



## Richard L. Franzen

April 14, 1951 - November 10, 2007

Richard L. "Rick" Franzen, 56, a resident of 256 E. Division St., died Saturday, November 10, 2007, at St. Agnes Hospital. Rick suffered a massive heart attack early Thursday morning while in his sleep. He was born on April 14, 1951, a son to LeRoy R. and Katherine G. Schmitz Franzen, in Fond du Lac. Following Rick's graduation from St. Mary's Grade School in 1965, he and his family moved to Sheboygan. He began working for Piggly Wiggly as a bagger at age 16. Following his graduation from Sheboygan South High School in 1969, Rick continued his employment with Piggly Wiggly. He was promoted numerous times and worked in several communities before returning to Fond du Lac. Rick eventually became store manager and was offered the chance to purchase the Fond du Lac location in 1992. Vic Hinkes joined him as partner and their new store was built in 1994. On November 14, 2003, Rick married Cheryl A. Loehr, the love of his life, in Jamaica. Rick was a member of Holy Family- St. Mary. He was a former member of the Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Club. Rick had a passion for riding his Harley-Davidson and enjoyed participating in H.O.G. chapter events. Rick took great pride in his garden and yard. He enjoyed playing golf, bowling and fishing. Rick was very passionate about his job and professional associations. He loved spending time with his family and friends and was an amazing role model for his son, Taylor. Survivors include his wife, Cheryl, and their son, Taylor, at home; son, Jason (Robin) Franzen of Cross Plains, daughter, Angel (Mark) Noll of Belgium; four grandchildren: Haley and Nolan Franzen, Mason and Skylar

Noll; his parents, Lee and Katie Franzen of Sheboygan; two brothers: Brian (Joy) Franzen, Craig (Carol) Franzen all of Sheboygan; two sisters: Kim (Steve) Gerk of Sheboygan, and Trudy Franzen of Belgium together with her special friend Paul; two step-children: Stephanie and Sean Loehr; Cheryl's parents, Bob and Joan Guell, and five sisters-in-law: Barbie Miller (special friend, Jeff), Laura (Rhody) Lauenders, Lisa (Bill) Ferguson, Robin Guell (special friend, Mark), and Geralyn (Andy) Freund, together with many nieces and nephews. Visitation for Rick will be from 4:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at Mach Funeral Chapel, 31 E. Division St., Fond du Lac. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, November 16, 2007, at Holy Family Parish, St. Mary, 93 Marquette Street, Fond du Lac, with Fr. Carmelo Giuffre officiating. Cremation will follow with private inurnment at Calvary Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial scholarship fund for Rick's son, Taylor, will be established. A special thank you to the Fond du Lac Emergency Response Team, St. Agnes Hospital Emergency Department and the Intensive Care Unit staff for their outstanding care and compassion during Rick's stay.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Many years ago I worked with Rick at the Port Washington store. I have fond memories and respect for someone I considered more than a co-worker, but a friend. My deepest sympathy to his entire family. Sincerely, Renee Schmidt*

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**Renee Schmidt** - November 19, 2007 at 01:59 PM

KH

“ *Cheryl and family,  
My sympathy and prayers are with you all. At this very hard time.  
Kathy Hodorff*

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**kathy hodorff** - November 16, 2007 at 10:01 AM

KW

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**kathy hodorff of fond du lac, WI** - November 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

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All Our Love, The DeNobles*

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**Jason & Joanne DeNoble** - November 15, 2007 at 12:08 PM

BG

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**Bob and Joan Guell** - November 15, 2007 at 09:38 AM

JJ

“ Our hearts & thoughts are with everyone in this wonderful and loving family. God's speed for better tomorrows for all of you.

Joe & Joanne - November 15, 2007 at 08:15 AM

MS

“ Papa we love you and we will miss you!!! xoxoxo

mason & skylar - November 15, 2007 at 08:03 AM

LF

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Laura Schieffer and family - November 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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Laura Schieffer and family - November 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ To the Franzen Family, Friends, Piggly Wiggly Associates and Customers. My thoughts and sympathy are with all of you at this most difficult time. May you find Peace and comfort to ease your sorrows through Gods love.

Frank Jozefowski - November 14, 2007 at 10:08 PM

MO

“ I thank the Good Lord for our first born son and the many treasured memories we will always have of you. Sending a BIG HUG and Dad and I love you

Mom - November 14, 2007 at 07:44 PM

PH

“ We were with you when you started your married life together. We wish we could have been with both of you more often, but the miles have separated us. We know your time together was special. May God bless you and your family, and help you through this time of sorrow.

Paul & Juleen Henderson - November 14, 2007 at 07:06 PM

PO

“ My trips to see Aunt Katie and Uncle Lee were always filled with memories of good times with everyone together. I will miss Rick, but his memory will always be in our hearts.

Pam Orr - November 14, 2007 at 05:57 PM

ME

“ My deepest sympathy for you and your family. I know how much your father was loved by you and all who knew him. My prayers will be continuous for you and your family to get through this most difficult time. Love to you all, Marion

Marion Ernster - November 14, 2007 at 04:05 PM

AN

“ To my Daddy....I LOVE YOU SOOOOOO MUCH AND I AM GOING TO MISS YOU SO BADLY!!!! You will live on forever in my heart and soul. I Love You...xoxoxoxoxo Cheryl and Taylor.. I love you guys and I am going to be there and we will all get through this together!!!! You are family and we will be there...I love you!!!!

Angel - November 14, 2007 at 03:27 PM

MW

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Marion Ernster of Cedarburg, WI - November 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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**Pam Orr of Yorktown, Indiana** - November 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ we are very sorry for your loss. you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Lisa and Ed Dwyer** - November 13, 2007 at 07:40 PM

MG

“ Our condolences go out to you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Michael & Michelle Gruber** - November 13, 2007 at 06:23 PM

LR

“ Cheryl and Taylor,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking about you and Taylor every day.

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**Laura and Paul Reetz** - November 13, 2007 at 05:57 PM

TF

“ I love you big brother and will miss you soooooooooo very much!!!!

Trudy Franzen - November 13, 2007 at 04:16 PM

MP

“ My deepest sympathies to Cheryl, Taylor, the Franzens, and the Guells. Rick was a fantastic person. He will certainly be missed by all. May his eternity be filled with all the things he loved to do until we meet him there.

Michael and Maneka Patterson - November 13, 2007 at 02:52 PM

GK

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Greg and Lori Kraus - November 13, 2007 at 02:19 PM

CB

“ We were saddened to hear of Ricks passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Carl, Trudy, Cody, Taylor Backhaus - November 13, 2007 at 01:38 PM

JB

“ To Rick's family, We are so sorry for your loss. We are Piggly Wiggly shoppers and Rick always had a smile on his face. He will be missed. With sympathy. John and Sandy

John and Sandy Bebow - November 13, 2007 at 09:25 AM

CL

“ To the Franzen Family-My thoughts and prayers are with you .Rick's enthusiasium for life will be missed by all who knew him. May all the wonderful memories you have of him help you with your healing.

Carrie Lemery - November 13, 2007 at 08:50 AM

HK

“ Dear Cheryl and Taylor, I am honored to have served you and your family in Rick's final hours. My heart has been heavy since his passing. God bless you and may He send Angels to watch over Taylor.  
Sincerely, Heather, R.N.

Heather Kuphal - November 13, 2007 at 08:44 AM

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Greg, Lori, Ashley & Abigail Kraus - November 13, 2007 at 08:30 AM

GG

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**Laura and Paul Reetz of Fond du Lac** - November 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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**Laura Lauanders** - November 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

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**Chuck & Nancy Price** - November 12, 2007 at 09:38 PM

CA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this tragic time.*

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**Chad & Juanita Allard** - November 12, 2007 at 07:54 PM

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Love,  
Laura*

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**Laura Lauanders** - January 01, 1753 at 07:07 PM

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**Laura Schieffer and family** - January 01, 1753 at 01:46 PM