



Richard "Mexico" J. Solamita

December 25, 1944 - April 11, 2024

On April 11, 2024, the Lord came and took my hand and said it was time to come home. I was born on December 25, 1944, to the late Joseph & Dolores (Krumbein) Solamita. We lived in Marblehead; Wisconsin until I was 6 years old. Then we moved to the big city of Fond du Lac. I went to Saint Mary's Grade School, Roosevelt Jr High School, and Goodrich High School. My first job was as a paper boy, then I tested race boats for Kiekhaefer at Lake X Florida. I then moved back to Wisconsin and worked construction, owned Solamita Log Tavern with my wife and then Mercury Marine until my retirement.

In 1967, I met the great love of my life Joan Toll and in 1968 we were married at Immanuel Trinity Lutheran Church; what a wonderful 55 years it was. We were blessed with two sons, then a daughter and son in law. Tony (Emily Manderscheid) Solamita and Chad (Scott Stirling) Solamita, and three of the best Grandsons in the world Brennan, Ryley, and Declan.

I loved to garden, grow tomatoes, especially peppers (hottest in the world) and my wonderful wife and I loved canning everything we grew. Hunting & fishing and making all kinds of wine. My love for automobiles started when I was 16. I was an avid member of the "Fondy Vintage Auto Club" for 43 years, "The Wisconsin Street Rod Association" and "The Eagles Club".

I leave the ones I love, my immediate family as well as my sister Laurie (Rick) Solamita my sister-in-law Donna (Joe) Wagner, brother-in-law Tom Sell, cousins, nieces/nephews, and my squad who always had my back, Schmitty,

Andy, Ed, Teddy and my many other friends. Gone before me, my sister Karen (Steve) Thresher, brother Michael Solamita, sister Kathy Sell. My in-laws Clarence and Helen Toll Sr, brother-in-law Clarence (Junior). My fur babies Bruno, Jasper and Lenny.

I lived my life to the fullest and enjoyed all of it. Anyone who knows me can tell you a story. Lots of memories.

At my request my family will be hosting my celebration of life on Friday, May 3rd at North Fond Du Lac Community Center Combined Hall, 280 Garfield Street. Please join my family to share stories at 3pm, and a smorgasbord with some of my favorite foods will be available at 5pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

North Fond du Lac Community Center - Village Park
280 Garfield Street
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Tribute Wall

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“ i love on 12th st in front of the solamita we had great times with our dads gardening and our mother watching us kids and canning exchanging receipes such great memories on our block rip in dick many the lord bless your family eileen kulibert mosey

eileen kulibert mosey - May 09, 2024 at 07:35 PM

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“ Margaret S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Mexico" J. Solamita.

Margaret S. - April 16, 2024 at 04:19 PM

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“ Joan and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Be sure to share the many memories with your grandsons. Ann Sonnenberg Galle

Ann Sonnenberg Galle - April 16, 2024 at 09:39 AM