



Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III

March 11, 1945 - October 31, 2021

Charles Richard Buffington III (Rick) went home to be with his heavenly Father on Sunday October 31st. He was born in Galveston, TX on March 11th, 1945, to Charles R. Buffington Jr. and Mary Louise Buffington. He is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Mary Beth Buffington, his brother-in-law Vincent Coy and in-laws Chuck and Mary Gallishaw. He is survived by his wife Janet of 38 years of marriage, his daughters Kristin L. Mata and her husband Chuy, Kathryn L. Manahan, his son's Charles R. Buffington IV (Rick) and his wife Amy and Jesse Robinson. In addition, Rick had 6 grandkids: Zachary Edgerton (19), Maddie Buffington (18), Richard Bargaleski (15), Christopher Manahan (15), Ella Buffington (14), and Katelyn Manahan (13). Rick is also survived by his older sister Sue Coy, whom he absolutely adored and affectionately called Susie, his nephew Ryan Coy, brother-in-law's Joe Gallishaw, John Gallishaw, and sister-in-law Jeanie Ferrell and her husband Johnny as well as his ex-wife Patricia Buffington.

Rick grew up all over due to his father being an officer in the Army. At the ripe age of 2 years old, his mom would share stories of him being her interpreter while living in Japan. From Japan he lived in Virginia, New York (Brooklyn), Alaska, St. Louis, and finally settling in San Antonio, TX. Rick attended and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1963. While at Lee, he was a member of the baseball team and multiple other clubs. After graduation, Rick went off to the University of Texas. He served as a member of the US Army

Reserves and eventually moved to Houston in the late 1960's to take up a career in the Oil and Gas industry. Rick retired from Cameron in 2014 where he had worked in many positions from Project Management, Sales, and Sales Management.

Rick enjoyed playing golf, watching golf, watching the Astros and going to games. Rick was an avid guitar player and singer. He loved to entertain people and could be a bit of a ham. Rick truly loved his family and got the biggest kick out of spending time with his kids and grandkids. Rick had many friends, and it was always a hoot to listen to him engage in conversation and become the life of the party. While not a very religious man, Rick accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at a young age. You could see his Christian attributes by the way engaged and cared for people, whether they were his family, friends, co-workers or a stranger he just met. Rick will be missed by many, but there is comfort knowing he is smiling down on all of us.

A memorial service will be held Saturday November 6, 2021, at 11:00 AM at Dettling Funeral Home 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079, with reception to follow. In Lieu of flowers please consider a charitable donation to the Dementia Society of America.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *John & Leigh Gallishaw purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III.*



John & Leigh Gallishaw - November 05, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III.*



November 05, 2021 at 10:40 AM

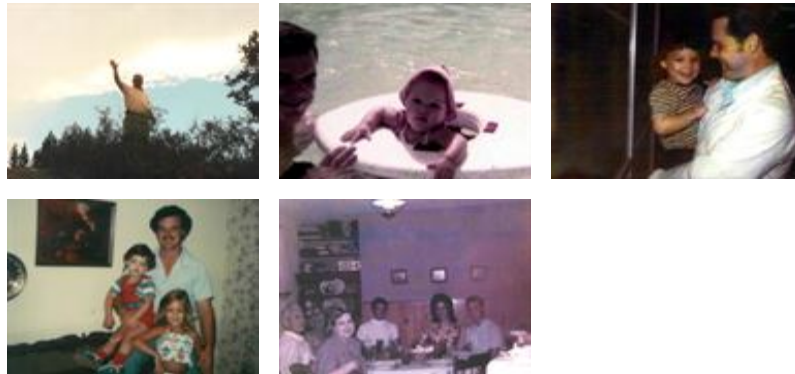


“ *I will never forget Uncle Rick singing “Like a Rhinestone Cowboy” at G’ma & G’pa Kleiser’s Anniversary Party . I still think of him every single time I hear that song. Such an awesome singer, musician, and sweet soul. You will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace Uncle Ricklove Diane (Rees) Flack*

diane flack - November 05, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ *146 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Detting Funeral Home - November 04, 2021 at 05:35 PM



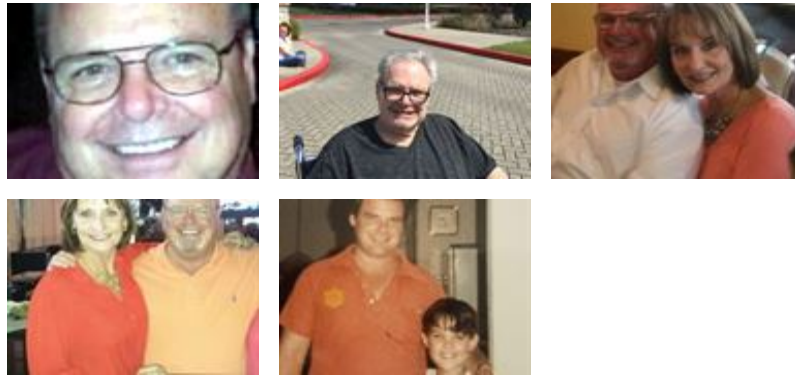
“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III.*



November 04, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *108 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Dettling Funeral Home - November 03, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *I worked with Rick at Cooper. He was very personable and always willing to help others. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

Rick Rueda - November 03, 2021 at 04:40 PM

LR

“ Rick was a coworker and a friend...he was the sweetest guy, and I always enjoyed when he'd bring his guitar to work and play for us during our birthday celebrations. He will truly be missed. Sending my thoughts, prayers and love to his family; thank you for sharing him with all of us.

Lisa Rome - November 03, 2021 at 02:29 PM

HJ

“ I worked with Rick for years at Cooper. He was a great guy, coworker and boss. I know he is at peace now. So sorry for your loss.

Henri Sonnier Johnson - November 03, 2021 at 08:41 AM

RS

Thank you Henri!

Rick Buffington (His son) - November 03, 2021 at 01:30 PM

DW

Rick was one of the nicest, most genuine people you could ever meet. He was a gentleman and a great friend. I will forever cherish the weekly Saturday golf outings we had together...we never stopped laughing from the time we stepped on the No. 1 tee until we finished the last beer on the 19th hole. I'm sure heaven is a better place with the addition of Rick's smiling face.

Dennis Weisgerber - November 04, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III.



November 02, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Richard "Rick" Buffington III.*



November 01, 2021 at 09:51 PM