



## Richard Patrick Denby Jr.

August 22, 1970 - February 11, 2022

Richard “Rick” Patrick Denby Jr. passed away peacefully Friday, February 11, 2022, at his home in Elkmont, AL after a short battle with lung cancer. He was born on August 22, 1970, to Richard Patrick Denby Sr. and Betty Jane Parisi. Raised in Saginaw, Michigan, Rick would eventually move to Alabama in 2016 to be closer to his family.

He lived in Elkmont for about six years and was an amazing brother to his sister Michelle, as well as a loving son and best friend to his mom. To Rick, a “bow-tie” was something you drove, not put around your neck. He realized at a young age that he loved working on cars (especially vintage Chevys), a love shared with the man he called Dad, Michael J. Parisi.

Rick was a private person and had a small circle of friends. The Beyer family, Tom Leidlein, and Lewis Henson. For those of you we did not mention, you know who you are.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Denby Sr., Stepdad Michael J. Parisi, and two aunts, Phyllis M. Kingry and Patty Sadler.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Jane Parisi, sister, Michelle (Martin) Wessling, three sons: Matthew Denby, Nick (Irene) Moulton, and Nathan Moulton; nephew, Michael Slavin; as well as his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

The family would also like to extend a special thanks to the physicians and staff at Clearview Cancer Institute and Alliance for Cancer Care in Huntsville, AL.

The family has made plans to have a memorial service at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Rick and I have been friends since elementary school and were great friends. I was lucky enough to see him on New Year’s Eve at his home. Rest well my brother your going to be missed. Hope your cruising in your Chevelle smiling watching over your family. Love ya brother until we meet again.

Seth Corbin - February 17, 2022 at 06:07 PM

PA

“ Gonna miss chatting with him on Facebook. He was my cousin and a big fan of my sons racing and looked forward to my post of the races. All though he couldn’t make it to a race like he wanted I know he will be watching from up above. Rest easy cuz Paulette Jean and family.

paulette - February 17, 2022 at 04:35 PM

GW

“ I didn't know Rick for too long, but he and I would argue a lot, in a funny way. I will miss him. He was family.

Georgia Wessling - February 17, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JB

“ Rick was just in middle school when I met him. I remember the day he rode to Ugly dragway with me in my 66 nova and Mike in his 62 Impala. I may have been a bad influence on him that day showing him how to do a proper burnout.

Jim Beyer - February 16, 2022 at 02:46 PM