a virtual gift in memory of Rick Robbins*



Lola Pamer - August 10, 2022 at 11:14 AM

KR

“ *RIP my friend. I will cherish all the great memories we had as childhood friends. Even though our lives went in different directions I often thought about you and our friendship. You and your family were a large part of our lives growing up outside Dresden. Ken Ritchie*



Ken Ritchie - August 10, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Cheryl Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Rick Robbins*



Cheryl Brown - August 10, 2022 at 11:09 AM

AW

“ *Amy White lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Amy White - August 10, 2022 at 10:58 AM

AS

“ *Amie Sands lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Amie Sands - August 10, 2022 at 09:53 AM

&J

Our sincere condolences to you and your whole family and anyone who's life has been tragically effected by your dad's passing...may his fond memories and wonderful moments be remembered always, and after the tears, the laughter, stories be the memories you all cherish. 🌸 hugs.

💎💎 **Cindy + Jason** - August 10, 2022 at 11:07 AM

AW

“ *Amy White lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Amy White - August 10, 2022 at 09:42 AM

SK

“ *Sherry & James Kicknosway lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Sherry & James Kicknosway - August 10, 2022 at 09:26 AM

BC

“ *Beth Coopman lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Beth Coopman - August 10, 2022 at 09:25 AM

MF

“ *Mark Bechard And Family lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Mark Bechard and Family - August 10, 2022 at 09:24 AM

BT

“ *Betty Tack sent a virtual gift in memory of Rick Robbins*



Betty Tack - August 10, 2022 at 09:17 AM

CD

“ *Cari DeKort sent a virtual gift in memory of Rick Robbins*



Cari DeKort - August 10, 2022 at 08:30 AM

LH

“ *Leo Houston lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Leo Houston - August 10, 2022 at 08:10 AM

WM

“ *Walt & Linda Mathieson lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Walt & Linda Mathieson - August 10, 2022 at 07:15 AM

AE

“ *So sad to hear of Rickys' passing, I went to public school with him. He had the most infectious smile ever.. My sincere condolences to his family ..*

Amy Elder - August 10, 2022 at 06:13 AM



“ *Kim MacDonald sent a virtual gift in memory of Rick Robbins*

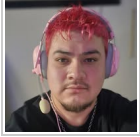


Kim MacDonald - August 10, 2022 at 03:07 AM

MT

“ *Condolences to the family. Rick was a larger than life person. He was always ready for an adventure and treated friends with admiration. I was envious of his successes and accomplishments. One day, many years ago I was travelling on hwy 401, Rick was on the other, oncoming lanes. Somehow, he saw me, got off the hwy, turned around, caught up to me, We had a long, caring conversation on the side of the 401. We have many great memories together. It will be impossible to forget him.*

Marco Tomasini - August 10, 2022 at 02:31 AM



“ Rick was a gift from God.
His personality was amazing.

His work ethic was incredible, he loved to cook.

He always gave me advice on how to work and live life.

He always listened to me.

He gave my Auntie 3 amazing boys.

He helped out so much.

From the time I first met him, until now, his life shows the love of God. That God would be so kind to bless us with Him.

I will always Love You Rick.

I know Rick wouldn't want any of you to feel sad.

I pray In The Name of Jesus, he will bless you all with Wisdom, Strength & Joy. Amen.

Jordan White - August 09, 2022 at 11:54 PM

DC

“ Sincere Condolences to the Robbins family
and friends from Don and Bonnie Lou Cook.



Don Cook - August 09, 2022 at 11:34 PM

SS

“ *Sandra R Sands sent a virtual gift in memory of Rick Robbins*



Sandra R Sands - August 09, 2022 at 11:05 PM

SV

“ *Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Sherry VanGeersdaele - August 09, 2022 at 10:34 PM

MG

“ *My deepest sympathies to you & your family Lily, Stella & his siblings & families!
So sorry for your loss!!
May he Rest In Peace.*

Melissa Goetz - August 09, 2022 at 10:24 PM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Rick Robbins*



Norma Authier - August 09, 2022 at 09:52 PM