



Richard Henning

January 5, 1962 - September 22, 2017

Richard Charles Henning born January 5, 1962 in Madison Heights, MI to the late Robert William Henning and Joyce Evelyn (Bramlett) Smith passed away September 22, 2017 in Dallas after a courageous battle with cancer. He moved to Dallas in 2015.

A caring man who loved everyone he met, Richard was especially devoted to his kids, partner and his dog Bella. He had such great love for his family and friends that carried over into his work and the fulfillment he had in helping others in their own lives was truly a blessing to see.

Richard's need to always help other let him to organize and be the founder of Higher Ground, a non-profit that offered support and services to people living with HIV/AIDS. This group has helped countless people by providing support and necessary services and resources to people and their families living with HIV/AIDS.

Because of his tireless efforts to ensure the highest level of care to others, Rick was awarded the "Spirit of Detroit" from the Detroit City Council in 2007 in recognition for his work with Higher Ground.

He was also a successful realtor in Michigan that had a goal to ensure each and every one of his clients found the perfect home to realize their dreams of having a true "home" to come home to.

Richard is survived by his children; Michael Henning of Michigan and Michelle Henning of Wisconsin, partner of six years; Charles Edward Oglesby Jr. of Dallas, brothers; James Scott Henning of Colorado and Robert Steven

Henning of Tennessee, sisters; Mary Lynn Boyer of Colorado and Regina Hoder of Michigan, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends, clients and Higher Ground families whose lives will always be a testament to Richard's altruism and selflessness.

There will be no funeral or memorial service, his family and friends will instead be holding a life celebration at a later date in Michigan for all to attend and share memories of Richard and his legacy of love and caring.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Henning*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *I met Rick when he was working at The Health Oasis in Royal Oak...shared lots of talks and laughs...beautiful soul❤️ May heavens door be wide open for you, my friend❤️*

gina - September 29, 2017 at 12:01 AM



“ *After one of the ADIS Walk, Rick took us out for drinks. I, a recovering alcoholic, ordered a virgin daiquiri. The bartender accidently gave me a real one. Before I could take a drink, Rick dove across the room and slapped it out of my hand. He always thought of others first.*

Michele Prudhomme - September 27, 2017 at 01:07 PM



What a Wonderful picture of a Wonderful Man.

Julie Itter - September 27, 2017 at 07:23 PM



A life well lived but much too short.

Sheila Hutchings - September 27, 2017 at 07:42 PM



Such a caring and giving soul.

Christine Anderson - September 27, 2017 at 08:37 PM



I cannot remember meeting Rick...it just seems like he was always in my life. We would plan events, he would make fun of me for wearing flip flops in snow storms. He did so much for so many. He was of course puzzled by why I kept having more and more children and it was always a good laugh. He could always make me laugh. A few days before he died I received a beautiful card from him. Even in the end he was thinking of others. Too many wonderful stories of him helping people.

Joshua Moore - September 30, 2017 at 12:44 AM